

4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK AND SMALL ANIMAL RULES

FAIR EXHIBIT ENTRY DEADLINE FOR ALL 4-H/FFA PROJECTS – Monday, June 15, 2026

NOTE: Please make sure all animals are secured on Friday night, July 24 and Saturday night, July 25 during the Drone Show

Violation of any of the rules, requirements, and policies listed in this Fair Book may result in but are not limited to the following consequences: Disqualification of the member and/or animal, forfeiture of premiums, awards and/or Auction proceeds and/or sanctions as deemed appropriate.

EXHIBIT ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Fair entry is required for all 4-H/FFA animal exhibits. 4-H project online enrollment is not fair entry.
2. Fair Exhibit Entry opens on June 1 and closes June 15, 2026.
3. 4-H project exhibit entry is to be done online at [ArapahoeCounty.FairEntry.com](https://arapahoeextension.colostate.edu/arapahoe-county-fair/).
4. 4-H members will use their "4honline.com" ID to log into the 4-H Fair entry system.
5. FFA members will need to set up an account.
 - Click on Not in 4-H online, and need a Fair Entry account? (Under Sign in with FairEntry).
 - Once account is set up select Individual (green button)
 - In New Individual Exhibitor click on the little circle to choose themselves
 - Then click on create an Exhibitor from Scratch
 - Then hit continue and complete all information needed.
6. All exhibits must be entered by Monday, June 15, 2026.
7. Late entries will be accepted up until Monday, June 22, 2026 with a late fee of \$25.00 per exhibitor. Late fees can be paid by mailing a check to:
 - Arapahoe County Extension Office | Attn: Fair Entry | 6934 S Lima St. Suite B. | Centennial, CO 80112
8. Make checks payable to "Arapahoe County Extension Fund".
9. After Monday, June 22, 2026, absolutely no entries will be accepted.
10. In order to be eligible to enter livestock, horse and small animal exhibits at the Arapahoe County Fair, 4-H exhibitors must be bona fide members of an Arapahoe County 4-H Club and FFA members must be bona fide members of an FFA Chapter in Arapahoe County.
11. 4-H Market Beef members must be enrolled by March 1, 2026.
12. All 4-H/FFA beef, sheep, swine, and goat market animals must have been continuously owned and appropriately tagged with an official county tag at the appropriate designated tag-in day and time to be eligible to exhibit at the Fair.
13. For help with computer entry, call Jean at 303-730-1920.
14. The Fair Book is on the website at <https://arapahoe.extension.colostate.edu/arapahoe-county-fair/> and also online at www.arapahoecountyfair.com under the competitions tab to the right. Livestock entry form work sheets are in the back of the Fair Book
15. Permission to participate will be done electronically when entering exhibits online.

16. Please read the Drug Test Waiver information in General Rules & Info. The Drug Test Waiver will be done electronically when entering exhibits online.
17. Drug test fees are \$20.00 per animal and will be collected when animals are tagged-in for the Arapahoe County Fair. Drug testing fees may be paid either by cash or check the day of tag-in.
18. DNA will be taken at each tag-in for county use only.
19. Swine Drug test fees are \$20.00 per animal and will be collected when ear tag packets are picked up at the mandatory swine meeting.
20. It is the member's responsibility to check with the Extension office to make sure the Fair entry was completed by the deadline.

PEN/STALL RESERVATIONS:

1. Space is at a premium at our Fair and we need accurate counts on the number of animals you are bringing.
2. Please complete the online Fair entry with an accurate number of market animals and breeding animals you are bringing. Please include cow/calf pairs.
3. Livestock Superintendents will assign stalls based on the number of animals per exhibitor.
4. Animals may not be stalled in pens not assigned to them.
5. Stall Assignments are final.

EXHIBITOR RULES:

1. 4-H/FFA members enrolled in other counties may not show at the Arapahoe County Fair.
2. Personal scales will not be permitted on the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds during the Fair.
3. All livestock must remain in barn area (barn/wash rack) once in place on Tuesday.
4. All exhibitors and their associates are required to cooperate with all Arapahoe County Fair officials including office clerks, grounds admission, Open Space staff and the Sheriffs Office while on the grounds.
5. Arapahoe County Fair reserves the right to refuse entry of any exhibitor who has been barred from any other show on the basis of unethical practices, disqualified from competition at any major livestock show, from any state or county Fair, or has had premiums withheld or withdrawn on the grounds of a violation of any competition requirement.
6. The use of alcohol by 4-H parents, family members, volunteers, etc. is prohibited in the Civitas Arena, the East Wing and all stalling, preparation and holding areas. If alcohol is consumed by any of those mentioned then it should be done so away from the Civitas Arena, East Wing, 4-H shows/stalls and preparation/holding areas.
7. The Arapahoe County Fair will not tolerate the use of profane, objectionable, derogatory, or otherwise inappropriate language or any behavior that is threatening or vulgar toward any Fair personnel.
8. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, Fair or livestock show Superintendents, 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 livestock show superintendents, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them. Any member or family member who engages in such conduct will immediately be disqualified from the county Fair, removed from the Fairgrounds, and will potentially lose their good standing as a member of 4-H in Colorado.

9. Any member or their parent who fails to comply with the Arapahoe County 4-H Code of Show Ring Ethics, signed by the member and parent and on file in the CSU Extension Office/Arapahoe County, will result in the member being immediately disqualified and removed from the Fair.

OWNERSHIP:

1. See ownership dates listed under each species.
2. Horses, breeding cattle, sheep, swine, llamas, alpacas and goats may be leased. Leases must be signed no later than May 1, 2026. Leases must be on file in Extension office. Market animals cannot be leased.
3. All market animals must have been continuously owned and appropriately tagged with an official Arapahoe County tag at the appropriate designated tag-in day and time to be eligible to show. The exhibitor must be the bona fide owner of the market animal.
4. Market beef exhibitors must have a Colorado issued brand paper that is in their name, not their parent's names at beef tag in for the brand inspector to check. The correct brand paper is also required at market beef check-in at the county fair in order to sell and participate in the market beef project. Market beef project members failing to produce brand papers at beef tag-in and the county fair check-in will not be allowed to participate in the market beef show and sale.
5. The member must immediately notify a 4-H/FFA Livestock Committee member or the CSU 4-H Youth Development/Animal Science Specialist if an ear tag is lost prior to or during the Fair.
6. Animals may not be brought to the Fair for exhibit unless a class is provided for them. Check the Arapahoe County Fair Book for each species.

