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LIVESTOCK PROJECT

# EL PASO COUNTY 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK SHOW PREMIUM

## El Paso County Fair Contest Requirements

### Eligibility for 4-H/FFA El Paso County Fair

- 4-H youth club or FFA members must be in good standing
- Properly enrolled in the CSU Extension 4-H Youth Development Program in El Paso County via 4HOnline
- Paid membership fees in full
- Have met Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) training requirements

**Invite to FFA Members:** Any FFA member wishing to exhibit under the 4-H Livestock Departments at the El Paso County Fair will be dual enrolled in both 4-H and FFA.

### General Rules

**1. Pre-entry** is required for all 4-H General, 4-H Consumer Science, 4-H Cloverbud and 4-H Animal exhibits. All exhibits/animals must be pre-entered into the online FairEntry system. FairEntry system opening and entry deadline details will be announced in the El Paso County 4-H Newsletter. 4-H families will use their “4honline.com” username and password to log into the fair entry system. More detailed information about registering and payment will be posted on the website and in the 4-H newsletter.

For help with computer pre-entry, call the CSU Extension Office at 719.520.7698

**Exhibits must be entered by May 28, 2025.** A late entry period will be from May 29-30, 2025, in which \$25.00 late fee per family will be assessed. **After May 30, 2025, absolutely no entries will be accepted.**

Once registration is complete and submitted by the family for all members participating in county fair, it will be sent to CSU Extension 4-H staff for approval. Once approved, payment instructions will be sent via email. Payment **SHOULD NOT** be sent until all classes are approved by CSU Extension staff.

Payment must be **received by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday June 4, 2025.**

It is the member's responsibility to check with the Extension office to make sure the **entry and payment** was completed by the deadline.

- **Entry Fees (No Refunds):**
  - Beef, sheep, swine, goats - \$15 per MARKET animal
  - All others - \$10 per animal
- **Stalling Fees:**
  - Market Sheep and Market Goats \$5.00 per stall; Three market lambs per stall and three market goats per stall.
  - Market Beef \$5.00 per animal.
  - Market Swine \$5.00 per stall. Two market swine will be allowed per stall.
  - Fiber Goats \$5.00 per stall per exhibitor (maximum of two adults or one doe and her kids per stall).
  - Pygmy and Dairy Goats \$5.00 per stall per exhibitor (maximum of three goats per stall).
  - Breeding Animal Exhibitors without market animals will be charged \$5.00 per stall used.
  - If your market animals cannot be stalled in your breeding animals stalls' an additional \$5.00 fee will be required per extra stall used. This is non-refundable.
- **Number of Entries:**

*An exhibitor may enter as many animals as they would like into FairEntry and only be charged the maximum head allowed at fair. Deceleration of which animals the exhibitors is bringing due to limits outlined below will be done at the scale*

  - In **breeding classes**, all exhibitors are limited to **THREE (3)** entries per class for cattle and **TWO (2)** entries per class for sheep, goat, and swine; however, they may enter more than two animals per species show.
  - For **market beef**, exhibitors will be allowed to stall and show up to **THREE (3)** animals
  - **Market swine** will be allowed to stall and show up to **TWO (2)** animals
  - **Market goat** and **market lamb** exhibitors will be allowed to stall and show up to **THREE (3)** animals.

**2.4-H Cloverbud:** 4-H members age 5-7, are not permitted to show or exhibit any animals.

3. All youth must have completed the **Animal Care and Housing Form** for Colorado 4-H Livestock Projects and **Code of Show Ring Ethics**. All forms must be submitted to club leaders by the re-enrollment club member fee payment deadline or as soon as a new 4-H member joins prior to the March 1, fair eligibility deadline.

- All youth must have **care and custody of their animal** at their home on record (which is indicated on the Care and Housing Form) with the CSU Extension Office throughout the project. If this changes then they must update their Animal Care & Housing Form on file with the CSU Extension Office as soon as the animal is at

another location. Temporary housing should not exceed 72 hours without notifying the Extension Office. Livestock animals must be housed within county lines. Unless they reside outside the county but have county membership then the animals can reside at their residence. Anything beyond that needs to have prior approval from the Extension Office.

4. Follow the **4-H record book** guidelines as outlined by the CSU Extension Office to earn project completion status and eligibility to compete for 4-H Awards. Several Livestock Awards require a 4-H Record Book score. Please see El Paso County Policies of Success document for further detail and information.
5. **Meat Quality Assurance Training:** All first year 4-H members and continuing members becoming, Intermediates (11 years old by December 31, through age 13) or Senior 4-Hers (14 years old by December 31 through age 18) enrolled in any market or breeding project (goat, cattle, sheep, swine, rabbit, and poultry) must complete Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) training 45 days prior to the start of fair in order to be eligible to show at the County or State Fair. Every exhibitor who enrolls in a Market or Breeding Animal Project will sign a statement indicating their understanding and compliance with the Wholesome Meat Act.
6. **Market Animal Ownership:** Market animals must be owned by the initial weigh-in/tag-in for that species. Weigh-in dates are announced in the 4-H Newsletter.
7. **Breeding Animal Ownership:** Breeding Beef, Breeding Sheep, Breeding Swine, and Breeding Goat Form with proof of ownership for all breeding animals must be uploaded into 4-H Online by May 1.
8. **Leased 4-H Project Animals:** 4-H/FFA members may lease breeding project animals. 4-H/FFA members must submit an approved lease form no later than **May 1**, except for the offspring of these animals. 4-H members may only lease two animals for project areas in which they do not already own those animals. For example, if you already own boer goats you may not lease a boer goat, but if you own boer goats and would also like to try dairy goats, you can lease a dairy goat. A copy of the lease agreement must be uploaded on 4HOnline by **May 1 with Animal IDs** as the 'County Use Form'. This rule supersedes the animal ownership rule published in the County 4-H Policy regarding duration of ownership, all other stipulations are still applicable as outlined in the policy.
9. **Use of alcoholic beverages or drugs by youth exhibitors** will NOT be tolerated on either the Fairgrounds or in the fairgrounds camping area. Youth members, leaders, parents, and other adults participating in 4-H/FFA programs will abstain from illegal behaviors, use of alcohol, marijuana, illegal or illicit drugs, and tobacco during 4-H events and activities. It is the responsibility of all program participants to reinforce the 4-H Code of Conduct and intervene when necessary to enforce the rules.

10. **Appropriate attire** for showing and in the Junior Market Livestock sale pictures will be required at the discretion of the Fair Superintendents. 4-H dress code must always be adhered to. For livestock/horse/miniature horse/camelid shows the exhibitors must always have closed-toed shoes and long pants in the show arena and when handling animals for safety and risk management. Please see individual show rules for each contest for more details about specific standards.

11. **All exhibitors are required to clean-up** after their project animals including any excrement or mess that the animals make while in the fairgrounds. It is important to maintain an exhibit area that is clean and attractive for the general public visiting the fairgrounds. Prompt cleanup is important!

12. **Fair treatment** concerns must be filed in writing on the Fair Treatment Challenge Form with the CSU Extension 4-H staff person on duty at the fairgrounds accompanied with a fee of \$100 in cash (no checks) within 24 hours of the incident. Please see the Fair Treatment Protocol attached to the Fair Treatment Challenge Form for further information and procedures.

13. **Using Animals in Judging Contests:** Exhibitors understand that by entering their livestock into competition at the El Paso County Fair, the livestock may be used for judging purposes by the members of 4-H/FFA livestock judging teams/individuals. When an exhibitor is called upon to furnish one or more animals for the students to judge in the Livestock Judging Contests, he/she is expected to do so. An exhibitor who refuses to allow his/her animal to be used in this manner may forfeit any prizes he/she has won up to that point.

#### 14. Health Requirements:

- All animals must be free of contagious or infectious diseases and in good condition.
- For each day animals are hauled in, all livestock MUST be accompanied by an official hard-copy Health Certificate issued within 14 to the start of fair. Each animal must be individually identified on the certificate.
- All market heifers must be accompanied by a certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian verifying the heifer is pregnancy tested OPEN within 30 days of the El Paso County Fair.
- Animals that appear malnourished, unthrifty, have retained testicles and/or are pregnant (except for breeding animals) may be denied a health certificate and/or excused from the premises.
- All owners of market animals will be required to sign a disclaimer stating that animals have not received any non-approved drugs and the withdrawal time required of all approved drugs or medications has been adhered to.
- Any medication that has not met the required additional withdrawal time may result in disqualification. If medication is required on any animal before or during the Fair where exhibition of the animal will take place prior to the medications labeled

withdrawal time the Superintendent of that department and the CSU Extension Office 4-H representative **MUST BE CONTACTED BEFORE** medication is administered and provided with written documentation by a licensed veterinarian.

- Administering medications approved by the FDA for human use but not for veterinary applications is ground for disqualification if not prescribed by a licensed vet.
- All animals may be examined upon arrival for evidence of infections or contagious disease, and if such is found, they will be held in quarantine until examined by a veterinarian. The exhibitor is responsible for calling a practicing veterinarian for animal treatments. The Superintendent has the right to call for services of a veterinarian for the treatment of sick animals if the exhibitor is not available. The fee for veterinary services must be paid for by the exhibitor prior to the release of the animal from the Fairgrounds.
- “Point of contact” emergency contact information for each exhibitor and species must be on file in the Livestock Office for Superintendents. Contact list for superintendents is posted on the CSU Extension website.

## 15. Tag-in/Weigh-in Requirements:

If there is a suspicion of illness during weigh-in, the Species Superintendent and the CSU Extension Office 4-H representative on site must be notified prior to unloading the animal.

### a. Tag-In (Spring):

- a. Market beef, market lamb, and market goat entries must have been tagged and retinal scanned at the initial tag-in under the supervision of a fair superintendent in order to be eligible to show.
- b. Market swine entries must have been provided tags and documentation from the fair superintendent for home-tagging. In addition, all market swine must be ear notched.
- c. Market beef, market lambs, market hogs, and market goats must be identified by an official county ear tag number at time of entry by the exhibitor and no switching of ownership (including family members) will be permitted after tagging.
- d. If any ear tag is lost prior to or during the Fair, a fair superintendent **MUST** be notified immediately.
- e. All beef are required to be halter broke and be able to be led to and through the scale. The fair superintendents reserve the right to refuse to tag and weigh in unruly animals, and may ask the animal to be removed from the arena.
- f. All male market animals must be castrated and healed as much as possible prior to their initial weigh-in/tag-in.

