

4-H & FFA LIVESTOCK SHOW AND SALE

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(For more information regarding the Livestock and Sale, contact Tom Benton, Livestock Sales Committee Chairperson, or contact the Tri-River Area Extension Office.)

RULE 1: The Mesa County Junior Livestock show will be held at the Mesa County Fairgrounds on Highway 50 during the last week of July each year. Entries are open to regularly-enrolled FFA and 4-H club members of Mesa County (student must be currently enrolled or graduated from a Mesa County school program) and who have met the May 1 enrollment deadline.

RULE 2: Each market exhibitor is allowed to weigh and tag 3 market beef, 3 market sheep, 3 market goats and tag 6 market swine. Each exhibitor may enter and show 2 market beef, 3 market sheep, 3 market goats and 2 market swine. One swine and one sheep may be designated for the carcass contest. Exhibitor will be allowed to sell only one lot in the Junior Livestock Sale. One lot consists of 1 beef or 1 sheep or 1 swine or 1 goat or 1 turkey or 1 pen of 3 rabbits or 1 pen of 3 chickens. Only one (1) under/overweight animal may be kept on the fairgrounds for showmanship. All other underweight, overweight and extra animals will be taken home.

RULE 3: Pre-Entries:

- A. Entry information may be obtained from the CSU Cooperative Extension Office and FFA Vocational Agriculture Instructor.
- B. 4-H Leaders or Vocational Agriculture Leader must certify on the pre-entry as to ownership and project enrollment of the exhibitor.
- C. Pre-entry forms are required in the extension office on or before 5:00 P.M. July 1, 2008.
- D. No one animal can be entered as both a 4-H and FFA project.
- E. No partnership entries will be accepted.

RULE 4: Livestock awards will be based on the American System. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th placings will be awarded in each class on the basis of the animals' numerical standing.

RULE 5: The sale order shall be Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion followed by class placings. No Sifted animals will be sold.

- A. Beef must grade prime, choice or high select to sell. NOTE: All decisions made by the beef sifter and/or judge are final.
- B. All market lambs except Whiteface and Southdown must weigh a minimum of 100 lbs. at the fair. Market Whiteface and Southdown weight will be 85 lbs. at the fair.
- C. Market swine must weigh 230-280 lbs. to show and sell at the Junior Livestock Sale.
- D. Market goats must weight 60 –120 lbs. to show and sell at the Junior Livestock Sale.
- E. After weigh-in, all livestock will be divided into near equal classes by the superintendents. The superintendents' decision will be final as to the classification.
- F. Only animals shown in market classes will be sold. Once an animal is identified for the sale at the fair, that animal may not be substituted for another animal after the sale.
- G. Any carcass of a market animal that is condemned is the responsibility of the seller.

RULE 6: There will be no second animal buy-backs at the fair. A list of buy-back buyers will be

available and it is the Member's responsibility to contact these buyers and arrange for a private treaty. All extra animals must be taken home or designated as private treaty animals on disposition forms.

RULE 7:

- A. All Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions of the Market show must be sold at auction after they have been exhibited and placed. IF AN EXHIBITOR RECEIVES GRAND CHAMPION IN MULTIPLE MARKET SPECIES, ALL MUST SELL AT AUCTION. All large Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market animals will leave immediately following the Junior Livestock Sale to a USDA facility for slaughter and testing.
- B. All animals will be sold as singles and will be delivered to local packing houses at no cost to buyer. (Exceptions: Rabbits and poultry will be sold as a pen of three).
- C. All animals become the property of the buyer at the point of sale.

- D. Exhibitors will be charged 5% of selling price to be deducted at sale time to defray marketing costs.
- E. Bidding is open to the buying public.
- F. Purchase price will be computed immediately following the sale.
- G. Exhibitors' market animals that are sold through the Junior Livestock sale and are held for additional testing, will have their check held until the testing is cleared.

RULE 8: A. Market animals will be weighed at the scheduled time or class assignments. All livestock must be on the grounds by time specified in the schedule.
 B. Sale weight will be based on weight of animals at the fair weigh-in with a 2% pencil shrink calculated for sale purposes.
 C. Absolutely no re-weighs.