FAIR ARRIVAL DAY & TIME:

1. Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat, Rabbit, and Poultry exhibits must arrive between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. and be in place by 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 21.
2. The superintendent must approve any deviation from these times. Exhibitors arriving late, unless pre-arranged, will be fined \$25.00.
3. The mandatory Livestock meeting will be in the Civitas Arena at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 21, 2026.
4. Every animal entered for the competition shall be under the control of the department superintendent. Upon arrival, the superintendent must check in animals. All entries must comply with MQA and health regulations entitled "MQA & Health Requirements".

ANIMAL WELLNESS CHECK:

1. Please arrive at the entry times listed above. Before animals can be stalled, the show Superintendent will check each animal for evidence of infections or contagious diseases, external parasites, lice, mites, abnormal skin lesions, abnormal nasal and eye discharge, and lameness, etc.
2. Animals not complying with health rules will be held in quarantine and treated at owner's expense, and/or a request made to exhibitor by the superintendent to take the animal home immediately.
3. If your animal has evidence of an infectious or contagious disease (i.e. ringworm) do not bring it to the Fair.

Weigh-In

Tuesday - July 21, 2026

Large Animal Weigh-In – 1:00 p.m.

Species will Weigh Consecutively

Market swine will be weighed immediately after market sheep in the East Wing on Tuesday, July 21

Civitas Arena

Order of Weigh-In

- Market Beef
- Market Goat
- Market Sheep

East Wing

- Market Swine

*In order to sell and participate in the Market Beef project, exhibitors must bring a Colorado issued brand paper that is in their name, not their parent's names to County Fair market beef check in.

East Wing

- Market Rabbit Weigh-In – 2:00 p.m.
- Market Poultry Weigh-In – 3:00 p.m.

MARKET SALE ELIGIBILITY:

Market Beef:

- Minimum of 1,000 lbs.

WEIGH-IN SCHEDULE

1. It is the expectation that the 4-H/FFA member be present and participating at time of weigh-in.
2. In the event that the market animal does not make the weight range set by the committee, either over or under, it will automatically be re-weighed. At that time, the animal will be removed from the scale and the scale re-balanced (zeroed). 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, a re-weigh will not be allowed.
3. All weights called by the Extension Office/Livestock Committee or other Fair Personnel are final. If questions arise, the animal will be backed off, scale balanced (zeroed) and re-weighed immediately. The animal is not permitted to leave the scale area.
4. WEIGHT PROTESTS WILL NOT BE HEARD
5. Animals under the minimum weight and over the maximum weight will not be sold at the Auction.
6. There will be feeder classes for those that do not make weight and heavy weight classes for those over the maximum weight.
7. 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

Small Breed Market Beef:

- Minimum of 650 lbs. and a maximum of 1100 lbs.

Lambs:

- Minimum of 100 lbs.

Goats:

- Minimum of 50 lbs. and a maximum of 120 lbs.

Swine:

- Minimum of 220 lbs. and a maximum of 290 lbs.

Poultry:

Chickens -

- Broiler Pen: 4.5 lbs. – 6.5 lbs. each
- Roaster Pen: Over 6.5 lbs. each

Turkeys –

- Minimum 13 lbs. and maximum of 35 lb. each

Rabbits:

Meat Pen of 3 Rabbits, same breed & variety –

- Minimum 3.5 lbs. and maximum 5.5 lbs. each,
- Age not over 10 Weeks.

Single Fryer –

- Minimum 3.5 lbs. and maximum 5.5 lbs.
- Age not over 10 weeks.

Roaster –

- Minimum 5.5 lbs. and maximum 9 lbs.
- Age limit under 6 months.

Stewer –

- Minimum 8 lbs.
- Age 6 months & over.

SHOW RULES:

1. 4-H & FFA classes will be combined.
2. Exhibitor numbers must be clearly visible at all times and must be worn on exhibitors' backs during livestock shows.
3. If an animal is deemed unruly and/or a safety hazard to the public by the superintendent the animal will be disqualified.
4. All beef exhibits must be naturally polled or dehorned and not have scurs longer than two inches at any time.
5. Only two calls will be made for each class. If exhibitor is not in the show ring following the second call, they will forfeit that class. The time period between the second call and last animal in the ring will be determined by the Superintendent of the show. No Exceptions.
6. Only the exhibitor/owner will be allowed in the show ring during official judging. In case the exhibitor has more than one animal in a class, or sickness or other emergency, an animal may be shown by a substitute providing the substitute is a bona fide enrolled Arapahoe County 4-H/FFA member and the superintendent grants permission.
7. Family members, the public or other associates are not allowed in the show ring holding pens or the show ring during judging. Exhibitors are responsible for the sole care of their animals while the judge has their animals penned in these areas.
8. Sheep, beef, goats, swine, poultry and rabbits cannot have paints, powders or glitters on them the day of sale.
9. All breeding and market beef, sheep, swine, goats, rabbits, and poultry exhibited at the 2026 Arapahoe County Fair must remain on display until Sunday, July 26, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
10. For security reasons, all livestock barns will be closed at 10:00 p.m., or one hour after the end of the final livestock show, whichever is later. Barns will remain locked until 6:00 a.m.
11. Each barn will have security making rounds throughout the night. No one, except security personnel, is allowed in the barns while they are locked and secured. Please make sure your animals are properly secured when leaving for the night.

Arapahoe County Curfew:**Tuesday, July 21 through Thursday, July 23****11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.****Friday, July 24 through Saturday, July 25****12:00 midnight to 5:00 a.m.***Minors under age 19 must be accompanied by their parents***LIVESTOCK SHOW DRESS CODE:**

All livestock exhibitors are required to wear appropriate show attire when competing. Shorts, tank tops, low-cut shirts, shear blouses, flip flops, t-shirts, shirts with inappropriate messages or logos, ball caps, hats, or bare midriffs are not acceptable attire and should not be worn during a show event. Recommended dress is as follows: long or short sleeved, button down shirt or blouse (shirts must be tucked in), clean jeans or slacks with a belt. Hard-soled, closed-toe shoes or boots are required to protect the feet. Cowboy hats may be worn by beef exhibitors. All white attire is suggested when showing dairy animals.