### b. Weigh-In (Spring):

- a. Weighing of market animals at the initial weigh-in/tag in is optional.
- b. All beef are required to be halter broke and be able to be led to and through the scale. The fair superintendents reserve the right to refuse to

- tag and weigh in unruly animals and may ask the animal to be removed from the arena.
- c. To be eligible for the Miniature cattle breed (previously known as Lowline/Aberdeen/Mini Hereford) weight exception of animal must be declared as a Miniature at the time of the initial weigh-in/ tag in. Miniature cattle breeds are not eligible to sell in the El Paso County Jr Livestock Sale.
- d. All male market animals must be castrated and healed as much as possible prior to their initial weigh-in/tag-in.

**c. Official Weigh-In (At Fair):**

- a. Dates/times for official weigh-ins and ultrasounds for market animals will be announced in the 4-H Newsletter.
- b. All market goats (not exceed 5/8 inches) and market lambs must be slick shorn prior to weigh-in at the County Fair.
- c. No dirty ear tags or dirty animals will be allowed at weigh-in.
- d. Animals must be clean and dry before going to the scale
- e. No tubes or covers are allowed at weigh-in.
- f. Only halters or collars may be used on animals at weigh-in; no chains are allowed.
- g. All beef are required to be halter broke and be able to be led to and through the scale. The fair superintendents reserve the right to refuse to tag and weigh in unruly animals, and may ask the animal to be removed from the arena.
- d. If an exhibitor has not completed all required entry paperwork they will not be permitted to weigh their animal at county fair until all paperwork is completed properly and turned in. Weigh-in time exceptions will not be extended to accommodate this requirement. If you don't complete your paperwork you will not be permitted to weigh or compete.
- e. Balancing of scales will be done prior to each animal being weighed. In the event that the market animal does not make the weight range set by the fair, either over or under, the animal can be re-weighed at the exhibitor's request. At that time the animal will be removed from the scale and the scale re-balanced. The animal will be re-weighed immediately. The animal is not permitted to leave the scale area. The second weight will be the official weight of the animal. If the animal makes market weight on the first weighing, no re-weigh will be allowed. The weight on the scale ticket is the final official weight. NO WEIGHT PROTESTS WILL BE HEARD.
- f. The decision of the weigh master (species superintendent and assistant superintendent or other species superintendent) is final.
- g. A representative from the Sales Committee will also be present during the official weigh in at county fair.
- h. There may be feeder classes in any market livestock department at the

discretion of the species superintendent.

- i. Exhibitors with market animals not making weight may stall and compete in their respective feeder and showmanship class. Underweight animals may be used in showmanship only if the underweight animal is the exhibitors only market animal.
- j. Any animal which was retinal scanned at initial weigh-in/tag in and has lost its ear tag or has an ear tag that appears to have been tampered with, will be retinal scanned again at weigh-in County Fair.
- k. All breeding sheep and goats entered in the Fair must be tagged with a Scrapie tag and entered by the Scrapie tag number on the Entry Form unless registered with an acceptable association that requires a tattoo or microchip for identification.
- l. No intact, mature male animals will be stalled except at opening Saturday breed shows.

## 16. Care Provider:

The intent of the 4-H/FFA livestock program is for youth members to be the primary care providers for their project animals. Only an animal's owner (a 4-H/FFA member) should care for their project animal when it is being exhibited at the county fair or 4-H shows. If a junior member needs assistance, for safety or educational reasons, another El Paso County 4-H/FFA member, immediate family member, or an El Paso County 4-H leader may provide it. It is strongly recommended that another El Paso County 4-H/FFA member be the first choice for assistance to a junior member. If assistance is provided, the 4-H/FFA member enrolled in the project must be present and involved to benefit from the teaching and instruction. The primary work should not be done for the member. Senior 4-H members should do all the cleaning, feeding, and watering of their livestock project at any show except when safety is a concern.

If, in the opinion of the 4-H Livestock Species Superintendent, working collaboratively with the CSU Extension Office 4-H representative, **a youth's exhibit animal (s) and/or exhibit area have not been properly cared for**, after proper warning, the exhibitor may be dismissed from the Fairgrounds. Additionally, if any exhibitor or the exhibitor's family members mistreat animals, the exhibitor may be dismissed from the Fairgrounds.

## 17. National Code of Show Ring Ethics (modified slightly to apply to all exhibits):

Exhibitors of animals at shows shall always conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in the competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all exhibits in any event at a show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics", fairs may have rules and

regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial, and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine examples. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, and responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards, and auction proceeds, and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all animal shows in the United States and Canada.

**The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors in competitive events:**

- a. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating to your animal is prohibited.
- b. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or show officials.
- c. Youth exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at the fairs or shows.
- d. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of *violative* drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, and/or responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals entered in events, which culminate with the animal entering the food chain, shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations, and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.
- e. If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medications, this shall be *prima facie* evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample tested by the approved laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with burden of the owner, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise at any hearing in regard to the matter conducted by the fair or show premises, all treatment involving the use of drugs, and/or medications shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

- f. Any surgical procedures or injection of any foreign substances or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hooves or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
- g. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
- h. Direct criticism or interference with the Judge, fair or show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all Judges, fair and show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
- i. No owner, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
- j. This application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
- k. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible person to have any disciplinary action taken by the fair or show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expos and any special notices to members.
- l. The act of entering of an animal in a fair or show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorized with jurisdiction over such infractions.

18. Any behavior that is in **violation of the 4-H Code of Conduct or the Code of Show Ring Ethics** is to be brought to the attention of the CSU Extension 4-H staff person on duty immediately. Disciplinary action may include disqualification from the event and

forfeiture of awards.

**19. Stalling:**

- All market and breeding animals will be stalled from 6:00 AM -10:00 AM
- Any animals to be shown on the opening Saturday must be stalled no later than 10:00 AM
- Stalling in all barns will be by club (with the exception of the swine barn due to various stall sizes). Clubs with individual representation (one member only) and Independent 4-H Family units may request to be housed together to aid with covering duties.
- Once stall assignments have been posted there will be no switching with other families or moving from assigned stalling.
- Exhibitors must present a valid Health Certificate in order to stall.
- Breeding livestock in boer goat, sheep, swine, and beef classes will be stalled for their respective shows on the day of the show and will not be released until 7:00 PM
- Stalling will be done per official fair calendar/schedule. In order for superintendents to stall in an earlier time slot (to help with load in ONLY) they must receive permission from CSU Extension, and have a different species superintendent verify their health certification.
- All exhibitors and entries received on the Fairgrounds must remain in place until released. Please refer to the fair schedule (for most exhibitors, animals will be released at 9:00 AM on Sunday following the conclusion of fair).
- All species must remain in the designated animal barns unless being exercised in the designated exercise area or under the direct supervision of an El Paso County Fair representative for use in Fair programs, contests, or activities.
- The respective Superintendents or their assistants will assign stall space within the barns. The species superintendents will post clubs' stall assignments by the Opening Saturday of Fair, in the respective barn areas. Any exhibitor not abiding by the stall assignment may be barred from competition.

**20. Barns:**

- Barns open at 6:00 AM and close at 9:00 PM.
- Livestock will be bedded as required in each species' division rules. Exhibitors or clubs must provide their own bedding material. All animals must be bedded. No raw ground will be permitted.
- Pens must be cleaned and animals fed daily by 9:00 AM before the fair opens to the public.
- Superintendents reserve the right to require additional pen cleaning as needed. All stalls must remain in satisfactory condition.

- The use of hay nets is prohibited. Hay and grain shall be stored in such a manner that they are not accessible to any livestock.
- Grain must be stored in closed plastic or metal containers.
- **SAFETY NOTE:** Exhibitors are reminded to properly secure and store all equipment (pitch forks, tack, shovels, tack boxes, trimming stand, etc.) in a safe place to prevent injury to livestock and/or people.
- Sleeping in the barns, outside of open barn hours, is strictly forbidden.
- Smoking/Tobacco/Alcohol use by anyone is prohibited in the exhibit barns and buildings. Violations of this Fair Board rule or other forms of courtesy or violations of codes of conduct will be grounds for disciplinary action.
- Barn Duty will be expected by all exhibitors and oversight will fall under each species superintendent team. Barn Duty may vary in tasks from each project area so make sure to attend the species superintendent meetings before fair to understand the expectations. For exhibitors who do not participate in the barn duty, there is a risk to forfeit premiums and awards.

## 21. Show Ring:

- All exhibitors must lead/show their own animals, with the exceptions of more than one entry in a class. Reference Shows section directly below for further explanation.
- No clipping shall be done in the staging area.
- Exhibitors must display a back-tag number while in the show ring.
- If an exhibitor has more than one animal in the show ring, at any time, exhibitors showing the animals must display a supplementary back tag with the animal exhibitor number clearly visible while in the show ring.

## 22. Shows:

- **All judges' decisions are final.**
- If an animal is shown in the breeding classes, it is **not eligible** to show in any of the market classes.
- Classes which are felt to be too large or too small, may, at the discretion of the Species Superintendent, be divided into two or more classes or combined with another class as the case may be.
- In the event an exhibitor has multiple animals in the same class
  - A 4-H/FFA youth in good standing from the county with parent permission may show the extra animal
  - **OR** a 4-H/FFA youth in good standing from out of county with parent permission may show the extra animal in addition to meeting these requirements:
    - An out of county form request must be filled out and submitted to the CSU extension agent four weeks before the first day of county fair
    - A youth is limited to 2 forms maximum for county fair
    - Each form will cost \$5

- **OR** if an exhibitor in a market class ends up with multiple animals in the same class, they can elect to move one animal up to the next heavier weight class but not down to the lighter class.
- Market champions and reserve champions may be retinal scanned at any time.
- An animal judged to be unsafe by the species superintendent, in consultation with the CSU Extension Office 4-H representative, may be dismissed from the Fairgrounds.
- All 4-H/FFA members must participate in the appropriate showmanship contest for each species department entered (market showmanship and breeding showmanship participation is required if entered in both projects within the same species department). Extenuating circumstances may be brought to the appropriate 4-H Livestock Species Superintendent and the CSU Extension 4-H Youth Development Office representative as soon as possible (preferably by the fair entry deadline) if accommodations are needed due to special need (such as a health situation or disability). Interview judging or modified showmanship may be required in place of the group contest.
- Showing of livestock of an ineligible age or showing unethically fitted livestock is prohibited. Unethical fitting will be deemed to consist of any method which alters the natural conformation of any part of the animal's body; any animal having been operated upon or tampered with, for the purpose of concealing faults or with the intent to deceive will be disqualified and dismissed from the grounds. Ear Tag tampering or removals, other than by a 4-H Species Superintendent with CSU Extension Office approval or licensed veterinarian is not allowed. Any exhibitor dismissed from the Fairgrounds will forfeit all premiums.
  - Unapproved drugs are prohibited. Unapproved means not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals that may be destined for human consumption. This includes the use of all products that are not FDA approved including but not limited to any diuretic, alcohol, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication meant for human usage. Violators of this rule will be disqualified and dismissed from the Fairgrounds.
    - \*Another important point to remember is that products labeled “all natural” that are not FDA approved may contain ingredients that can result in a positive test. It is your responsibility to know what ingredients are included in products labeled as “all natural.”
  - Colorado Animal Tampering Laws – Compliance with all Colorado laws prohibiting tampering with or drugging of livestock and/or sale of adulterated meat is mandatory for any 4-H member and/or family member enrolled in a 4-H livestock project. If there is evidence of physical alteration of a project animal to fraudulently misrepresent that animal, illegal drug residue in an animal, or violation of the 4-H Code of Conduct, a member may be classified as a “member NOT in good standing.” If classified as a “member NOT in good standing” the member can be prohibited from exhibiting livestock or participating in out-of-county 4-H activities for up to one year.
  - If your animal place's first or second in their class the youth is required to

show that animal in the grand drive.

