

DEPARTMENT 1
4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK

1. **Junior Livestock Show Eligibility:** All exhibitors must belong to, and be a member in good standing with a Lincoln County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, or a member of an out of county FFA Chapter, whose family resides or owns land within the county, or who chooses to show in Lincoln County. Members who are eligible to participate in an adjacent county fair may also show in Lincoln County, but can show market animals in only one county. Breeding entries will be accepted as long as the animal is not shown at another county fair Jr. show this year.
2. 4-H members enrolled in any livestock project for the first time, age 10 and 14 as of December 31st of the previous year must attend a Colorado 4-H Meat Quality Assurance program **and** FFA students are required to attend before their first livestock **project year** to show/sell at the Lincoln County Fair.
3. Livestock & Horse entries are due July 1st. **There will be a late fee of \$5.00 per exhibitor per day up to \$50.**
4. All breeding livestock projects must be in possession of exhibitors prior to June 1 of the current year, unless otherwise specified. This should be verified by leaders.
5. Only horses & livestock that show on Monday will be allowed in the barns or on the grounds. All other animal arrivals will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday.
6. Health inspection must be done by the superintendent for all Junior and Open Class livestock prior to unloading. If deemed necessary, a veterinarian will be called.
7. Exhibitors must furnish feed and bedding for their own livestock until released. Absolutely no loose straw can be used for bedding, exhibitors must use wood chips and peat moss. Exhibitors must maintain a clean stall, or market sale premium check will be withheld.
8. Beef will not be allowed to be tied outside of the barn overnight.
9. An animal cannot be shown in both market and breeding classes.
10. For beef animals that exceed the maximum weight of 1550 lbs. the maximum allowed weight will be used in calculating the Rate of Gain. In the event of a tie in the Rate of Gain contest, the tied animals will be presented to the Show Judge for selection.
11. Any medication animals are given during the Fair must have prior approval of a Veterinarian, the 4-H Office and Superintendent.
12. The USDA's Scrapie Eradication Program will be enforced at the Lincoln County Fair. This regulation requires sheep and goats to have scrapie identification ear tags that list their flock of origin. All Goats & Sheep are required to have scrapie tags at the Lincoln County Fair.
Sheep: All breeding sheep regardless of age and all ewes shown as market lambs.
Goats: All breeding goats, wethers 18 months of age and older, and all does shown as market goats. *Exception:* Registered goats may use tattoos or microchips (EIDs) with Breed Registration Numbers in place of scrapie tags. Registration papers must be provided for verification. Illegible tattoos and non-readable EIDs must be replaced with a USDA scrapie ID tag.
A purchased animal should have the seller's scrapie tag. An animal you raised should have your scrapie tag.
13. Exhibitors must show their own animals. If there is more than one animal in a class, another Lincoln County 4-H/FFA member must show the extra animal(s).
14. SPECIAL NOTICE - The Colorado Veterinary Medical Association, the State 4-H Leaders Advisory Committee and the State Agricultural Planning Committee have gone on record as opposing the use of tranquilizers in any livestock being exhibited by 4-H/FFA members. Animals must be under control of the exhibitor. The Lincoln County Fair endorses this action. The Fair will withhold any premium money won by an animal and will not allow it to sell if it is found to be showing effects of tranquilization or lack of control while at the Lincoln County Fair.
15. The Colorado 4-H and FFA programs are expected to be a learning experience. FFA/4-H members should prepare their project animal when it is being exhibited at fair, being responsible for the cleaning, grooming, fitting and showing of their animal. **If assistance is provided, the exhibitor should be present and engaged to benefit from such teaching and instruction.** It is recommended that another Colorado 4-H/FFA member be the first choice for assistance. Assistance may be provided by the exhibitor's immediate family/legal guardian, a FFA Advisor, or a Colorado 4-H Leader. **No professional fitters will be allowed to assist in grooming animals.** All necessary safety precautions will be taken to maximize the well-being of all participants, spectators and animals. Safety issues are at the discretion of the superintendent and extension staff. Noncompliance will result in the disqualification of that animal.
16. Unethical practices will not be condoned. The following are termed unethical practices: Doctoring, doping or injecting show animals for body "fill in" or the alteration, changing, defacing or modification of the markings of show animals and the anatomical structure of an animal, the removal, alteration, changing or purposely damaging ear tags; blistering agents that would cause an edematous condition; use of ice packs or other refrigerants to alter the quality of the unnecessary trappings, etc., during the judging or sale. No coverings will be allowed on livestock while in the designated holding area. This does not apply to hoof dressing on hooves. Any entry adding an artificial hair or hair-like substance will be disqualified. The showing of livestock of any ineligible age or showing unethically fitted livestock is prohibited. Any exhibitor found guilty of any of the above listed unethical practices, or any other practice deemed unethical by the Superintendents and/or Lincoln County Fair Management, will forfeit all premium monies and the owner of the animal may be barred from future participation until such time as reinstatement is made by the Management.
17. Showmanship participants must be at the gate when their respective class begins or be disqualified.
18. All Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions must put up designated banners from the superintendent and are responsible to return banners at the conclusion of fair.