EXHIBITOR FAIR EXPECTATIONS:

1. All exhibitors named as owners will accept and acknowledge responsibility for the custody, care, and feeding of their animal(s).
2. Animals cannot be removed from the Fairgrounds and then returned. All livestock must remain in the barn area (barn/wash rack) once in place on Tuesday.
3. Members must leave the wash rack clean after using as a courtesy to other exhibitors.
4. Wood shavings will not be provided for all livestock exhibitors. Exhibitors must provide their own shavings.
5. Anyone can help with blocking, grooming, handling, and caring for animals provided the 4-H/FFA project animal owner is present, actively involved and participating. Some areas are designated for Arapahoe County 4-H Leaders, registered 4-H volunteers, and 4-H members in good standing only and are not open to the public.
6. If expectations are not met, one written warning will be issued to any exhibitor who is deemed to be not actively participating or is receiving help from a non-family or non-4-H member.
7. The second written warning will result in loss of show premiums. A third written warning will result in disqualification from the show.
8. Siblings or other 4-H/FFA members may be assisting each other while one member tends to another animal/species/project. This includes cleaning of pens. If a conflict occurs where members have multiple pens/projects to attend to and it cannot be accomplished by the scheduled times or if other special accommodations are needed, please discuss the situation.
9. All alleys must be cleaned by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday and 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday and kept clean throughout the day and at the conclusion of the Fair. Exhibitors are responsible for the alleyway in front of their pen. All used bedding is to be placed in a designated location. Bedding is composted, so please keep it free of any and all trash.
10. It is mandatory that 4-H/FFA members check their animals and provide water (rabbit, sheep, goat, beef, poultry, and swine) two hours before barns are closed for the night.
11. Open feeders, large water troughs, large buckets or barrels are not to be left in pens all day. After your animal has finished eating, please remove any feed receptacles from your pen until the next feeding. Exception: Dairy animals must have water and food available
12. Feed must be kept in a solid container.
13. Every exhibitor/seller is responsible for the care and feeding of his/her stock until it is loaded for release on Sunday, July 26, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. This also includes all animals sold at the sale.

PROTESTS:

Protests will be handled as follows:

1. A written letter of protest must be accompanied with a fee of \$100.00 cash (no checks) and filed with a member of the Arapahoe County Fair Planning committee within 24 hours of the incident.
2. Challenges can only be submitted by 4-H/FFA members.
3. WEIGHT CHALLENGES OR JUDGING DECISIONS WILL NOT BE HEARD.
4. The Fair Planning Committee will have the final decision on any protest.
5. Costs incurred by the Fair Planning Committee to resolve the protest will be paid either by the protester if the protest is not sustained, or by the Fair Planning Committee if the protest is sustained.

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THANK YOU NOTE POLICIES:

Donor Thank You Notes

1. A thank you note must be written to each donor (i.e. Belt Buckle donors, CORE, Youth Livestock Auction Committee, etc.)
2. The name and address of the donors to be thanked will be placed in envelopes and distributed to exhibitors at the following Fair exhibit check-in events:
 - 4-H Cat Show
 - 4-H Dog Show
 - 4-H Consumer Science & General Project Judging
 - 4-H/FFA Mandatory Livestock Meeting.
 - Horse Show
3. All thank you notes for Fair donations (i.e. CORE, etc.) must be presented at the Fair check-in events listed above to receive the donation the day of check-in.
4. The Donor(s) name and mailing address will also be available in the 4-H Fair office.
5. Exhibitors who do not present a thank you note the day of the listed check-in events will have the opportunity to bring their thank you notes to the 4-H Fair office prior to or by noon on Sunday, July 26 in order to receive exhibitor donations.
6. For exhibits to be released on Sunday, July 26, and donations distributed, a thank you note must be presented in an unsealed, addressed stamped envelope with the name and address of the donor prior to checking out exhibits and receiving donations at release.
7. If your thank you note is deemed unacceptable, you will be asked to re-write it

All Thank You Note Envelopes:

- Must be properly addressed (in ink) and stamped to be considered complete.
- Must have the complete name and address of the buyer/donor. Donor names and addresses will be available at each exhibit check-in event.
- Must have a complete return address with the name and address of 4-H/FFA member.

Livestock Buyer Thank You Notes:

- A thank you note must be written to each buyer (including Add-on Buyers) of your animal(s).
- Buyer and Add-on Buyer lists with names and addresses will be made available Sunday, July 26 at 4:00 p.m. in the Civitas Arena.
- Additional Add-on Buyer lists will be made available after the Youth Livestock Auction website closes.
- Thank You Note Suggestions: Notes should thank the buyer for supporting the Youth Livestock Auction and that you hope they will continue to support 4-H/FFA exhibitors in the future. You can also tell them a little about yourself, such as age and how long you have been active in 4-H/FFA. Tell them about your plans for the future (money saved for education, purchase of more animals, etc). The buyers are all interested in the young people that they are supporting during the livestock Auction.
- Thank you notes must be sent directly to the buyer. Buyers not receiving a thank you note usually do not return as a buyer.

4-H/FFA RECORD BOOK INSTRUCTIONS:

The Colorado State 4-H e-record book is required for Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Cat, Dog, Llama, Alpaca and Horse.

1. See additional e-Record tips in General Rules & Information.
2. After the Fair is over, complete all sections of your record book(s) to include Fair results, final weights, Auction data for market animals and other pertinent information. Add photos, complete your story for the year, and close out your project on closing page(s).
3. Record books may be written in pencil, pen, typed or by computer. Complete each page that applies to the project.
4. Record books will be judged according to accuracy, thoroughness and completeness. Points won't be lost if the record book appears worn and well used.
5. Members must complete a record book for each animal project they are enrolled in and receive a score of 70% or above.
6. Record books will be collected and evaluated by club leaders.
7. Members with incomplete record books which score less than a 70% will be given one week to revise their record book to reach a score of 70% or higher prior to being turned into the Extension office by September 1.
8. If revisions are required, the member will not be eligible for year-end record book awards but will satisfy the 4-H completion requirement.
9. Members with records considered incomplete will not be allowed to participate in the incomplete project the following year.