**23. Show order for all species (when all the species classes are held on the same day):**

**a. Breeding:**

- Breeding Classes
- Showmanship — Senior, Intermediate & Junior

**b. Market:**

- Market Classes
- Market Producer Class
- Showmanship — Senior, Intermediate, Junior

**24. Drug testing and post show examination:** El Paso County Fair Advisory Board, Manager and Livestock Sale and 4-H Livestock Advisory Committees reserve the right to drug test all Market Champions and Reserve Champions immediately following the class. In addition, all or any animals exhibited at the El Paso County Fair may be subject to drug testing at any given time during or after the Fair. Any cost to prove or disprove the use of the above will be borne by the exhibitor if testing positive. Failure to comply with any health regulation could result in disqualification. Any participant whose project tests positive will be subject to a review process involving the State 4-H Office and may be subject to disciplinary action including having future livestock show eligibility status revoked.

**25. Premiums:**

- Beef, sheep, swine, and goats. First through sixth place ribbons.
- Premiums — \$5, \$3, \$2 except where noted.
- Showmanship premiums will be awarded only in the championship round.
- Market classes will not be awarded premiums. Additional awards may be given as noted.
- Any exhibitor dismissed from the fairgrounds will forfeit all premiums.

**26. The following Acts and Statements are in place at all times:**

- a. United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act
- b. Meat Quality Assurance
- c. IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics

*\*Copies of these acts and statements are available from the CSU Extension Office.*

**27. Fair Board Rules and Regulations:**

There is a **camping area** available for use by fair exhibitors and their immediate families. Space is on a first come, first serve basis and camping permits should be purchased in advance from the Fair office. Youth exhibitors staying in the camping area must be accompanied by an adult. No dogs are permitted in the camping area without first receiving Fair Board approval. Additional camping regulations, rules and requirements are at the discretion of Fair management. **No vehicle** other than "Official Cars" will be permitted inside the fenced area around the barns and livestock arena after

9:00 AM. Vehicles for the purpose of hauling feed and supplies will not be permitted on the Fairgrounds.

**28. Fair Rule Notice:**

The El Paso County 4-H Livestock Species Superintendent, after consulting with the CSU Extension Office 4-H representative, reserves the right to make any changes in existing rules if such changes will improve the County Fair. All interpretations of the rules by the 4-H Livestock Species Superintendent and CSU Extension Office 4-H representative are final. Superintendents must seek approval of the CSU Extension Office 4-H representative first before announcing any changes.

- 29. Any behavior** that is considered negative and/or disrespectful on the part of the exhibitor, family members of the exhibitor, or leaders, directed toward any show official, Fair Board member, fair staff, 4-H staff, 4-H exhibitor, or their parents **could result in disqualification and awards forfeited.**
- 30. Create a Safe Environment.** Do not carelessly or intentionally harm youth or adults in any way (verbally, mentally, physically, or emotionally). Refrain from romantic displays and sexual activities either in public or private situations. Be kind and compassionate towards others. Do not insult or put down other participants. Harassment, bullying, and other exclusionary behavior aren't acceptable. Be considerate and courteous of all youth and adults and their property.
- 31. Any violation of the rules** and regulations incorporated in the Premium Book, the Show Ring Code of Ethics, 4-H Code of Conduct, and Animal Care and Housing may result in forfeiture of all premiums and awards, disqualification, expulsion or probation of the exhibitor or organized group the exhibitor represents, and the exhibit or livestock involved.
32. All 4-H animal projects are subject to scheduled site visits from the extension agent and/or superintendents regardless of if the animals are owned, leased, or on a housing contract.
- 33. Accommodations Section For Livestock Premium:** The El Paso County Fair and Colorado State University 4-H Youth Program through its curriculum, programs, and events, provides a supportive environment for diverse population groups with overarching respect for individual's personal values and ideas. We take it seriously the responsibility to offer educational programming opportunities equitably to all qualified persons who can be reasonably accommodated.

Persons with disabilities have the right to request and receive reasonable accommodation. Each youth and event must be evaluated individually, assessing whether the youth is qualified for the event and whether he or she would be able to participate in the event with or without accommodation.

Please send the El Paso County 4-H Accommodations form four weeks prior to County Fair to give adequate time for implementing the accommodation.

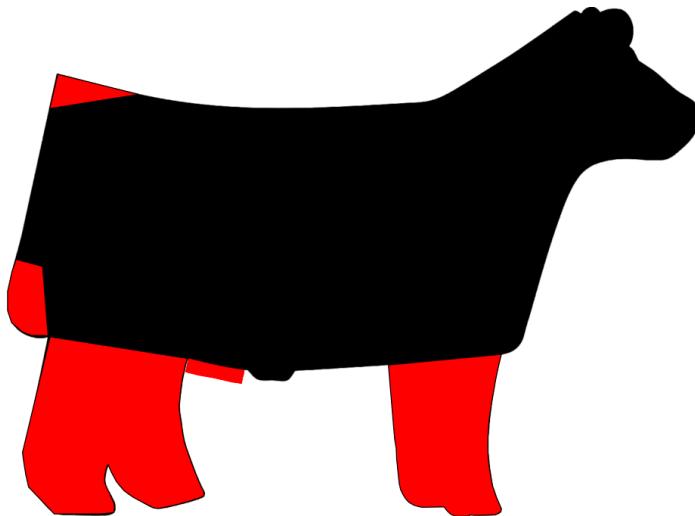
**Livestock Shows:** If an accommodation is granted for a 4-H youth member to have a showman, they must be an enrolled 4-H member in the county to show their livestock. The showman can brace and set the animal in the market and breeding classes only (this excludes showmanship).

# BEEF SHOW

**Superintendent(s):** Travis Chamblin  
**Assistant Superintendent:** Isaiah Green and Michael Gates

## Beef Rules & Regulations

- All general rules apply where applicable.
- All cattle shown at County Fair MUST have RFID tags.
- All exhibitors are required to participate in a Showmanship Class.
- There may be a Feeder Class at the discretion of the Superintendent.
- The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion market animals must be sold.
- Cattle will be bedded on wood bedding only. Rubber mats over shavings are optional.
- For stalling two panels will be required on each side of the cattle.
- All cattle will be stalled by club.
- Brand inspection papers for market beef must be presented at initial weigh-in/tag-in.
- Breeding Beef Form with proof of ownership for all breeding beef must be uploaded into 4-H Online by May 1.
- Breed registration papers are NOT necessary to show in purebred classes.
- Producer class nominations are due to the extension office for market cattle by Jan 31
- Maximum of three (3) market cattle per exhibitor.
- Beef will be tied with a halter and a safety neck rope
- Feed pans may be left in their stalls if not empty.
- Hoof trimming of beef animals is not permitted on the fairgrounds during county fair.
- Exhibitors may ask anyone to assist with fitting, blocking, or grooming as long as the owner is actively involved, working, and participating. Fitting may continue for an additional animal if the exhibitor is currently in the show ring.
- All fitting products must be removed immediately following the show and free of any product prior to entry in Jr. Livestock Sale.
- Drenching will be allowed with drench guns. The use of stomach pumping devices is prohibited.
- Absolutely NO straw will be allowed in the stalls at county fair.
- Artificial color, designed for use on livestock, will be allowed on cattle, but any attempt to change the original color and/or markings of the animal will be prohibited. No use of any grooming material on an entry that when rubbed with a glove or cloth, shows evidence of artificial color. (Refer to the diagram on Page 16)
- For beef artificial coloring products may be used, however please refer to the diagram on Page 16 that outlines acceptable areas



*\*The red indicates areas approved for fitting*

- Any entries adding artificial hair or hair-like substances will be disqualified. (Restated from general rules)
- Showing of livestock of an ineligible age (must be 24 months or younger) or showing unethically fitted livestock is prohibited.
- Unethical fitting will be deemed to consist of any method which alters the natural conformation of any part of the animal's body; any animal having been operated upon or tampered with, for the purpose of concealing faults or with the intent to deceive will be disqualified and dismissed from the grounds.
- To bring a porter cooler to the county fair grounds you must register in FairEntry and pay a \$25 fee.
- During the beef shows, the staging area is limited to two adults per exhibitor.
- Superintendent reserves the right to combine classes or further breakout classes as required.
- Guidelines for Blow and Go Show:
  - Beef animals will be shown free of any adhesive, glue, paint, or powder products.
  - Any compounds that have adhesive qualities that when applied cannot be combed or brushed through or alter the color of the animal are forbidden. These products include but are not limited to commonly used adhesives and colorants such as Prime Time, EZ Comb, Tail Adhesive, Ultra White Touch Up, Black Touch Up, Black Finisher and Black show Foam. Paints will be permitted on hoofs only.
  - Any Alcohol, water, oil, or any water- or alcohol-based products with no adhesive or glue qualities, or artificial colorings are permitted. These products include conditioners and commonly used sprays such as Kleen Sheen, Revive, Final Bloom, Flare and Final Accent.