19. Completed 4-H record books will be turned in to the Extension Office by August 31st by 4 PM to meet completion requirements. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Colorado 4-H Youth Development Junior Livestock Projects & Shows Policy

State Requirements

1. 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 enrolled in a 4-H market animal project. If legal or substantiated charges are brought against any 4-H member/family, the member/family will be suspended from participation in all 4-H market livestock activities pending resolution of those charges. If found guilty, or the 4-H member/family voluntarily agrees to sanctions imposed by another livestock governing group, the 4-H member/family will be banned from all market animal projects by Colorado State University Extension 4-H Youth Development for a minimum of one year. The imposed ban may be longer depending on the severity of the illegal action. This requirement follows the laws of the State of Colorado; illegal means against the law. This requirement holds for all 4-H market animal projects of any species which is intended for human consumption.
2. Every county/area/regional 4-H program where youth have enrolled in livestock projects will annually provide a meat quality assurance program in which every 4-H member enrolled in any livestock projects will participate. Proven violation of these requirements shall result in disqualification of that project for that year. This includes, but is not limited to, all 4-H exhibitions and sales. The dates of the programs will be set by the Lincoln County Extension Office.
3. Every 4-H member who enrolls in a market livestock project will sign a statement indicating their understanding and compliance with the wholesome meat act in order to protect the integrity of the food chain. These statements must be kept on file in the county office until the market animal has cleared all slaughter and meat inspections.
4. All market animals that are 4-H projects must be individually identified; i.e., ear tags or other identification.
5. 4-H Humane Animal Care Guidelines will be reviewed and practiced by every person enrolled or participating in 4-H animal projects. This will be accomplished at the annual meat quality assurance program.
6. Cloverbuds (4-H members ages 5-7) may not enroll in, participate in, exhibit in or sell 4-H livestock projects. It is developmentally inappropriate for children of this age to be involved in animal projects of this kind. However, community youth under the age of 8 may participate in the open class division at the Lincoln County Fair.
7. All 4-H members with livestock and horse projects will be required to have a completed, signed, and approved "Animal Care and Housing Form for Colorado 4-H Livestock Projects" on file at the Extension Office at time of enrollment. It is highly recommended that Colorado 4-H livestock project animals (beef, and dairy cattle, sheep, swine, goat, rabbits, poultry, llama and horse) have a premises registration with the Colorado Department of Agriculture and is required for State Fair entry.

LIVESTOCK SALE RULES

1. Livestock Exhibitors who have, or plan to sell any market animal at any County Fair Junior Market Livestock Sale, other than the Lincoln County Fair, in this calendar year are ineligible to sell any market animal in the Lincoln County Fair.
 2. **CONSIGNMENT FOR THE JUNIOR MARKET LIVESTOCK SALE WILL CLOSE AT 9:00 A.M. ON FRIDAY.** Sheep, swine, rabbit, poultry and goat consignments are encouraged the morning of the beef show. In order to sell your livestock you must consign with the designated sale representative and submit any appropriate brand inspection slips. **Late consignments, if accepted by the Livestock Sale Committee, will be charged 50% of the premium value paid to the exhibitor above sale floor value.**
 3. All animals must be in possession by the official county deadline, to sell in the Livestock Sale. Tagging does not automatically mean you have your animal consigned.
 4. All animals to be sold at the Junior Market Livestock Sale must be identified at the county weigh-in/deadline and must carry the appropriate county identification. Market beef, sheep & goats must be tagged at the county weigh-in. Swine must be nominated by the deadline and tagged at fair.
 5. All sale animals must have a weight slip to accompany consignment sheet. Official scales will be at the fairgrounds. 6. All sale animals must have pictures taken by the designated photographer during given times at the fair to be eligible to sell.
 7. Sale animals may not be substituted. Arrangements will be made for all sale animals to be shipped to the buyer's designated destination.
 8. **Consignments of floor animals and/or extra animals to be shipped will be made until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning. Any late additions will be at the discretion of the Sale Committee and subject to a \$25 per animal late fee. No Hitch Hikers will be shipped.**
 9. Youth may sell up to two animals of different species. The second animal must place at least third in their individual class. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion in each species must sell unless previously entered at the Colorado State Fair. Scholarship Animals are considered independent sales and must sell.
 10. Youths exhibiting in rabbit or poultry meat pens will sell entire pen.
 11. Minimum & maximum sale weights are as follows:
- NOTE: Miniature Market Beef must be designated as such at weigh-in.**

Market Weights:

Exhibitors will only be paid up to the maximum weight.