PREMIUMS/AWARDS:

1. The 4-H/FFA Livestock and Horse judging is in accordance to the American System; one first, one second, one third, etc. place is awarded in each class.
2. Only animals awarded first place will compete for Champions.
3. The remaining first place winners and the second place winner in the class from which the Champion was selected will compete for Reserve Champion.
4. Division Champions will receive a single strand purple rosette. Division Reserve Champions will receive a single strand lavender rosette.
5. Grand Champion will receive a double strand purple rosette and Grand Champion Award.
6. Reserve Grand Champion will receive a double strand lavender rosette and Reserve Grand Champion award.
7. Grand Champion Livestock belt buckles with the donor names and addresses will be presented to the Grand Champion exhibitors at their respective shows. The buckle will be returned to the show superintendent after the presentation and taken to the 4-H Fair Office. The buckle winner may pick the buckle up in the 4-H Fair office by presenting a thank you note for the buckle donor.
8. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Awards and Tools of the Project will be presented at the Arapahoe County 4-H Awards Ceremony, Wednesday, October 7, 2026
9. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion winners of junior, intermediate and senior showmanship are eligible for the Round Robin Showmanship contest to be held on Saturday, July 25, at 8:00 a.m. See Round Robin rules.

10. Premiums and ribbons for livestock show classes, including ALL showmanship classes are:

- 1st \$5.00 Blue Ribbon
- 2nd \$4.00 Red Ribbon
- 3rd \$3.00 White Ribbon
- 4th Pink Ribbon
- 5th Yellow Ribbon

ETHICS:

1. The goal of 4-H is to develop productive, responsible youth who will become respected leaders for tomorrow. We expect all county Fair exhibitors and parents to ascribe to and maintain the highest standards of ethical practices. This encompasses honesty and integrity in record keeping, showmanship, herdsmanship, and respect for other exhibitors. Any practices deemed unsafe, inhumane or unethical shall be cause for immediate disqualification and forfeiture of any premiums. The decision of the Superintendents is final. Unethical practices include, but are not limited to the following:
 - Doctoring, doping, tubing or injecting show animals for body “fill-in” or the alteration, changing, defacing or any medication of the markings of show animals and the anatomical structure of an animal; any type of injection where oils, glycerin or like substances are used for body “fill-in,” external applications of such things as liniments and blistering agents that would cause an edematous condition; use of ice packs or other refrigerants to alter the quality of the finish of an animal.
 - Icing of animals will not be allowed.
 - Drenching will be allowed with drench guns, but the use of stomach pumps is prohibited. Rabbits and Poultry may not be drenched. See rabbit rules and Poultry rules included in those sections.
 - Changing the color of hair at any point, spot or area on the animal’s body or any grooming material that allows color to be rubbed off from any animal will result in disqualification.
 - No altering structure of hair or wool coat except for trimming and blocking will be allowed.
 - Any entry adding an artificial tail head or tail fin, artificial poll, or adding any hair or hair-like substance will be disqualified.
 - The showing of livestock of any ineligible age or showing of unethically fitted livestock is prohibited.
 - Altering true weights of animals by excess mud on the animal, loading down sheep with heavy blankets, drenching beef, dousing with water prior to weigh-in, or any attempt to alter weights (beyond the normal practice of voluntary feed and water consumption) to make the minimum weight.
 - Showing an animal not owned by the exhibitor.
 - Bringing animals to the Fair that are not broken to lead, thus, causing safety problems or resulting in delays or disruption of the show.
 - Copying last year’s record book, or someone else’s records to meet completion requirements.
 - Feeding or injecting controlled substances, fluids, drugs, or steroids to alter an animal’s normal body composition or appearance.
 - Inhumane treatment of animals such as: neglect, abuse, withholding feed and/or water, excessive kicking or hitting of animal, etc.
 - Switching ear tags, altering official ear tags or tattoos, switching animals prior to Auction.
 - Showing a market animal at another Fair after it was auctioned for processing at this livestock Auction.
 - All Champion and Reserve Champions may be examined by the Fair vet for violations of ethics rules outlined in this book.

DRUG TESTING:

1. The Arapahoe County Fair reserves the right to administer testing, to include DNA, urine, blood, tissue, and ultra-sound, for any foreign substance on any animal at any time while that animal is on the Arapahoe County Fair premises.
2. Artificial enhancements, surgeries or injections that alter or enhance an animal's phenotype are also prohibited. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance, natural solution 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 the external applications of substances as outlined on rule #7 under Show Rules which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the animals health, is prohibited.
3. Upon ultrasound evaluation of animals, if there are any signs of alteration or enhancement of an animal's phenotype or abnormalities detected and the animal is sold through the Arapahoe County Fair Youth Livestock Auction, the carcass can be examined for unethical fitting, alterations or enhancements of its phenotype as well as the hide confiscated and examined for injection sites that do not comply with Colorado Meat Quality Assurance program procedures and good production practices.
4. Please read the Drug Test Waiver information in the General Rules & Information. The Drug Test Waiver will be done electronically when entering exhibits online.
5. Drug testing fees for all market animals except hogs must be submitted when animals are tagged for the Arapahoe County Fair.
6. Swine drug test fees will be collected at the mandatory swine meeting when ear tags are picked up.
7. All market beef, sheep, goat and swine exhibitors will pay a \$20.00 fee per market animal to cover the cost of testing when animals are tagged for the County Fair.
8. All Grand and Reserve Grand champion animals of each species in the Market divisions will be drug tested at conclusion of each show.
9. Any cost to prove or disprove a positive test will be borne entirely by the exhibitor.
10. The test results from the testing laboratories are final and binding upon the exhibitor, the exhibitor's parents, or guardian even if the exhibitor, or the parents or guardians did not administer the drug or foreign substance to the animal. The exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents or legal guardians agree when signing the Fair entry form that they are the persons absolutely responsible for the care and custody of their animals in preparation for and while at the Arapahoe County Fair.
11. Any exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any drug, foreign substance or is altered in violation of these terms and conditions will be disqualified and forfeit all premiums, trophies, buckles, awards, ribbons, and Auction monies received for the animal that tested positive. Members will not be allowed to show livestock in the Arapahoe County Fair the following year. In addition, action may be taken against the exhibitor and their parents or guardians by the USDA or State of Colorado. The 4-H member will lose their good standing status in the state of Colorado for one year, which would prohibit them from participating in ANY additional livestock shows during their probation.

USDA MEAT, MILK, AND EGG QUALITY ASSURANCE STANDARDS:

The Arapahoe County 4-H program and County Fair Planning Committee endorses and supports the USDA Wholesome Meat Assurance Act.