## **CLASSES 1-9: Breeding Beef Cattle (see table below)**

- All breeding beef cattle will be stalled, shown and removed from the fairgrounds following the conclusion of the show (see below for release time)

- Animals will be stalled from 6:00-10:00 AM
- Release will be after 7:00 PM
- Three (3) entries per contestant per class, maximum.
- Panels may be brought in by exhibitor for cow/calf pairs.
- Ribbons will be awarded for all classes, however only 1 award will be given for Overall Supreme Breeding Female and 1 award will be given for Overall Supreme Bull
- When entering the breeding classes your animal based on their age as of day of show
- **NOTE:** Separate breed classes will be established if there are five or more animals of the same breed or sire cross. Superintendent has the right to add classes. To ensure accurate class delineation, please state in Fair Entry whether cattle are purebred breed or crossbred.
- **NOTE:** There may be added premium money for the breeding classes.
- **NOTE:** Senior Bull calves are required to show with a nose ring.
- If the exhibitor does not have market beef, then they must take their breeding animal's home and have their stalls cleaned prior to market animals being brought in. The stall fee will not be refunded.

<b>Class 1A</b>	<b>Junior Bull Calf</b>	Calved on or after January 1 of the current year
<b>Class 1B</b>	<b>Senior Bull Calf</b>	Up to 24 months old and are required to show with a nose ring
<b>Class 2A</b>	<b>Junior Heifer Calf</b>	Calved on or after January 1 of the current year
<b>Class 2B</b>	<b>Senior Heifer Calf</b>	Calved Sept-Dec of the previous year
<b>Class 3</b>	<b>Summer Yearling Heifers</b>	Calved May- Aug of the previous year
<b>Class 4</b>	<b>Spring Yearling Heifers</b>	Calved March- April of the previous year
<b>Class 5</b>	<b>Junior Yearling Heifers</b>	Calved Jan-Feb of the previous year
<b>Class 6</b>	<b>Senior Yearling Heifers</b>	Calved Sept-Dec 2023
<b>Class 7</b>	<b>Cow/Calf Production</b>	Cow of any age with her current year's calf on her side
<b>Class 8</b>	<b>Produce of Dam</b>	Producing cow with her last year's heifer and either a junior heifer or junior bull calf of the current year

## **CLASS 9: Breeding Cattle Showmanship**

Refer to Livestock Showmanship (Appendix F)

- Only calves may be shown in showmanship if only showing cow/calf pair. No cows may be shown in showmanship.

## **CLASSES 10-13: Market Beef**

- All market beef will be weighed in per official fair schedule. Market beef must weigh a minimum of 1100 pounds to be eligible to show. Miniature cattle (i.e. Aberdeen, Miniature Hereford, etc.) must weigh a minimum of 650 pounds and maximum weight of 1,000 pounds. Small breed market beef exhibitors must declare at beef tag-in that their animal will be shown as a small breed market beef at the El Paso County Fair.
- The decision of the weigh master is final. All market beef will be shown by weight and divided into classes as near equal as the Superintendent deems feasible. The breaks and the approximate number of market beef in each class will be left to the discretion of the Superintendent. All market beef must be dehorned. Blunt scurs not to exceed two inches are permitted.
- Any animal not in compliance will not be eligible to show and will be dismissed from the fairgrounds.
- If an exhibitor in a market class ends up with two animals in the same class, they can elect to move one animal up to the next heavier weight class but not down to the lighter class.

## **CLASS 10: Market Heifer**

*If there are at least 5 entries, a Market Heifer Class will be held. They will have their own division. The top placings market heifer will compete in the Market Beef Grand Drive. Market heifers are subject to the same rules as listed in Market Beef.*

## **CLASS 11: Market Steer**

All market beef will be divided into weight classes as nearly equal as the Superintendent deems feasible. Classes will be broken further into divisions by the Superintendent (I.E. Lightweight, Medium Weight, and Heavy Weight). If there is less than 40 entries in the market show, we will eliminate divisions and move to the Top 5 Overall out of the class winners (the judge can continue to pull multiple entries from one class in placing order to the Top 5 Overall if they so choose). The approximate number of market steers in each class will be left to the discretion of the Superintendent.

## **CLASS 12: Market Beef Producer (Entry fee required)**

As described under Producer Class (Appendix A) rules.

- There will be no delineation of weight or breeds in this class.
- It will be judged as a market class
- Animals must make weight to show in this class.
- Producer Class will be held following the championship drive.
- The Champion award will be presented at the Achievement Celebration. Ribbons for

class placings (1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>) will be awarded at the show.

- See Appendix A for more detailed information.
- These are market weight animals calved in the previous calendar year.

## **CLASS 13: Market Cattle Showmanship**

Refer to Livestock Showmanship (Appendix F)

## **CLASS 14: Premier Exhibitor**

All exhibitors are encouraged to enter! All entries should be made in FairEntry. This award will be given to the outstanding 4-H member (ages 8-18) in each of the livestock project species. The focus of this award is on rewarding excellence in total project management and promoting quality assurance of livestock products for consumers. **See Appendix C Premier Exhibitor for more information.**

# DAIRY, FIBER, MARKET, & PYGMY GOAT SHOW

**Superintendent(s):** Michael Gates and Dan Vogl

**Assistant Superintendent:** Lora Bailey (Market/Breeding Goats), Kelsi Nelly (Market/Breeding Goats), Sandy Hoihjelle (Dairy, Pygmy), Lacey Chisman (Dairy, Pygmy), and Contessa Baker (Dairy, Pygmy)

## Market, Dairy, & Pygmy Goat Rules & Regulations

- All general rules apply where applicable.
- All breeding boer, dairy, pygmy and fiber goat exhibitors are limited to two entries per class. If more than 100 total entries are received, exhibitors initially entering more than 6 animals may be asked to limit their entries due to space limitations
- All exhibitors are required to participate in a Showmanship Class.
- There may be a Feeder Class at the discretion of the Superintendent.
- Breeding Boer, pygmy and fiber goats may be shown with natural horns, disbudded or naturally polled without judging penalty.
- A pre-show milk-out is scheduled for the evening before the Dairy Goat Show at 8:00 PM.
- Animals shown in group class must be entered in their respective age classes.
- Classes may be changed or omitted by superintendent as entries dictate.
- Bedding used in the dairy, fiber, pygmy and market goat barns must be wood bedding except for fiber goats which may be on straw or wood bedding.
- Water must be available at all times in all pens.
- Exhibitors are expected to comply with current regulations regarding Scrapie tagging. This includes registration ID numbers, microchips or tattoos. These numbers should be included on the Health Certificates.
- Breed registration papers are not necessary to show with the exception of participating in a sanctioned show.
- Drenching will be allowed with drench guns. The use of stomach pumping devices is prohibited.
- Superintendent reserves the right to combine classes or further breakout classes as required.
- The Overall Champion and Reserve Champion Showmen
  - Pygmy and Dairy in each age group (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior) will advance to the Specialty Master Showman.
  - Market in each age group (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior) will advance to the Livestock Master Showman

# BREEDING GOAT SHOW

## CLASSES 1 – 4: Breeding Boer Goat (see table below)

- Breeding Boer goats will be stalled, shown and released on opening Saturday.
- Stalling will happen between 6:00-10:00 AM
- Release will be after 7:00 PM
- Two entries per contestant per class, maximum.
- There will be two divisions (percentage and full blood) with classes for does and bucks
- If the exhibitor does not have market goat, then they must take their breeding animal's home and have their stalls cleaned prior to market animals being brought in.
- When entering the breeding classes your animal based on their age as of day of show

### **Commercial Doe Classes: (50% and up)**

<b>Class 1A</b>	0-6 months
<b>Class 1B</b>	6-12 months
<b>Class 1C</b>	Yearling (1 Year Old)
<b>Class 1D</b>	2 Years Old
<b>Class 1E</b>	3 Years Old and Over

### **Full Blood Doe Registered Classes**

<b>Class 2A</b>	0-6 months
<b>Class 2B</b>	6-12 months
<b>Class 2C</b>	Yearling (1 Year Old)
<b>Class 2D</b>	2 Years Old
<b>Class 2E</b>	3 Years Old and Over

### **Full Blood Buck Registered Classes**

<b>Class 3A</b>	0-6 months
<b>Class 3B</b>	6-12 months
<b>Class 3C</b>	Yearling (1 Year Old)

### **Commercial Buck Classes: (50% and up)**

<b>Class 4A</b>	0-6 months
<b>Class 4B</b>	6-12 months
<b>Class 4C</b>	Yearling (1 Year Old)

**NOTE:** There may be added premium money for the breeding classes.

## CLASS 5: Breeding Boer Goat Showmanship (Required)

Refer to Livestock Showmanship (Appendix F)

**NOTE:** For safety reason bucks cannot be shown in the showmanship classes. If an exhibitor's

only animal is a junior buck an exception can be made by the superintendent.

## DAIRY GOAT SHOW

- Champion Class for Best-Udder-in-Show may include a milk-out. Exhibitor must have equipment ready as well as one designated handler to assist in restraining the animal. Youth exhibitor must milk your own animal.
- No milk shall be dumped on the grounds. A designated dumping site will be posted on the Dairy Goat Barn bulletin board.
- The latest a dairy goat can kid is June 15 (FairEntry deadline) of the current year and the dam must be entered in 4HOnline as of the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline

### **CLASSES 1-3: Dairy Goat Showmanship**

- Showmanship classes will be the first classes
- Seniors will show first.

