

Listed below are changes to the livestock section of the 2026 4-H/FFA fairbook. Because of deadlines on ownership of animals and producer class fair entries, listed below are changes to the livestock section of the 2026 4-H/FFA Arapahoe county fairbook. Breeding swine has been added to the Swine Department entries and the instructions for the Bred and Fed Contest (Producers Classes) has changed.

BRED AND FED CONTEST (Producer's Classes)

*See Chart for Division & Class Number
Under Each Species*

The objective of this contest is to recognize members in the beef, sheep, swine and goat breeding and market projects who are breeding, raising and exhibiting their own livestock. This contest is a way of extending acknowledgement to members that put in time and effort into a project throughout the entire year by maintaining a breeding animal and raising the offspring to exhibit.

Exhibit Rules:

1. 4-H members must be enrolled in a 4-H breeding project (Beef, Sheep, Swine, or Goat) online to enter breeding or market producer classes.
2. Ownership of the dam must be in the name of the exhibitor or immediate family.
3. Each exhibitor may enter one market and one breeding animal per species.
4. The 2-part nomination form must be signed and submitted by the required deadlines. See form for additional requirements. Keep a copy for your records.
 - a. Dam nomination: form must be received at the extension office no later than March 7.
 - b. Offspring nomination: form must be received by the extension office no later than May 1
5. Animals that have not been properly nominated will not be eligible for these classes.
6. Only offspring may be exhibited.
7. The dam is not required to be exhibited at the fair.

DIVISION – BREEDING SWINE

See Chart for Division and Class Numbers

Project Exhibit Rules:

1. All Breeding Swine must remain at the Fairgrounds until all other livestock is released on Sunday, July 26 at 5:00 p.m.
2. A minimum of three breeders is the norm to constitute a breed show. Any breed with less than three breeders represented may be combined with other breed classes.
3. Boars may not be shown at the Arapahoe County Fair.
4. Age classifications for junior breeding swine will be as follows:
 - a. December/January Gilts - farrowed Dec. 1 - Jan. 31, 2026.
 - b. February/March Gilts - farrowed Feb.1 – March 31, 2026.
 - c. April Gilts – farrowed April 1 - 30, 2026.
5. Champion and Reserve Champion gilt in each breed will receive a single strand ribbon. Grand Champion breeding swine will receive a Grand Champion Award and a double strand purple rosette ribbon. Reserve Grand Champion breeding swine will receive a Tool of Project award and a double strand lavender rosette ribbon.
6. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Awards will be presented at the Arapahoe County 4-H/FFA Achievement Awards Ceremony, Wednesday, October 7, 2026.