1. MQA Training Requirements:

- All new and current 4-H/FFA members advancing to intermediate (11 years old) or senior (14 years old) must complete a Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) workshop if enrolled in any goat, beef, sheep, swine, poultry, or rabbit project(s).
- MQA training must be done 45 days prior to the Arapahoe County Fair in order to be eligible to exhibit at the county and/or state Fair(s). Proof of compliance must be submitted to the Arapahoe County Extension Office.
- 4-H/FFA members are required to attend a MQA training during their first year in a livestock project regardless of their age.
- 4-H/FFA members advancing to a new age group (intermediate and senior) must also attend an MQA.
- 4-H/FFA members unable to attend an MQA workshop in Arapahoe County, may attend an MQA workshop in another county OR they may obtain a Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification online or in person at their own expense. YQCA certification is valid for only 1 year and therefore the member must attend a Colorado MQA training the following year.
- Exhibitors enrolled in market and/or breeding livestock projects will complete and sign the Wholesome Meat Act Agreement at the Arapahoe County Fair.
- By signing the agreement, 4-H/FFA members indicate their understanding of and compliance with the Wholesome Meat Act and the Ten Good Production Practices, i.e., taught during MQA. Additionally, the consequences of failing to comply with the Wholesome Meat Act Agreement may result in removal from all 4-H/FFA livestock projects for the 4-H member/family. This agreement must be completed for each livestock project the 4-H member is enrolled in.

2. YQCA Requirements (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals):

- YQCA can be completed by a member enrolled in any livestock project.
- This certification is only valid for one (1) year.
- Members exhibiting market hog projects at state or national shows will be required to obtain a YQCA certification. Check individual show requirements if you plan to exhibit at a show. YQCA may also be required of all species at various shows.
- Meeting YQCA certification requirements is the exhibitor's responsibility.
- YQCA is available online for youth in the United States. YQCA in-person workshops may be available to youth where organizations have partnered with YQCA to have qualified trainers offer in-person workshops.

3. 4-H/FFA livestock exhibitors and parents must comply with the following industry standards to assure highest quality meat, milk, and egg products.

- Strictly follow labeling and manufacturer's pre-market withdrawal periods specified for any and all medications, drugs, pesticides or feed additives administered.
- The use of any non-approved chemical or improper use of chemicals is strictly prohibited.
- Adhere to health requirements and previously stated standards of ethical and humane treatment of livestock to maximize quality of meat products upon shipment for processing.

- Agree to provide proper health treatment under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian to animal(s) entered at the Fair, if any antibiotic, medication, pesticide, or other substance is administered during the Fair.
- Agree to withdraw entry from Fair Youth Livestock Auction for non-compliance with health and/or wholesome meat assurance standards.
- Hold harmless the Arapahoe County Fair Youth Livestock Auction Committee, the Arapahoe County Fair staff and Fair Planning Committee for any loss or damages incurred from the loss of meat or income should an animal be disqualified from the Auction or condemned during processing under the conditions of the USDA Wholesome Meat Assurance Act.
- Colorado and Federal laws prohibit the marketing of unsafe or unwholesome animal products into the food chain for human consumption. Livestock producers, including 4-H/FFA members, who violate quality assurance standards may be criminally liable to prosecution. In addition, by Colorado 4-H policy, violation of quality assurance standards may result in the State 4-H Office changing the “member in good standing” status of any member who violates MQA standards to 4-H member being “not in good standing” and all sanctions that go with that for one year in 4-H.
- If a member, parent, or leader enrolled in a 4-H livestock project violates provisions of either the Wholesome Meat Act or the Meat Quality Assurance Act, the state 4-H office can take away the good standing of the violating member or leader and they will be unable to participate in 4-H contests, Fairs or events for one year.
- At any time after an animal arrives on the Fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian, for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal.

ARAPAHOE COUNTY YOUTH LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Saturday, July 25, 2026 - 5:00 p.m.

Roxie Brockelman
Kathy McDaniel
Kevin Swartz
Kristen SwartzJim Kelley
Jennifer Hasenbalg
Rod Brockelman

1. The Annual Arapahoe County Youth Livestock Auction will be held Saturday, July 25 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, 25690 E. Quincy Ave. (East of E-470 on Quincy)
2. The Arapahoe County Youth Livestock Auction is a terminal Auction.
3. Before an exhibitor can sell their animal, a signed Packer's Certificate indicating compliance with the USDA Wholesome Meat Act must be on file with Extension personnel. Exhibitor must offer the following warranties for their animal to participate in the Auction:
 - That the carcass of the animal complies with the United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act and is fit for human consumption.
 - That the carcass of said animal contains no trace or residue of any illegal drug or any other substance not approved for administration to such animal under applicable laws.
 - That the carcass of such animal reveals no evidence of any unethical fitting process, as defined by the Arapahoe County Fair; and
 - That there exists no unusual circumstances or condition of the carcass of such animal that would materially diminish the value of such carcass.
4. Exhibitors must bring their own animal into the Auction ring. Requests to substitute another youth to bring the animal into the Auction ring must be approved by the Arapahoe County Youth Livestock Auction Committee prior to the Auction, or the exhibitor and animal may be disqualified from current Auction and/or future Auctions.
5. Auction Nomination Cards: Each market animal exhibitor in each species will receive an Auction nomination card at the mandatory livestock meeting.
6. The Auction nomination card must be completed and given to the appropriate specie Superintendent either at weigh-in or upon completion of judging for each species. Exhibitors showing more than one species may wait until the end of all market shows before designating a sale animal.
7. Auction nomination cards must be received by noon on Friday, July 24, 2026.
8. Commitment to sell is final. An animal cannot be sold if it was not designated to sell.
9. Ring stewards will assist 4-H/FFA members with animals in the Auction ring.
10. If an animal is deemed unruly and/or a safety hazard to the public by the superintendent or Auction committee the animal may be disqualified from the Auction or kept from entering the Auction ring.
11. All market stock offered for Auction must have been continuously owned and cared for since:
 - March 1, 2026 Market Beef
 - May 1, 2026 Market Sheep, Swine, & Goats
 - Market Poultry:
 - Chickens:

- Market Broiler Pen hatch date on or after May 27, 2026.
 - Market Roaster Pen hatch date on or after March 4, 2026.
 - Turkeys hatch date between March 4, 2026 through April 1, 2026.
 - Ducks hatch date between May 13, 2026 and June 3, 2026.
 - Geese hatch date between March 4, 2026 and May 20, 2026
 - Market Rabbits:
 - June 1, 2026 Roaster – Under 6 Months
 - June 1, 2026 Stewer – 6 Month & Over
 - June 1, 2026 Single Fryer & Pen of 3-
 - (Must have been born after May 14, 2026 you own the bred doe, or purchased prior to weaning.)
12. All market animals must have been designated to show at the Arapahoe County Fair, ear-tagged, (goats tattooed), and DNA sampled at the respective spring tag-in.
 13. When an animal receives Grand or Reserve Grand Champion of the market beef, sheep, swine, rabbit, poultry or goat shows, it automatically becomes the one designated for sale. If an exhibitor receives more than one Grand or Reserve Grand Champion, then each animal must sell.
 14. All Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions will be sent to slaughter as well as all other animals sold in the Auction. Arapahoe County Youth Livestock Auction animals cannot be shown at any additional shows.
 15. Any animal that sells in the Arapahoe County Youth Livestock Auction is automatically INELIGIBLE for the State Fair. The CSU Extension Office/Arapahoe County will provide a list of all animals that passed through the Auction, and they will not be allowed on the State Fair Grounds.
 16. Each youth may sell only one steer or one hog or one lamb or one goat or one rabbit (pen/single) or one meat pen of poultry at the livestock auction. If an exhibitor receives more than one Grand or Reserve Grand Champion, then each animal must sell.
 17. See weigh-in schedule for market class and sale eligibility.
 18. Beef Brand Inspection Papers are due to the Beef Superintendent no later than beef weigh in at County Fair. Market beef project members not presenting brand inspection papers at beef tag in and county fair check-in will not be allowed to show or sell their market animals
 19. The Superintendent will turn in all brand papers to the Auction Committee chairman for use at the Auction.
 20. Following the Livestock Auction, the Brand Inspector will inspect all animals that are sold at the Auction. Individual papers will be issued to those persons that have purchased cattle at the Auction.
 21. If one person has purchased all the buybacks, one certificate with all the brands will be made for them.
 22. Once an animal is designated for sale at noon on Friday, July 24, 2026, it may not be substituted or withdrawn. Exhibitors not designating an animal for Auction by this deadline will not be allowed to sell. Failure to appear for the Auction after being accepted and included in the sale order will automatically bar an exhibitor from selling in the Arapahoe County Youth Livestock Auction for the next two years.
 23. All animals entered in this Auction will be clearly marked to indicate they have been shown and sold at the 2026 County Fair. The Arapahoe County Youth Livestock Auction Committee reserves the right to mark animals in any manner they desire.

24. The animal Auction order will be posted prior to the Auction, Saturday, July 26, 2025
25. All animals will be sold by the head, not by the pound, i.e. bids will be taken at X dollars per head, not x cents per pound.
26. Any animal that has been decorated in any manner, including but not limited to paint or glitter for the Auction must be washed before the animal can be sent for processing.
27. All stock will remain the property and responsibility of and in title of the seller until loaded for delivery to the buyer up to the conclusion of the Arapahoe County Fair, Sunday, July 26, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. The offer to buy on Saturday, July 25, 2026, is only a guarantee of acceptance at a given price, provided the other terms and rules governing the Auction have been complied with. The seller is responsible for all liability until stock is released and loaded for delivery.
28. Noncompliance may lead to disqualification by the superintendent and will automatically bar an exhibitor from selling in the Arapahoe County Youth Livestock Auction for the next two years.
29. A commission charge is assessed on each animal entered in the youth livestock auction to cover Auction expenses. The auctioneers and auction clerks donate their time and equipment to sell the animals.
30. The Arapahoe County Youth Livestock Auction Committee will select sites for processing and make arrangements for hauling of AUCTION ANIMALS ONLY. The buyer may make the final decision as to site selected if space is available.
31. Sellers are expected to deliver a plaque to their buyer during the auction if buyer is still present after exhibitor exits the Auction ring. Assistance will be provided to let exhibitor know who their buyer is so the plaque can be delivered. If buyer is not present, the seller is expected to deliver the plaque with a thank you note after the auction.
32. Payment will not be made to any exhibitor whose animal is drug tested until all testing results are received and declared negative or non-suspect.

SPECIAL CONTESTS

4-H Members should contact Livestock Superintendents with questions concerning Special Contests.

HERDSMANSHIP AWARDS

Beef - Sheep – Swine – Goat – Rabbit - Poultry

Superintendents

D J Jackson Lakayla Vincent Katy Hamill Rod & Roxie Brockelman
Jonny & Kayla Hess Nichole Harrell Geni Yeater

1. Awards will be given for individual herdsmanship in beef, swine, sheep, goats, rabbit, and poultry to 4-H exhibitors. The award is based on the following:
 - Cleanliness of animals and stalls including aisles during and through the end of the Fair.
 - Cooperation with the superintendents, other exhibitors, and the public attending the Fair.
 - Proper continuous care of animals, including disposal of waste materials and manure.
 - Cleanliness and neatness of feed and watering equipment and prompt removal when not in use.
 - Good sportsmanship between all exhibitors.

2. Exhibitors are expected to clean their stall/pens two times per day beginning prior to 9:00 a.m. and no later than 4:00 p.m. each day. All alleys must be cleaned by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday and 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday and kept clean throughout the day.
3. Consideration for herdsman awards will start at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 21, 2026 and conclude on Sunday, July 26, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
4. The individual herdsman in each species will receive a Grand Champion award at the Arapahoe County Achievement Awards Ceremony Wednesday, October 7, 2026.

LIVESTOCK SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

1. Individuals may be nominated for an Outstanding Sportsmanship Award. Nomination applications can be picked up in the 4-H Fair Office.
2. There will be four divisions in which nominations will be accepted for 4-H/FFA members, parents and volunteers:
 - Junior 8-10 Intermediate 11-13 Senior 14-18 Adult 19 and over
3. Nomination applications can be turned in at the 4-H Fair Office or to the Extension Office by Friday, August 8.
4. A committee will be selected to screen the nominations and select the award recipients.
5. Various qualities should be considered when selecting nominees such as helping others, positive attitude, cooperation, punctuality, work ethic, conduct, observation of all rules and other as seen fit.
6. Sportsmanship Awards will be presented at the Achievement Awards Ceremony, Wednesday, October 7, 2026.