**Class 1:** Dairy Goat Showmanship- Senior

**Class 2:** Dairy Goat Showmanship- Intermediate

**Class 3:** Dairy Goat Showmanship- Junior

### **CLASSES 4-7: Dairy Goat Breed Classes (see table below)**

<b>Senior Doe: Nubian</b>	
<b>Class 4A</b>	Milk Yearling: Born on or after July 14 of the previous year
<b>Class 4B</b>	2 Year and Under 3
<b>Class 4C</b>	3 Year and Under 5
<b>Class 4D</b>	5 Year and Older
<b>Senior Doe: Swiss*</b>	
<b>Class 5A</b>	Milk Yearling: Born on or after July 14 of the previous year
<b>Class 5B</b>	2 Year and Under 3
<b>Class 5C</b>	3 Year and Under 5
<b>Class 5D</b>	5 Year and Older
<b>Junior Doe: Nubian</b>	
<b>Class 6A – Junior Kid</b>	Born on or after May 1 of the current year (No males)
<b>Class 6B – Intermediate Kid</b>	Born on or after April 1 of the current year
<b>Class 6C – Senior Kid</b>	January 1- March 31 of the current year
<b>Class 6D – Non-milking Yearling</b>	Under two years old as of the date of the show

Junior Doe: Swiss*	
<b>Class 7A – Junior Kid</b>	Born on or after May 1 of the current year (No males)
<b>Class 7B – Intermediate Kid</b>	Born on or after April 1 of the current year
<b>Class 7C – Senior Kid</b>	January 1- March 31 of the current year
<b>Class 7D – Non-milking Yearling</b>	Under two years old as of the date of the show

## **CLASSES 8-10: Additional Dairy Goat Show Classes/Competitions**

*Class Special Requirements — Sign up in the barn for the following classes:*

### **CLASS 8: Club Dairy Goat Herd (shown at the end of the Dairy Goat Show)**

Three milking goats, any breed, exhibited by the same club. Club may have any number of entries, but only one entry per exhibitor. Club leader must give superintendent names of exhibitors and animals by Monday 5:00 PM for their herd entries. No premiums. Ribbons only.

### **CLASS 9: Dam and Daughter (shown at the end of the Dairy Goat Show)**

Group to consist of one milking doe and her daughter, any age entered in Fair Entry and owned by the same exhibitor. No premiums. Ribbons only.

### **CLASS 10: Produce-of-Dam (shown at the end of the Dairy Goat Show)**

Group to consist of two junior does, the daughters of one dam, exhibited in a senior doe class. An exhibitor may show more than one group, provided each group is out of a different dam. Enter animal names in Fair Entry. No premiums. Ribbons only.

### **Milk Production Competition (Not in FairEntry Sign Up at Fair)**

All lactating does are eligible. A pre-competition milk-out in the presence of the Superintendent will be at Monday 5:00 PM. Overall winner to be announced and ribbons awarded only after the contest that night.

Entries will be broken down into the following age divisions for regular and mini dairy goats, respectively:

- Yearling Milker
- 2-Year-Old Milker
- 3-Year-Old Milker
- 4 -6-Year-Old Milker
- Over 6-Year-Old Milker

### **CLASS 11: Premier Exhibitor**

All exhibitors are encouraged to enter! All entries should be made in FairEntry. **See Appendix C Premier Exhibitor for more information.**

# PYGMY GOAT SHOW

## CLASSES 1-3: Pygmy Goat Showmanship

- All Pygmy Project entrants must enter a Showmanship Class.
- Champions and Reserve Champions in each age division will compete against Fiber Champions and Reserve Champions for Overall Specialty Goat Champion and Reserve Champion Showmen (Junior, Intermediate and Senior) who will go on to Master Showmen Competition.
- Pygmy goats should NOT be clipped or closely trimmed for showing.

**APG Class 1** — Pygmy Goat Showmanship, Senior

**APG Class 2** — Pygmy Goat Showmanship, Intermediate

**APG Class 3** — Pygmy Goat Showmanship, Junior

## CLASSES 4-14: Regular Pygmy Goat Classes

Superintendent reserves the right to combine classes or further breakout classes as required.

**APG Class 4** — Wethers Under 1 Year

**APG Class 5** — Wethers 1 Year to 3 Years

**APG Class 6** — Wethers 3 Years to 5 Years

**APG Class 7** — Wethers 5 Years and Over

**APG Class 8** — Unregistered Does Under 18 Months

**APG Class 9** — Unregistered Does 18 Months and Over

**APG Class 10** — Registered Does Under 1 Year

**APG Class 11** — Registered Does 1 Year to 2 Years

**APG Class 12** — Registered Does 2 Years to 4 Years

**APG Class 13** — Registered Does 4 Years to 6 Years

**APG Class 14** — Registered Does 6 Years and Over (Grandma Class)

## CLASS 15: Premier Exhibitor

All exhibitors are encouraged to enter! All entries should be made in FairEntry. This award will be given to the outstanding 4-H member (ages 8-18) in each of the livestock project species. The focus of this award is on rewarding excellence in total project management and promoting quality assurance of livestock products for consumers. **See Appendix C Premier Exhibitor for more information.**

## MARKET GOAT SHOW

- Only (3) market goats may be stalled and shown by an exhibitor .
- All market goats must weigh a minimum of 50 lbs. and a maximum of 130 lbs. at Fair weigh-in.
- All market goats must be slick shorn (hair length not to exceed 5/8 inches) from the knee and hock up prior to weigh-in at fair. Fitting in an attempt to alter or enhance a goat's appearance is not allowed. Fitting is allowed from the knees and hocks down.
- No full body clipping on the fairgrounds is allowed. All clipping must be done prior to stalling. Touch up trimming only.
- In market classes, goats may show with horns but they must be tipped (blunt tips). Blunting of horns must be done and healed prior to stalling unless directed by superintendent for safety and supervised by vet. Horns deemed, by the superintendent, to be sharp/dangerous will be not be allowed to weigh-in/show.
- In all goat classes (including showmanship), the front feet/hooves of the goat must remain on the show ring floor once the goat is set and when being handled by the judge.
- Lifting feet off the ground for an extended period of time or placing feet/hooves on any support or altered ring surface will not be tolerated (e.g. tops of boots, mounds of dirt, etc.).
- Slapping or striking the animal in a manner which produces an audible sound is not permitted.
- Exhibitors will receive one warning if they are found lifting or slapping goats in the show ring. Second offenses will result in automatic exhibitor disqualification from the market goat show.
- Judges and superintendents will have discretion to enforce disqualification.
- Muzzles are allowed in the stalling area at the discretion of the exhibitor.
- There may be a Feeder Class at the discretion of the superintendent.
- The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion market animals must be sold.
- All County Fair market goats must be castrated prior to the initial weigh-in/tag in.
- State Fair only market goats must be castrated by June 1st and confirmed by the superintendent. Special tags will be given to State Fair only goats at weigh-in to identify them and they will not be eligible to show at the county fair.
- Exhibitors may ask anyone to assist with fitting or grooming as long as the owner is actively involved, working, and participating. Fitting may continue for an additional animal if the exhibitor is currently in the show ring.
- The natural hair color of the animal cannot be altered using any artificial coloring. However, products that match the animal's natural color may be used in the fitting process from the knee and hocks down.
- The use of ice packs, gel packs or other refrigerants to alter the quality of the finish of an animal is prohibited. Icing of animals in any fashion will not be allowed. Normal tap water may be used.
- Any grooming material on any other part of the body not mentioned above, rubbed with a cloth or glove which shows evidence of artificial color is prohibited. (Restated from general rules) I.E. Baby Powder

- Any entries adding artificial hair or hair-like substances will be disqualified. (Restated from general rules)
- All fitting products must be removed immediately following the show and free of any product prior to entry in Jr. Livestock Sale.
- Superintendent reserves the right to combine classes or further breakout classes as required.

## **CLASS 1: Market Goat Producer Class (entry fee required) (4-H)**

As described under Producer Class rules (Appendix A).

- There will be no delineation of weight or breed in this class.
- It will be judged as a market class.
- Animals must make weight to show in this class.
- Producer Class will be held following the championship drive.
- The Champion award will be presented at the Achievement Celebration. Ribbons for class placings (1st-6th) will be awarded at the show.
- See Appendix A for more detailed information.

## **CLASS 2: Market Goat**

All market goat will be divided into weight classes as nearly equal as the Superintendent deems feasible. And then will be broken further into divisions by the Superintendent (I.E. Lightweight, Medium Weight, and Heavy Weight). The approximate number of market goats in each class will be left to the discretion of the Superintendent.

## **CLASS 3: Market Goat Showmanship**

Refer to Livestock Showmanship (Appendix F)

## **CLASS 4: Premier Exhibitor**

All exhibitors are encouraged to enter! All entries should be made in FairEntry. **See Appendix C Premier Exhibitor for more information.**

### **Goat-Khana Contests**

See Fun Classes on Appendix I

### **Goat Costume**

See Fun Classes on Appendix I

# SHEEP SHOW

**Superintendent(s):** Shane Goss  
**Assistant Superintendent:** Katy Buchanan

## General Sheep Rules and Regulations

- All general rules apply where applicable.
- All exhibitors are required to participate in a Showmanship Class.
- There may be a Feeder Class at the discretion of the Superintendent.
- All County Fair market sheep must be castrated prior to the initial weigh-in/tag in.
- The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion market animals must be sold.
- State Fair only market sheep must be castrated by June 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year, and confirmed by the superintendent. Special tags will be given to State Fair sheep at weigh-in to identify and will not be eligible to show at the county fair.
- Sheep will be bedded on wood bedding only. Rubber mats over shavings are optional, but if used the exhibitor must utilize and maintain wood shavings under the mats daily. No sawdust, straw, or other bedding materials are permitted.
- All stalls must be cleaned daily and all wet or soiled bedding must be removed before 9:00 AM
- Muzzles are allowed in the stalling area at the discretion of the exhibitor.
- Tack pens will be assigned at the Superintendents discretion. Any items such as feed, show boxes, etc. placed in pens not assigned to the exhibitor will be asked to be removed.
- Water must be available in each penned/stalled area at all times.
- Exhibitors are expected to comply with current regulations regarding Scrapie tags.
- A prolapse may be corrected at the owner's request, but the animal may still be disqualified and/or removed from the EPC fair premises.
  - Animals that have undergone previous prolapse repair, that is evident by straining or by visible sutures, will be disqualified at the discretion of the EPC Fair Veterinarian.
- The external applications of such things as blistering agents that would cause an edematous condition are prohibited.
- The use of ice packs, gel packs or other refrigerants to alter the quality of the finish of an animal is prohibited. Icing of animals in any fashion will not be allowed. Normal tap water may be used.
- Drenching will be allowed with drench guns. The use of stomach pumping devices is prohibited.
- Handling of sheep will meet the following requirements:
  - In all sheep classes (including showmanship), the front feet/hooves of the lamb must remain on the show ring floor once the lamb is set and when being handled by the Judge.
- Lifting feet off the ground for an extended period of time or placing feet/hooves on any support or altered ring surface will not be tolerated (e.g. tops of boots, mounds of dirt,etc.).