No swine weighing over 325 lbs. will be allowed in the Junior Livestock Sale

Market Beef - 1,000 lbs. to 1550 lbs.

Miniature Market Beef – 500 lbs. to 1000 lbs.

Market Swine - 230 lbs. to 300 lbs.

Market Lambs - 100 lbs. to 175 lbs.

Market Goats - 50 lbs. to 125 lbs.

Rabbits – 9 lbs. to 17 lbs. for pen of three

Chicken Fryers – 9-18 lbs., or Broilers 18-30 lbs. for pen of three

Market Turkeys – 12-18 lbs. for pen of two

Geese - 14-28 lbs. for pen of two

Ducks – 12-18 lbs. for pen of two

NOTE: Feeder animals not making weight cannot sell at the sale, but may sell on the floor plan at the floor plan buyer's discretion.

12. The weigh-in weights on entry day will be used as the sale weight.

13. Only animals shown in their respective market class are eligible for the sale. The placing of an animal in its class may be used to determine sale order.

14. Youth should be present to clean and set up for the sale or you will **not** be allowed to sell. Consignor must be present to sell an animal unless approval is given by the Livestock Sale Committee, otherwise the animal will sell on the floor plan.

15. **SALE ATTIRE:** All youth must wear dress shirts. Absolutely no T-shirts or mid-riffs. Club/Chapter affiliated attire is acceptable.

16. Glitter on animals during the sale will not be tolerated.

17. Up to 6% of the sale price may be deducted from the seller's check to cover miscellaneous costs.

18. Scholarship Animals are considered separate sales and are subject to a 10% commission. Failure to comply with the rules and regulations or failure to meet the weight requirements will result in the Sale Committee taking up to 50% of the premium sale proceeds to repay the amount up to \$250 or for Beef \$1000. The exhibitor shall not receive any compensation for the expenses incurred or the cost entailed in the Scholarship Animal Project. These are the responsibility of the exhibitor.

19. Unmerchantable animals will not be sold at the Junior Market Livestock Sale.

20. All animals must be sold to the highest bidder. No exhibitor will be allowed to **NO SALE** their animal after consignment closing.

21. All **resale** animals will be sold to the floor.

22. No private treaty sales allowed while auction sale is in progress. After sale private treaty livestock will **NOT** be handled by the sale clerks. Exhibitors will be responsible for collection on any private sales.

23. The Lincoln County Fair Management reserves the right to screen or test any market animal for drug residues of any nature and take any action deemed appropriate if testing results show positive.

24. **NOTICE OF THE USDA WHOLESOME MEAT ACT** The Lincoln County Fair endorses and supports the USDA Wholesome Meat Act and insists that exhibitors are in compliance. Exhibitors of all market animal entries must certify their compliance with 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 approved chemicals is strictly prohibited. Signed certification to this affect will be required upon sale consignment. The following are examples of drug misuse and are strictly prohibited among others:

a. The use of injectable steroid substances to enhance muscle development in the animal.

b. The use of diuretics to reduce the water content of the animal.

c. The use of various back pour materials.

d. The use of tranquilizers and/or anesthetics as a means of calming animals at shows.

25. Any antibiotic, medication, pesticide or other substance administered to a market animal, which requires a withdrawal time, would disqualify that animal for shipment or slaughter from the Lincoln County Fair. Such animal must be held beyond withdrawal time at the exhibitor's expense before going to slaughter.

26. **Sale checks will be available 10 days following the sale.** All 4-Hers/FFA members who sell at fair will be required to turn in their stamped, addressed buyer thank you note (this is not a newspaper ad) to the Extension office prior to receiving their check. Additionally, 4-H Record books or a FFA record book authorization sheet must also be turned in to the Extension Office in order to receive a sale check.

27. In the event a market animal is condemned for a normal industry approved reason, the floor price for that animal will be forfeited by the exhibitor, but the premium money beyond the floor price will still be awarded.

28. **The Sale Committee will have final ruling on any disputes.**