RULE 9: Exhibitors are responsible for keeping their stock properly fed, watered, and bedding cleaned. Penalties such as forfeiture of premium and/or exclusion from Livestock Sale, may be imposed at the discretion of the Mesa County Executive Fair Board (MCEFB). All animals must be fed and watered daily. **No straw will be allowed. No muddy pens will be allowed. NOTE:** Livestock exhibitors will be required to store their extra feed and bedding in a club stall or trailer.

RULE 10: All entries are accepted with the understanding that neither the Mesa County Executive Fair Board (MCEFB) or the sponsoring group shall be held responsible for any damage, accidents, or loss of livestock on exhibit or for sale.

RULE 11: Exhibitors are required to enter showmanship **except swine where showmanship is optional**. Exhibitors must be present to show their own animal. First year members may show in the novice class, then must show in their age division. All requests for exceptions must be presented in writing directly to Extension Office and will be considered by the 4-H Agent /FFA Advisors and specie's superintendent. Any substitutes must be regularly enrolled 4-H/ FFA members in Mesa County.

Classes will be divided when the amount of entries exceeds the number designated by the Superintendent.

The Judge will consider:

- 1. Appearance of Animal.....20%
- 2. Showing of Animal.....50%
- 3. Courtesy and Appearance of Exhibitor....15%
- 4. Knowledge.....15%

RULE 12: 4-H and FFA can show in open shows. No animal that will be shown in the Mesa County 4-H and FFA beef, swine, sheep or goat market show can be shown in the Open Class Show.

RULE 13: Exhibitors will be limited to two entries per breeding class.

RULE 14: At least five eligible animals of a breed must be entered in a class to be judged as a regular class. Incomplete classes of one sex and breed may be combined to constitute a special mixed-age class. It will be left up to the Judges' discretion as to whether an animal in an incomplete class merits advancement to Reserve and Grand Champion competition.

RULE 15: Specific breed divisions will be entered in the fair Exhibitors Guide in future years only if enough animals were entered of that breed the previous year to judge for Champion and Reserve Champion, either sex. (See Rule 13.) Breeding classes will be added as entries at the fair indicate a need. A minimum of 10 breeding animals of one sex (except

producing cows) are required to establish a breed division.

- RULE 16: Breeding Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected in a breed only if two or more regular classes exist in that category. 1st and 2nd place winners of regular and special classes would be eligible to compete.
- RULE 17: Fair management will make every attempt to have a veterinarian on the grounds or on call for each day of the fair. If a veterinarian is called for a special problem, the owner of the animal in question must be present when the vet arrives.
- RULE 18: 4-H AND FFA CLUB GROUPS OF THREE: Each 4-H and FFA club may enter one group of three Market Steers/Heifers, Lambs, and Hogs which it feels best represents the club. To be eligible, all animals in the group must have been shown in the regular 4-H and FFA Market Class, met all requirements in that class, and be shown in this special class by its owner. The club must represent three different owners. Each club may appoint no more than one herdsman to assist this group in the ring. Their herdsman must be a bona fide exhibitor from the club. It is not necessary for individual animals to be identified or pre-entered in this special class prior to show date.
- RULE 19: No tranquilizers and/or anesthetics may be used as a means of calming a show animal. There are no labeled tranquilizers or anesthetics for meat animal use.
- RULE 20: All market animals administered feed additives and/or growth stimulants must be removed from such additives and/or stimulants within the time specified on the label.
- RULE 21: All market animal exhibitors will be required to sign a "statement of disclosure" listing all antibiotics, medications, pesticides or other substances that have been administered to or used on or in the animal (60) sixty days prior to the 4-H/FFA Junior Livestock Sale.
- RULE 22: DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS ARE DUE AT FAIR WEIGH-IN.
- RULE 23: Unethical practices - THIS APPLIES TO ALL ANIMALS: The following are termed unethical practices. The first violation of these rules will result in a written warning issued by the superintendent. The second violation will automatically result in disqualification.
- A. No dressing will be allowed that is not labeled as "APPROVED FOR ANIMAL USE" or cleared through the species superintendent.
 - B. Any grooming materials on an entry when rubbed with cloth or glove which shows evidence of artificial color. This does not apply to hoof dressings used on hooves.
 - C. Any entries adding an artificial tail head or tail fin, artificial poll, or any hair or hair-like substance.
 - D. The showing of livestock of any ineligible age or showing unethically fitted livestock is prohibited.
 - E. Unethical fitting will be deemed to consist of any method, which alters the natural conformation of any part of the animal's body.
 - F. No drench guns or artificial device for hydrating or feeding of animals will be allowed. Drenching will approved only under veterinary care.
 - G. No muzzles will be permitted on any sheep at any time.