- Slapping or striking the animal in a manner which produces an audible sound is not permitted.
- Exhibitors will receive one warning if they are found lifting or slapping lambs in the show ring. Second offenses will result in automatic exhibitor disqualification from the 4-H Sheep Show. Judges and Superintendents will have discretion to enforce disqualification.
- No full body clipping or shearing will be allowed on the fairgrounds
- Exhibitors may ask anyone to assist with fitting, blocking, or grooming as long as the owner is actively involved, working, and participating. Fitting may continue for an additional animal if the exhibitor is currently in the show ring.
- The natural hair color of the animal cannot be altered using any artificial coloring. However, products that match the animal's natural color may be used in the fitting process from the knee and hocks down.
- Any grooming material on any other part of the body not mentioned above, rubbed with a cloth or glove which shows evidence of artificial color is prohibited.
- Any entries adding artificial hair or hair-like substances will be disqualified.
- All market sheep must be slick shorn prior to weigh-in at the county fair and of uniform length from the knee and hock up. No "Blocking" is allowed. Fitting is allowed from the knees and hocks down.
- Superintendent reserves the right to combine classes or further breakout classes as required.

### **CLASSES 1 – 8: Breeding Sheep Show (see table below)**

- Breeding sheep will be stalled, shown and released on the Opening Saturday.
- Animals will be stalled from 6:00-10:00 AM
- Release will be after 7:00 PM
- Two entries per contestant per class, maximum.
- Sheep entered in lamb classes must have all lamb teeth in place.
- Those entered in yearling classes may have two or four permanent teeth
- Crossbred/commercial breeding sheep are to be exhibited slick shorn whereas purebreds should be shown as appropriate for their breed.
- If the exhibitor does not have market lambs, then they must take their breeding animal's home and have their stalls cleaned prior to market animals being brought in.
- When entering the breeding classes your animal based on their age as of day of show

**CLASS 1 Junior Ewe Lamb:** Under one year (Born between February 15 of the current year-July 31 of current year)

Class 1A: Suffolk	Class 1B: Hampshire	Class 1C: Cross	Class 1D: Other Meat	Class 1E: Wool	Class 1F: Natural
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**CLASS 2 Senior Ewe Lamb:** Under one year (Born between August 1 previous year- February 14 of current year)

Class 2A: Suffolk	Class 2B: Hampshire	Class 2C: Cross	Class 2D: Other Meat	Class 2E: Wool	Class 2F: Natural
<b>CLASS 3 Yearling Ewe:</b> Over one and under two years old (Born between August 1 two years prior-July 31 previous year)					
Class 3A: Suffolk	Class 3B: Hampshire	Class 3C: Cross	Class 3D: Other Meat	Class 3E: Wool	Class 3F: Natural
<b>CLASS 4 Aged Ewe:</b> Over two years old (Born before August 1 two years prior)					
Class 4A: Suffolk	Class 4B: Hampshire	Class 4C: Cross	Class 4D: Other Meat	Class 4E: Wool	Class 4F: Natural
<b>CLASS 5 Pen of Two Ewes</b>					
Class 5A: Suffolk	Class 5B: Hampshire	Class 5C: Cross	Class 5D: Other Meat	Class 5E: Wool	Class 5F: Natural
<b>CLASS 6 Ram Lamb:</b> Under one year (Born between August 1 previous year- July 31 current year)					
Class 6A: Suffolk	Class 6B: Hampshire	Class 6C: Cross	Class 6D: Other Meat	Class 6E: Wool	Class 6F: Natural
<b>CLASS 7 Yearling Ram:</b> Over one and under two years old (Born between August 1 two years prior- July 31 previous year)					
Class 7A: Suffolk	Class 7B: Hampshire	Class 7C: Cross	Class 7D: Other Meat	Class 7E: Wool	Class 7F: Natural
<b>CLASS 8 Pen of Two Rams</b>					
Class 8A: Suffolk	Class 8B: Hampshire	Class 8C: Cross	Class 8D: Other Meat	Class 8E: Wool	Class 8F: Natural

**Wool Breeds:** Defined as Columbia, Rambouillet, Corriedale, Merino and crosses of these breeds and Colored Wool Breed.

**Natural Wool Breed:** Wool length on all yearling and older sheep is expected to be 2 inches in length or longer. Animals must be at least 35% colored and will be judged 60% on wool and 40% on conformation.

**Note:** There may be added premium money for the breeding classes.

### CLASS 9: Breeding Sheep Showmanship

Refer to Livestock Showmanship (Appendix F)

### CLASS 10-12: Market Sheep

- Maximum of three (3) market lambs per exhibitor.
- An exhibitor may enter more than three lambs but only three lambs may be weighed, stalled and shown in the market lamb show.
- There may be a Feeder Class at the discretion of the Superintendent.
- All lambs must weigh a minimum of 100 pounds at weigh-in.
  - **EXCEPTION:** Southdown lambs must weigh a minimum of 80 pounds. There will be no maximum weight

- All lambs must be shown slick shorn from the knees and hocks up, may be blended according to industry standard. Belly or flank wool is not permitted.
- All fitting products must be removed from all market animals prior to entry in Jr. Livestock Sale
- If an exhibitor in a market class ends up with two animals in the same class, they can elect to move one animal up to the next heavier weight class but not down to the lighter class.

## **CLASS 10: Market Sheep Producer Class (entry fee required) (4-H)**

As described under Producer Class rules (see Appendix A); will be held following the Championship Market Class.

- There will be no delineation of breed or weight in this class.
- It will be judged as a market class
- Animals must make weight to show in this class.
- Producer Class will be held following the championship drive.
- The Champion award will be presented at the Achievement Celebration. Ribbons for class placings (1st-6th) will be awarded at the show.
- See Appendix A for more detailed information.

## **CLASS 11: Market Lambs**

All market lambs will be divided into weight classes as nearly equal as the Superintendent deems feasible. And then will be broken further into divisions by the Superintendent (I.E. Lightweight, Medium Weight, and Heavy Weight). The approximate number of market lambs in each class will be left to the discretion of the Superintendent.

## **CLASS 12: Market Sheep Showmanship**

Refer to Livestock Showmanship (Appendix F)

## **CLASS 13: Premier Exhibitor**

All exhibitors are encouraged to enter! All entries should be made in FairEntry. **See Appendix C Premier Exhibitor for more information.**

# SWINE SHOW

**Superintendent(s):** Nick King  
**Assistant Superintendent:** Chad Burnside and Linnea Frates

## Swine Rules & Regulations

- All general rules apply where applicable.
- All exhibitors are required to participate in a Showmanship Class.
- There may be a Feeder Class at the discretion of the Superintendent.
- The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion market animals must be sold.
- ALL swine entered and exhibited at the El Paso County Fair must originate in herds not known to be infected with pseudo rabies and be accompanied with a Health Certificate. Individual identification of Swine must be on a Health Certificate or Official Test Chart.
- Swine will be bedded on wood bedding only.
- Water must always be available.
- **Each market swine exhibitor will be allowed to weigh and stall (2) swine ONLY.**
- Two (2) swine will be housed per stall. Stalling to be determined by Swine Superintendent.
- Bluing agents are allowed when they are part of an approved commercial shampoo product. Clipping of swine will be permitted; however, it must be done prior to arriving at the Fairgrounds. There will be no full clipping of swine allowed on the Fairgrounds. Touch-up trimming will be allowed on the fairgrounds (absolutely no snaring).
- Drenching will be allowed with drench guns. The use of stomach pumping devices is prohibited.
- No dirty ear tags or dirty animals will be allowed at weigh-in.
- All swine must be ear notched by initial tag pick up date, any swine not showing ear notches in their photographs will not be eligible to show at county fair.
- For market classes only barrows and gilts will be weighed.
- 4-H MQA Training will be sufficient for both the Pork Quality Assurance Program certificate and the Meat Quality Assurance Program.
- All fitting products must be removed from the market animals prior to entry in Jr. Livestock Sale.
- Any evidence of parasites in feces or on the animal may be sent home at the discretion of the superintendent.
- Superintendent reserves the right to combine classes or further breakout classes as required.

### CLASSES 1-2: Breeding Swine

#### CLASS 1: Breeding Swine

- Animals will be stalled from 6:00-10:00 AM
- Release will be after 7:00 PM
- Two entries per contestant per class, maximum.
- Breed classes will be set at the discretion of the Superintendent, depending on entries
- If the exhibitor does not have market swine, then they must take their breeding animal's home and have their stalls cleaned prior to market animals being brought in.
- When entering the breeding classes your animal based on their age as of day of show

<b>Junior Gilts</b>	
<b>Class 1A</b>	Junior Gilts: Born on or after March 1 through May 1 of the current year
<b>Senior Gilts</b>	
<b>Class 1B</b>	Senior Gilts: Born November 1 of previous year through last day of February of current year

**NOTE:** There may be added premium money for the Breeding Classes.

## CLASS 2: Breeding Swine Showmanship

Refer to Livestock Showmanship under Awards heading of this document (Appendix F)

## CLASSES 3-5: Market Swine

- Classes will be determined by weight only
- Minimum weight will be 225 pounds, maximum weight will be 300 pounds.
- There will be **NO** division of market classes based on sex.
- Judge's discretion for the reserve division hogs in the ring or standby at ring side.

## CLASS 3: Market Swine Producer Class (entry fee required)

- There will be no delineation of breed or weight in this class.
- It will be judged as a market class
- Animals must make weight to show in this class.
- Producer Class will be held following the championship drive.
- The Champion award will be presented at the Achievement Celebration. Ribbons for class placings (1st-6th) will be awarded at the show.
- See Appendix A for more detailed information.

## CLASS 4: Market Swine

All market swine will be divided into weight classes as nearly equal as the Superintendent deems feasible. And then will be broken further into divisions by the Superintendent (I.E. Lightweight, Medium Weight, and Heavy Weight). The approximate number of market swine in each class will be left to the discretion of the Superintendent.

### **CLASS 5: Swine Showmanship**

Refer to Livestock Showmanship under Awards heading of this document (Page 42)

### **CLASS 6: Premier Exhibitor**

All exhibitors are encouraged to enter! All entries should be made in FairEntry. This award will be given to the outstanding 4-H member (ages 8-18) in each of the livestock project species. The focus of this award is on rewarding excellence in total project management and promoting quality assurance of livestock products for consumers. **See Appendix C Premier Exhibitor for more information.**

## **Appendix A**

### **Producer Classes**

Producer classes are livestock classes for exhibitors who raised their own exhibit animals in market sheep, market goats, market swine, and market beef. Individuals who breed and raise their own animals will show against one another. 4-H members must nominate their producer project animal by submitting photographs and animal information by the producer species deadlines.