PEEWEE SHOWMANSHIP

Entry Deadline:

Prior to Market Sheep and Market Goat Shows

Prior to Swine Showmanship Contest

Pee Wee's with Sibling in 4-H or Cloverbuds

Contest Rules:

1. "Pee Wee" is for ages 5 to 7 (as of December 31, 2025).
2. "Pee Wee's" with a sibling who is a 4-H/FFA member may participate at the discretion of the show Superintendent.
3. This is not a 4-H/FFA sponsored event.
4. There are no fees for these showmanship events.
5. The intent of these events is to be fun, educational and to encourage youth to participate as exhibitors in the future.
6. A Pee Wee showmanship event will be held at each of the Beef, Sheep and Goat shows and the Market Swine show.
7. Contestants and parents must complete the Pee Wee Showmanship Entry Form and liability waiver, which will be available prior to each animal show.

8. Peewee exhibitors do not have to own an animal. They may use a tame animal of a relative or friend.
9. A parent or older youth must accompany the Pee Wee into the show ring and be available if the animal tries to get away.
10. Peewee exhibitors do not have to be a member of 4-H/FFA.
11. Exhibitors will be required to be clean, neat, and dressed in jeans or slacks and a shirt with a collar.
12. Caps or hats are not allowed in the show ring with the exception that beef showman can wear cowboy hats. Helmets are allowed.
13. Closed-toed shoes or boots are required.
14. Sheep halters are optional.
15. All exhibitors will receive a participation ribbon.

ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

Superintendent – Karen Price

Saturday – July 25, 2026 8:00 a.m.

1. Round Robin Showmanship will be held at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, July 25, 2026.
2. There will be a mandatory meeting at 8:00 a.m. for all participants before the contest begins in the Civitas Arena.
3. All species, except horse, will be shown in the Civitas Arena, including swine, rabbits, market goat, dairy goat, beef, sheep, and poultry. Horses will be shown in the warmup pen by the Civitas Arena.
4. Seniors, Intermediates and Juniors compete together at the same time, but are judged separately.
5. Senior Round Robin contestants will be the judges for the Adult Round Robin. However, if the champion senior showman in each species is not able to compete in Round Robin, they are not allowed to judge the Adult Round Robin.
6. Eligible participants will be the top two winners from junior, intermediate, and senior horse, beef, sheep, swine, market goat, dairy goat, rabbit, and poultry showmanship classes.
7. Eligible Round Robin participants will be asked to enter the contest immediately after their last showmanship class.
8. The names of Round Robin participants in each species must be submitted by each species superintendent to Karen Price, Round Robin Superintendent, by Friday, July 24 or earlier if possible, at 303-249-2260.
9. For the first round of Round Robin Competition, each exhibitor with exception of horse exhibitors, must show his/her own project animal which they qualified with at the 2026 Arapahoe County Fair.
10. Horse Round Robin showmanship contestants may substitute a horse at the discretion of the Horse Superintendents as horses are not stalled at the fairgrounds during the fair.
11. Superintendents may rotate any animal after the first round.
12. If a showman places Champion and/or Reserve Champion Showman in more than one species, he/she may show the species of his/her choice in the Round Robin. The exhibitor must declare to the Superintendent which species they will be showing in the contest.
13. In the event a showman must make a choice of which species to show, or elects not to participate in the Round Robin, the third-place showman in that species would participate and so on.
14. Participants show their respective species first, and then rotate to each remaining species.

15. When showing sheep and goats in Round Robin classes, the front feet of the animal must be on the floor while showing. The front feet can be picked up to set the animal and then placed back down on the floor. Placing the animal on any support or altered ring surface is not acceptable. Consistently lifting the animal by the head and raising the front feet off the ground is not acceptable. Animals should not be lifted for an extended period of time, only in brief instances to assist in getting set when the judge is not handling or viewing the animal.
16. Dress code is determined by the first species being shown. All contestants in Round Robin must wear boots, pants, and the appropriate shirt for their species. Superintendents of each species will be on hand during the competition and can excuse a contestant for not having the proper clothing on due to safety. (See dress code rules for each species.)
17. Contestants' scores are tallied for each species and in total. If there is a tie within an age category (Seniors, Intermediates, and Juniors), the following tie-breaking options will be considered until all ties are resolved.
 - Compare the highest and lowest species scores, the smallest difference is the winner. (Rewards strong scores across species.)
 - Drop Scores for their primary species. (Rewards standout performance in non-primary species.)
 - Drop the lowest species score. (Rewards performance in most species.)
18. Awards will be presented Saturday, July 25 at the beginning of the Livestock Auction in the Livestock Auction Arena.

COLORADO MASTER SHOWMANSHIP

COLORADO STATE FAIR CONTEST

Contest information:

1. Only one exhibitor is eligible to represent each County Fair at the State Fair Master Showmanship contest.
2. The State Fair Master Showmanship Contest classes will include Market Beef, Market Goat, Market Lamb, Market Swine and Horse.
3. Animals will be furnished at State Fair.
4. The Arapahoe County Showman will be selected from the highest scoring Contestant at the Arapahoe County Fair Round Robin Contest.
5. If the highest scoring Contestant is unable to participate at the State Fair, the next highest scoring Contestant will be selected.

CARCASS CONTEST

Friday, July 24, 2026 - 4:00 p.m.

Beef – Sheep – Swine – Goat

1. Ultrasounds will be conducted on each large market animal on Friday, July 24 at 4:00 pm.
2. Carcass data will be available to exhibitors at the Fair.
3. The top three carcasses in each species will receive ribbons and premiums through 3rd place.
4. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Carcass awards will be presented at the Achievement Program, Wednesday, October 7, 2026.

MARKET ANIMAL RATE OF GAIN CONTEST

Beef – Sheep - Goats

1. 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, sheep and goat producers monitor. Factors that affect the ADG of animals are diet/nutrition, genetics, and weather/production conditions.
2. This contest will be set up over a similar time frame for producers to increase accuracy of the average daily gain. The species eligible for the Rate of Gain Contest are beef, sheep, and goats.
3. All animals used for the Rate of Gain Contest must be weighed in at the county tag-in for that species and at the County Fair final weigh date, July 21, 2026. There will not be alternative weigh in dates for this contest.
4. Market animals must make weight at the Arapahoe County Fair to maintain eligibility for this contest.
5. All animals must weigh in on a certified scale approved for this activity by CSU Extension. There will be two official weigh masters and a recorder designated at each weigh-in. The recorder will obtain the following information: Name of youth, animal tag number and weight. The recorder will provide all information to CSU Extension within one week of weigh-in.
6. All Market animals entered in the Arapahoe County Fair must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the contest.
 - Animals must make weight for each species as outlined in the Arapahoe County Fair Book.
 - They must participate in their respective Market Shows during the County Fair with the respective animal(s) tagged and entered in the Rate of Gain Contest.
7. Awards: The top three in each species rate of gain will receive the following:
 - 1st – Blue Ribbon \$5.00
 - 2nd - Red Ribbon \$4.00
 - 3rd - White Ribbon \$3.00
 - Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Awards will be presented in each species.