No animal shall be decorated with unnecessary trappings, etc. Changing the color of hair, feathers, or wool at any point, spot or area on the animal's body or any grooming materials that allow color to come off from any animal will not be allowed on the fairgrounds. Any animals that do not pass a random swatch test will be disqualified.

The Mesa County Executive Fair Board reserves the right to exclude from the grounds, any exhibit or animal, or entry that may be falsely entered, and also reserves the right to exclude those deemed undesirable, or objectionable without assigning a reason therefore.

RULE 24: Grooming: While on the fairgrounds, it is expected that animals exhibited in any Junior Show be trained, fitted, and dressed for show competition by the junior exhibitor. Junior exhibitors are expected to prepare their own project animal for exhibition. Senior members are encouraged to provide assistance and support for younger members. If assistance is needed for reasons of safety, then another exhibitor, a Mesa County 4-H Leader, parent, or a Mesa County Executive Fair Board (MCEFB) Official can provide assistance. If assistance is provided, the member enrolled in the project must be present to benefit from the teaching and instruction.

- RULE 25: Dress Code:
The dress code will be enforced at any time an exhibitor enters the show ring to show or sell an animal. The Exhibitor will wear long or short sleeve dress shirts, buttoned up if applicable, with neckline being as high as the top button of a standard dress shirt. Collars are required. Long pants or skirts are to be worn and appropriate foot wear (NO open toed-shoes). Leather (or leather look alike), western or work style boots are required for all livestock exhibitors. All exhibitors must enter the show ring clean and neatly groomed. Also review specific animal categories for more information.
- RULE 26: Wholesome Meat: The Wholesome Meat Act requirement will be administered on a levels program. All new members will be required to complete the Wholesome Meat Workshop, and then as the member moves from the Junior level to the Senior level, there will be a refresher workshop. Every exhibitor will be required to sign a "Commitment to Excellence" acknowledgment and turn it in with the pre-entry card.
- RULE 27: Show Ring Code of Ethics: Each exhibitor will sign a statement that they have read, agree and consent to abide by the code of ethics as outlined below. This statement will be turned in with pre-entries, prior to the fair.
- A. When requested by show officials, be able to show proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered.
 - B. When requested by show officials, provide animal health certificates from a licensed veterinarian.
 - C. Junior exhibitors will care for and groom their own animals while at the fair or show.
 - D. Animals which will enter the food chain must be free of drug residues or foreign substances. For all animals, drugs may only be used in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial laws. Any treatments at the show involving medications for the health of the animal must be administered by a licensed veterinarian. Show Management or regulatory officials may take any samples they wish for testing.
 - E. Changing the animals' performance, natural contour, conformation, or appearance through surgery, injection or application of substances such as irritants or counter-irritants is prohibited.
 - F. Showing and handling practices or devices to cause swelling are prohibited.
 - G. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, Show Management, other exhibitors or breed representatives is prohibited at all times. Problems will be resolved through appropriate channels.
 - H. No one may conspire, contribute to or cooperate with others to violate this code, either by their action or inaction.
 - I. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and participants are absolutely responsible for an animal's condition whether or not they did something in violation themselves or knew of treatment that violates the code.
 - J. Exhibitors upon entry consent to disciplinary action for violation of the Code of Show Ring Ethics, including publishing the infraction and violators' names.
 - K. Exhibitors verify that they have read and understand the Code of Ethics, as well as the consequences and penalties for violations. Exhibitors understand that evidence of violation of any law will be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities.
- RULE 28: Dispositions - Exhibitors are responsible for notifying division superintendents of the disposition of all animals within 60 minutes of the final class. The only exception to this will be for individuals who have more than one species of livestock. Failure to turn in a disposition form on time will result in the exhibitor being excluded from the Junior Livestock Sale.