This class is in addition to the regular market class, but does not increase the number of market animals you can bring to the El Paso County Fair. 4-H members will be limited to the species limit as published in the fair premium.

The 4-H member must be enrolled in the breeding project in 4HOnline for their respectable species to qualify for the contest.

The Champion Producer for each species will be awarded at the Achievement Celebration.

#### **Producer Nominating Procedure**

The rules and nomination procedure are the same as for all species. You will be limited to nominating 10 animals per project area. You must be enrolled in the breeding project, complete a breeding book, the animals must be tagged, notched or tattooed by the producer. It is recommended that organizational club leaders verify nominations to assure the animal was born at the member's place of residence; this must be done while the animal is still nursing.

To nominate an animal, the member should take a photograph (preferably digital) of the animal while it is still with its dam so that any distinguishing marks are visible (this should be accomplished prior to the animal being weaned). This picture along with a written description of the animal as well as sex, animal ID or tag number (some form of identification on the animal such as ear notches on swine, tattoos for goats, etc. must be used). The photographs and animal identification information must be submitted to the Extension Office in the 4-H member's name by the appropriate deadline below:

This is two-part nomination process. The first part is the dam submittal which is the top half of the form. It is due January 31 for all species. The second part is the offspring submittal which is the bottom half of the form is due May 1 for all species.

**Dam submittal nomination deadline is January 31**

**Offspring submittal nomination Deadline is May 1**

The producer class photographs, and identification forms can be uploaded on 4-H Online

## Producer Class Outline

The producer class is in addition to the regular market classes and is placed 1-6. Producer class market animals will be shown in a market producer class at the El Paso County fair and must be tagged in at the weigh-in/tag in for that species under the name of the producer. The producer market animal must make weight and all market animal rules/processes must be followed.

There will be **three** parts to be evaluated as part of the Champion Producer Award.

**Producer Class:** Participants will receive an inverse number of points from their placing.

For example, if there are 10 entries in the class, 1<sup>st</sup> place earns 10 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> earns 9 points, etc.

**Questions:** 2-5 questions will be asked by the judge relating to production of the corresponding species. All entries will be asked the same questions or similar questions. The interview will take place in the show ring following judging of the Producer Class. Each contestant will earn a score from 1-10, based on the answers and knowledge of the contestants.

**Completed Breeding Record Book:** Competitors will need to complete their record book separate from their other projects. It will need to have the breeding supplement page to be considered complete and receive a score. The producer record books will be sent for higher grading to receive placings (club leader scores are not applicable for this contest).

Participants will receive an inverse number of points from their placing. For example, if there are 10 entries in the class, 1st place earns 10 points, 2nd earns 9 points, etc.

## **Appendix B**

### **Supreme Champions Contest**

The Supreme Champion is an attempt to reward the animal that best combines marketable commercial traits. The 4-H members must compete in all sections to be eligible for the Supreme Champion Contest. Any competitor not completing all three contests will be disqualified from the supreme contest.

Each area of evaluation will receive a score. The score from live placing and carcass contest will be totaled to determine the Supreme Champion (beef, sheep, goat, and swine) award placings.

The total score will be weighted as follows:

- Swine
  - Live Placing 50% and Carcass 50% of the total scores. Ties will be broken with carcass scores. Swine carcass will be determined by ultrasound.
- Beef, Goat, and Sheep:
  - Live Placing 45%, Carcass 45%, and Actual Rate of Gain 10%. Ties will be broken with Actual Rate of Gain. Carcass for beef, lamb, and goat will be determined by ultrasound.

Live placing points will be determined during the market class show for the species and will correlate with class placings. Bonus points will be awarded for Grand Champion (3 points) and Reserve Champions (2 points) in that show, and for carcass contest.

Check rules under specific market species for any additional information and requirements.

No entry is required for this contest. Market animals are automatically entered upon entry at the fair.

The Rate of Gain Test must be taken to be eligible for supreme, except for swine (this is requirement for the Rate of Gain Contest).

Grand Champion and Reserve Champion in each species will be awarded at the Achievement Celebration.

## **Appendix C**

### **Premier Exhibitor Contest**

All exhibitors are encouraged to enter! All entries should be made in FairEntry. This award will be given the outstanding 4-H member (ages 8-18) in each of the livestock project species: beef, sheep, swine, goat, rabbit and poultry projects. There will not be any distinction between ages. The focus of this award is on rewarding excellence in total project management and promoting quality assurance of livestock products for consumers. Contestants will be evaluated on five production areas:

- a) Class Placings: Both breeding and market
- b) Record keeping (including detailed health and nutrition records)
- c) Showmanship
- d) Knowledge based test
- e) Interview

Youth choosing to enter the Premier Exhibitor Award competition must have met the requirements for Meat Quality Assurance training

A member may enter in one or more species for the Premier Exhibitor Award, provided all 4-H eligibility rules have been followed for enrollment, County Fair and record judging.

The Premier Exhibitor Award will be based on the following criteria and scoring system:

- a) **Class Placings (0-20 points)**- Highest placing animal in Market and Breeding show:
  - o Market: 10 points possible- 10 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 8 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6 for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4 for 4<sup>th</sup>, 2 for 5<sup>th</sup> (market animals must make weight to eligible for points)
  - o Breeding: 10 points possible- 5 points to enter plus 5 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 4 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3 for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2 for 4<sup>th</sup>, 1 for 5<sup>th</sup>, 1 for 6<sup>th</sup>
    - For goat premier exhibitor, dairy/pygmy will be recognized as breeding animals and only the top two placing animals will receive points for breeding.
  - o Producer class placings are not eligible
- b) **Record Book (0-25 points)** –points must achieve a Blue award to be eligible. 100=25 points, 99=24 points, 98 points=23 points, etc. County scores will be used for calculating points
- c) **Showmanship (0-25 points)** – 1<sup>st</sup> place = 25 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 23 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 21 points, etc.
  - The placings will be based off market showmanship unless the youth only shows breeding animals in which the breeding showmanship placing will be used.
- d) **Knowledge Test (0-25 points)** –Score will reflect the points scored on the test i.e. 23 questions correct will earn 23 points. Test will be given at County Fair.
- e) **Interview (0-25 points)**- Sign up for interview times with the Extension Agent during the County Fair. Interviews will be conducted on Friday
- f) Additional points will be given in Showmanship (market and breeding if applicable), Market and Breeding as follows:
  - Grand Champion receives **3 additional points**
  - Reserve Grand Champion receives **2 additional points**
  - There must be five or more contestants to receive additional points

An exhibitor will forfeit their eligibility for the Premier Exhibitor Award if it is deemed by Rules Committee that a member exhibited poor sportsmanship or engaged in unethical behavior during the County Fair Livestock Show.

## **Appendix D**

### **Livestock Master Showmen**

- Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion junior, intermediate and senior livestock showmen will be determined through a Master Showmanship Contest.
- The Champion and Reserve Champion junior, intermediate and senior showmen from each of the livestock divisions (market goat, market beef, market sheep, market swine and horse) will be eligible to compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion honors.
- A 4-H exhibitor who wins Champion or Reserve Champion in more than one species must select which species they will represent in the Master Showmen Competition by Thursday at 6:00 PM
  - The species which the multiple champion does not select to represent in Master Showmen will then be offered to the third or fourth place overall in that species to compete.
- Separate Master Showmen contests for juniors, intermediates, and seniors will be held.
- Show order will be Senior, Intermediate, and Junior. In addition, it will be posted by 7:00 PM the night before the show.
- Competitors will have 15 minutes to get their animals to the proper location.
- This contest will include a written test as part of the tabulation. Please refer to the county fair schedule for scheduled time of the written test.
- If an animal is determined to be unable to be shown by judgment of the Species Superintendent, the Superintendent will choose an alternate animal.
- The exhibitor must use the animal they won Grand Champion or Reserve Champion with.
  - If the superintendent determines that showmanship cannot be safely completed, an animal may be substituted prior to the class division starting, and subject to prior approval from the CSU extension agents.

## **Appendix E**

### **Specialty Master Showmen**

- Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion junior, intermediate and senior livestock showmen will be determined through a Master Showmanship Contest.
- The Champion and Reserve Champion junior, intermediate and senior showmen from each of the livestock divisions (llama/alpaca, miniature equine, pygmy goat, dairy goat and utility/fiber goat) will be eligible to compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion honors.
- A 4-H exhibitor who wins Champion or Reserve Champion in more than one species must select which species they will represent in the Master Showmen Competition by Thursday at 6:00 PM
  - The species which the multiple champion does not select to represent in Master Showmen will then be offered to the third or fourth place overall in that species to compete.
- Separate Master Showmen contests for juniors, intermediates, and seniors will be held.
- Show order will be Senior, Intermediate, and Junior. In addition, it will be posted by 7:00 PM the night before the show.
- Competitors will have 15 minutes to get their animals to the proper location.
- This contest will include a written test as part of the tabulation. Please refer to the county fair schedule for the scheduled time of the written test.
- The exhibitor must use the animal they won Grand Champion or Reserve Champion with.
  - If the superintendent determines that showmanship cannot be safely completed, an animal may be substituted prior to the class division starting, and subject to prior approval from the CSU extension agents.

## **Appendix F**

### **Livestock Showmanship**

- Youth exhibitors are required to show in their respective breeding and market showmanship classes for which they have entered.
- Exhibitors must show their own animal.
- Exhibitor may use any animal for showmanship that has met ownership and weight requirements.
- Underweight animals may only be shown for showmanship if the underweight animal is the exhibitor's only entered animal.
- In breeding beef showmanship any animal entered by the exhibitor will be allowed to be used except for the case of cow/ calf pair. If only a cow/calf pair is entered the calf must be used for showmanship.
- Grand and Reserve Grand winners in each age division will compete in the Master Showman competition.
- Individuals in breeding project will compete in the Breeding Showmanship Classes held on the day of their species breeding shows; however these champions and Reserve Champions are not eligible for Master Showmen.
- Extenuating circumstances affecting showmanship participation must be brought to the attention of the Species Superintendent and CSU Extension 4-H Office representative on duty as soon as possible.
- Show order for all Showmanship contests will be senior, intermediate, and then junior.

## Appendix G

### Carcass Contests

**Lamb, goat, beef and swine carcass contests** will be conducted by ultrasound prior. Carcass data will be available to exhibitors during the County Fair if the results are received. The Champion and Reserve Champion Carcass will receive recognition at the Achievement Celebration. No county fair premiums will be paid.