PREMIER EXHIBITOR AWARDS

Premier Exhibitor Knowledge Test & Interviews

Saturday, July 25, 2026 – 11:30 a.m. - 4-H Fair Office

DIV. 73G – CLASS 579:	Premier Beef Exhibitor
DIV. 74F – CLASS 643:	Premier Sheep Exhibitor
DIV. 75E – CLASS 706:	Premier Swine Exhibitor
DIV. 76L – CLASS 771:	Premier Goat Exhibitor
DIV. 77T – CLASS 844:	Premier Poultry Exhibitor
DIV. 80BD – CLASS 1203:	Premier Rabbit Exhibitor

1. This award will be given to the outstanding 4-H member (ages 8-18) in each of the project species: beef, sheep, swine, goat, rabbit, and poultry projects. 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 six production areas:
 - Class Placings: Both breeding and market
 - Record keeping (including detailed health and nutrition records)
 - Showmanship
 - Herdsmanship
 - Knowledge based test
 - Interview
2. Youth choosing to enter the Premier Exhibitor Award competition must have met the requirements for Meat Quality Assurance training.
3. A member may enter 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.
4. The Premier Exhibitor Award will be based on the following criteria and scoring system:
 - Class Placings- Highest placing animal in Market and Breeding show: 0-20 Market: 10 points possible- 10 for 1st, 8 for 2nd, 6 for 3rd, 4 for 4th, 2 for 5th Breeding: 10 points possible- 5 points to enter plus 5 for 1st, 4 for 2nd, 3 for 3rd, 2 for 4th, 1 for 5th
 - Record Book – 0-25 points must achieve a Blue award to be eligible. 100=25 points, 99=24 points, 98 points=23 points, etc.
 - Showmanship – 1st place = 25 points, 2nd = 23 points, 3rd = 21 points, etc.
 - Herdsmanship –0-10 points: Score will be determined by the species superintendent. The maximum score available is 10 points.
 - Knowledge Test –0-25 points: Score will reflect the points scored on the test i.e. 23 questions correct will earn 23 points. Tests will be given at County Fair.
 - Interview- 0-25 points: Sign up for interview times with the 4-H Youth Development/Animal Science Specialist during the County Fair. Interviews will be conducted on Saturday at the County Fair.
 - Additional points will be given in Showmanship, Market and Breeding as follows: Grand Champion receives 3 additional points, Reserve Grand Champion receives 2 additional points
5. An exhibitor will forfeit their eligibility for the Premier Exhibitor Award if it is deemed by a majority of members on the Livestock Committee that a member exhibited poor herdsmananship, sportsmananship or engaged in unethical behavior during the County Fair Livestock Show.
6. One \$100 cash prize will be given to each Premier Exhibitor in beef, sheep, swine, and goat.
7. One \$50.00 cash prize will be given to each Premier Exhibitor in rabbit and poultry projects.
8. Awards will be presented at the Arapahoe County 4-H Achievement Awards Program on Wednesday, October 7, 2026.

SUPREME CHAMPIONS CONTEST

1. The Supreme Champion (beef, lamb, goat and swine) is an attempt to reward the animal that best combines marketable commercial traits.
2. The contest will consist of two areas of evaluation:
 - carcass
 - live placing.
3. 4-H members must compete in both divisions to be eligible for the Supreme Champion Award.
4. Each area of evaluation will receive a score. The scores from live placing and carcass contest will be totaled to determine the Supreme Champion (beef, sheep, goat, and swine) Award placing.
5. The total score will be weighted as follows: Live Placing 50% and Carcass 50%. (Scores will be figured in increments of 5 from 0 to 100). Ties will be broken on Carcass.
6. Carcass for beef, lamb, goat, and swine will be determined by ultrasound.
7. 4-H members not present at carcass ultra-sound will be disqualified.
8. Live placing points will be determined during the Market Class Show for each species and will correlate with class placings. Five bonus points will be awarded for Grand Champions and two and a half points will be awarded for Reserve Grand Champions in each show.
9. Any animal receiving a score of zero in any of the categories will be disqualified from the contest.
10. Check rules under specific species for any additional information and requirements.
11. Entry is not required for this contest. Market animals are automatically entered if they make weight.
12. Awards: Supreme Champion awards will be awarded in each species at the Achievement Program, Wednesday, October 7, 2026.

LIVESTOCK COSTUME CONTEST

Friday – July 24, 2026 - 4:30 p.m.

East Wing Arena

Superintendents - Katy Hamill & Lakayla Vincent

CLASS: 540

Contest Rules:

1. The contest is open to beef, sheep, swine, and goat project members.
2. Members are encouraged to enter and dress up along with their livestock.
3. There is no set theme.
4. Entries may compete as a single animal/member entry or as a double entry – two animals/two members.
5. Exhibitors must provide a short, one paragraph description of their entry to the show superintendent a minimum of 30 minutes prior to the class.

6. The announcer will read the exhibitors' descriptions as the entries are coming into the arena at the start of the class.
7. Safety is a priority and exhibitors are encouraged to have conditioned their animals to the costume prior to the day of the show.
8. Animals must remain in control at all times.
9. If at any time, the show superintendent feels the entry is unsafe or a danger to other exhibitors, they will reserve the right to excuse the exhibitor from the competition.
10. Awards may be given for:
 - Most creative
 - Funniest
 - Scariest
 - Prettiest
 - Most authentic costume
11. Scoring is based on:
 - 65% Performance and Manners
 - 35% Costume

BRED AND FED CONTEST
(Producer's Classes)

See 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/FFA members must be enrolled in a 4-H/FFA breeding project (Beef, Dairy, 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.
 - Dam nomination: form must be received at the extension office no later than March 7.
 - 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.

GOAT PACK OBSTACLE FUN EVENT

Friday, July 24 – 1:00 p.m.

Civitas Arena

Rules:

1. This event is open to youth and adults of any age.
2. Goats may be shown with a pack.
3. Fanny packs will not be allowed.
4. Participation ribbons will be given.
5. Participants do not need to own a goat.
6. Participants do not need to be enrolled in 4-H/FFA