## **APPENDIX H**

### **Rate of Gain**

The Rate of Gain Contest is designed to highlight traits desirable in a commercial feed operation. The rate of gain contest focuses on the average daily gain over a specific period of time. Average daily gain (ADG) is a performance measure that many beef, swine, sheep, and goat producers monitor. Factors that affect the ADG of animals are diet/nutrition, genetics, and weather/production conditions.

This contest will be set up over a similar time frame to producers to increase accuracy of the average daily gain. The species eligible for the Rate of Gain Contest are beef, sheep, and goats.

1. All animals that are going to be used for the rate of gain contest must be weighed in at tag-in for the county and at the final weigh date for that species. There will be no alternate dates for this contest. The dates per species are as follows:
  - a. Cattle will have the initial weigh date at Beef Tag In on February 17<sup>th</sup> and re-weigh in date will be on May 11<sup>th</sup>
    - i. Please note that animals must make weight at the El Paso County Fair to maintain eligibility for this contest
    - ii. Attention cattle exhibitors this means you will need three weigh tickets to stay eligible for this contest
    - iii. In order to be eligible, the youth must attend all weigh-ins and complete the written test
  - b. Goats and sheep will have the initial weigh-in date be at Goat/Sheep Tag In on May 7th with the re-weigh date being at check in at county fair
    - i. Please note that animals must make weight at the El Paso County Fair to maintain eligibility for this contest
    - ii. In order to be eligible, the youth must attend all weigh-ins and complete the written test
2. All animals must weigh in on a scale certified or approved for this activity by CSU Extension. There will be two official weigh masters and recorder will be designated at each weigh-in. One weigh master will be from the Livestock Advisory Committee and one weigh master will be a superintendent for that species. The recorder will obtain the following information: name of the youth, tag number of the animal, and weight. The recorder should provide all information to CSU Extension within one week of weigh-in.
3. Animals must make weight for specific species as outlined in the El Paso County Livestock Premium Book to be eligible for these awards. They must participate in their respective market shows during the El Paso County Fair with the respective animal(s) entered in the Rate of Gain Contest.
4. All market animals entered in El Paso County Fair that meet the previously criteria can enter this contest.

5. The Champion and Reserve Champion Rate of Gain will receive recognition at the Achievement Celebration. No county fair premium will be paid.
6. The written test will be given prior to county fair so please watch the newsletter for date and time. No make-up sessions will be available.
7. In order to be eligible for Supreme Champion Contest you will have to participate in the Rate of Gain contest
8. The contest will be based and scored on following criteria:
  - a. **Placings (0-10 Points)**- The highest placing animal will receive 10 points for first place, 8 points for second place, 6 points for third place, 4 points for fourth place, 2 points for fifth place, and 1 point for sixth place
  - b. **Written Test (0-5 Points)** - Score will reflect the points on the test i.e. 5 questions correct will earn five points
  - c. **Tie Breaks**- will be broken off the written test
9. If the written test is not taken in the scheduled time frame the exhibitor is not eligible for the award.

## **APPENDIX H**

### **Swine Trifecta**

This award will be given to the top two outstanding 4-H members (ages 8-18) in the market swine project. There will not be any distinction between ages. The focus of this award is on rewarding excellence in project management and promoting quality assurance of livestock products for consumers. Contestants will be evaluated on three areas:

- a. Showmanship
- b. Carcass
- c. Participation in local county programming

Youth choosing to enter The Swine Trifecta competition must have met the requirements for Meat Quality Assurance training and met the minimum weight requirements at county fair.

**The Swine Trifecta will be based on the following criteria and scoring system:**

- a. Showmanship (0-10 points)- 1<sup>st</sup> place= 10 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place= 9 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> place= 8 points, etc.
  - Contestants will earn points up to 6<sup>th</sup> place
  - Will be the tie-breaker in the contest
- b. Carcass (0-10 points)- 1<sup>st</sup> place= 10 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place= 9 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> place= 8 points, etc.
  - Carcass will be placed to 6<sup>th</sup>
  - If an exhibitor has two animals that rank in the top six placings, only the highest-ranking animal will be used to calculate points. In addition, if this happens then the other participants will be moved up in chronological order to fill the rest of the placings up to sixth place
- c. Participation in local county programming (5 points)
  - The maximum number of points earned is 5 points for attending an approved event in El Paso County listed out below:
    - Attending one of the in-person MQA classroom sessions
    - Attending a swine clinic held in El Paso County by the Livestock Advisory Committee or Swine Superintendent

## **APPENDIX I**

### **Fun Classes**

**NOTE:** Animals in the fun classes/ fun events must have been shown in other regular classes during the County Fair. Therefore, no animals can be brought onto the grounds specifically for the special events.

#### **Goat-Khana & Sheep-khana Contests (no fee)**

Sign-up sheets will be posted in all the Goat Barns. Goat-Khana and Sheep-Khana is open to all 4-H exhibitors in El Paso County Fair. Animal used may be of any goat breed shown in its respective breed class providing it is at least one (1) year old with the exception of market goats (as these goats are less than 1 year). Owner permission is required. No goat may participate with more than one handler. Timed race through obstacles including (but not limited to) water, fallen limbs, a bridge.

## **Appendix AA**

### **FFA Producer Classes**

(All elements of this contest will be tracked by FFA)

FFA Producer classes are livestock classes for exhibitors who raised their own exhibit animals in market sheep, market goats, market swine, market beef. Individuals who breed and raise their own animals will show against one another. FFA members must nominate their producer project animal by submitting photographs and animal information by the producer species deadlines.

This class is in addition to the regular market class but does not increase the number of market animals you can bring to the El Paso County Fair. FFA members will be limited to the species limit as published in the fair premium.

The Champion Producer for each species will be awarded at the District X FFA Leadership Conference.

#### **Producer Nominating Procedure**

The rules and nomination procedure are the same as for all species. You will be limited to nominating 10 animals per project area. You must have an active breeding project listed in AET, have an up-to-date record in AET including a completed breeding manager, the animals must be tagged, notched or tattooed by the producer. It is recommended that organizational club leaders verify nominations to ensure the animal was born at the member's place of residence; this must be done while the animal is still nursing.

To nominate an animal, the member must complete an FFA proficiency award application in their required category of "species" producer - entrepreneurship, should take a photograph (preferably digital) of the animal while it is still with its dam so that any distinguishing marks are visible (this should be accomplished prior to the animal being weaned). This picture along with a written description of the animal as well as sex, animal ID or tag number (some form of identification on the animal such as ear notches on swine, tattoos for goats, etc. must be used). The photographs and animal identification information must be submitted to the Extension Office in the FFA member's name by the appropriate deadline below:

This is a three-part nomination process. The first part is the dam submittal which is the top half of the form. It is due January 31 for all species. The second part is the FFA Proficiency application. This is due when the Colorado FFA State Proficiency applications are due, February 15. The third part is the offspring submittal which is the bottom half of the form is due May 1 for all species.

**Dam submittal nomination deadline is January 31**

**FFA Proficiency Application deadline is February 15**

## **Offspring submittal nomination Deadline is May 1**

### **Producer Class Outline**

The producer class is in addition to the regular market classes and is placed 1-6. Producer class market animals will be shown in a market producer class at the El Paso County fair and must be tagged in at the weigh-in/tag in for that species under the name of the producer. The producer market animal must make weight and all market animal rules/processes must be followed.

There will be **three** parts to be evaluated as part of the Champion Producer Award.

**Producer Class:** Participants will receive an inverse number of points from their placing.

For example, if there are 10 entries in the class, 1<sup>st</sup> place earns 10 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> earns 9 points, etc.

**Questions:** 2-5 questions will be asked by the judge relating to the production of the corresponding species. All entries will be asked the same questions or similar questions. The interview will take place in the show ring following judging of the Producer Class. Each contestant will earn a score from 1-10, based on the answers and knowledge of the contestants.

**Completed FFA Proficiency Application:** Please refer to FFA Advisors for an outline of scoring.

## Appendix AB

### **FFA Premier Exhibitor Contest**

(All elements of this contest will be tracked by FFA)

All exhibitors are encouraged to enter! All entries should be made in FairEntry. This award will be given to the outstanding FFA member in each of the livestock project species: beef, sheep, swine, goat, rabbit and poultry projects. There will not be any distinction between ages. The focus of this award is on rewarding excellence in total project management and promoting quality assurance of livestock products for

consumers. Contestants will be evaluated on five production areas:

- a) Class Placings: Both breeding and market
- b) Record keeping (FFA Proficiency Application)
- c) Showmanship
- d) Knowledge based test
- e) Interview

Youth choosing to enter the Premier Exhibitor Award competition must have met the requirements for Meat Quality Assurance training

A member may enter one or more species for the Premier Exhibitor Award, provided all FFA eligibility rules have been followed for enrollment, County Fair and record judging.

The Premier Exhibitor Award will be based on the following criteria and scoring system:

- a) **Class Placings (0-20 points)**- Highest placing animal in Market and Breeding show: o Market: 10 points possible- 10 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 8 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6 for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4 for 4<sup>th</sup>, 2 for 5<sup>th</sup> o Breeding: 10 points possible- 5 points to enter plus 5 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 4 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3 for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2 for 4<sup>th</sup>, 1 for 5<sup>th</sup>, 1 for 6<sup>th</sup>
  - o Producer class placings are not eligible
- b) **Proficiency Award (0-25 points)** **This must be turned in at the required state FFA deadline.** Please refer to your FFA Advisor on the scoring.
- c) **Showmanship (0-25 points)** – 1<sup>st</sup> place = 25 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 23 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 21 points, etc. The placings will be based off market showmanship unless the youth only shows breeding animals in which the breeding showmanship placing will be used.

d) **Knowledge Test (0-25 points)** –Score will reflect the points scored on the test i.e. 23 questions correct will earn 23 points. Test will be given at County Fair.

e) **Interview (0-25 points)**- Sign up for interview times with the Extension Agent during the County Fair. Interviews will be conducted on Friday

f) Additional points will be given in Showmanship (market and breeding if applicable), Market and Breeding as follows:

- Grand Champion receives **3 additional points**
- Reserve Grand Champion receives **2 additional points**
- There must be five or more contestants to receive additional points

An exhibitor will forfeit their eligibility for the Premier Exhibitor Award if it is deemed by the Rules Committee that a member exhibited poor sportsmanship or engaged in unethical behavior during the County Fair Livestock Show.