

FREMONT COUNTY FAIR YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW DEPARTMENT 16

RULES FOR YOUTH LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS 4-H & FFA OWNERSHIP OF ANIMAL EXHIBITS.

EXHIBITORS NEED TO READ THESE RULES AND RULES OF EACH DIVISION THAT IS ENTERED.

ELIGIBLY TO ENTER:

1. Open to all regularly enrolled or officially transferred Fremont County 4-H or FFA Members. Members must be entered in the appropriate livestock project and be in good standing.
2. **AGE REQUIREMENTS:** To be eligible to exhibit animals at the Fremont County Fair, Youth must be 8 years of age, but not more than 19 years of age as of January 1, 2024. Eligibility to exhibit breeding animals only, is extended to FFA Members who are not more than 21 years of age as of January 1, 2024.

OWNERSHIP DATES AND TAGGING

3. **ALL MARKET LIVESTOCK MUST HAVE BEEN TAGGED AT OFFICIAL FREMONT COUNTY TAGGING.** All 4-H and FFA Advisors will be made aware of scheduled dates and locations annually. Exhibitors are responsible for obtaining information about locations and dates for tagging, as well as ensuring their market animals are tagged with official Fremont County tags. This is not the responsibility of the leaders or advisors. (For Beef Exhibitors, all beef brought to tagging, if using a Beef Lead Rope, it must be standard length).
4. **OWNERSHIP:** All breeding beef, market beef and dairy animals must be owned by exhibitors by February 1, 2023. All Sheep, swine, rabbits, poultry, and goats must be owned by June 1, 2023. The exhibitor must own the animal(s) they exhibit.
5. **HOW TO ENTER FAIR:** Competition Guide information and livestock rules are available on the fair's website. Entries should be made online on the fair's website www.fremontcountyfair.org. Assistance is available at the fair office for exhibitors to enter online. **Entries are due Friday, July 12, 2023 by 6 p.m., with late entries being accepted until Friday, July 19 with a \$10 late fee. (No late Horse Show entries will be accepted.)**
6. Exhibitors may enter a maximum of 4 Market Lambs, 3 Market Hogs, 3 Market Goats and 3 Market Beef. In breeding and feeder classes, each exhibitor may have 2 animals per class.

ANIMAL EXHIBITS:

7. Exhibitors can enter an animal in only one youth class. Exceptions:
 - A. Cattle entered in the Commercial Cow Contest can also be entered in a Youth Breeding Beef Class.

- B. Sheep that have been entered in an individual class, may also be entered in an established group show class.
- C. Market Beef, Goats, Sheep and Swine, may also be show in Open Show Breeder Pen of Three.
- D. Livestock may enter "Open Shows/Jackpot Shows". However, Breeding Livestock may only show in Breeding Classes and Market Livestock may only show in Market Classes.

8. **An animal may be tagged as a "Family Animal." (Family is defined as a parent(s) and siblings living in same household) This animal is an opportunity for families to identify an animal as a "back up" in the case of death, not making weight, or other unforeseen circumstances. All rules will apply to the family animal (i.e., tagging dates, weights, ownership deadline, entry etc.) Immediately following weigh ins, the family must designate which Exhibitor that animal is to be assigned to permanently.**
9. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to reserve a stall or pen for his/her animal(s) with their FFA Advisor or 4-H Community Leader. Call your FFA Advisor or 4-H Community Leader. And ask them to list you on their stall reservation chart. Stalls will be assigned according to club and chapter groups. Stall chart request will be filled out by FFA Advisors and 4-H Community Leaders. Do not bring "companion animals" to fair, bring only animals that have been entered in fair. Space is limited, **do not ask for extra stalls to house equipment.** Equipment space will be designated by species superintendent when you arrive at fair.
10. Only animals entered as feeder animals will show in the feeder classes. Animals tagged and entered as market animals that do not make minimum weight or exceed maximum weight requirements, will show in under/overweight classes, not in feeder classes.
11. 4-H and FFA orphan lambs must be entered and show as market or breeding lambs. If they make minimum market weight and are shown in the market class, they are eligible to sell.

ENTRY RULES:

12. Understand that disciplinary action may be taken by Fremont County Fair against individuals who have been verified as committing violations at any other fair or show.
13. Exhibitor is to read all Fremont County Fair rules and understand the consequences and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the fair. The act of entering an animal is also consent that the Fair Board may release information to appropriate law enforcement authorities if there have been infractions of state or federal statutes, regulations, or rules.
14. Exhibitors understand that the Fremont County Fair Board reserves the right to test any animal officially entered in any division for foreign substances including drugs, chemicals, or feed additives. Exhibitors agree to allow saliva, urine, blood, or other body examples to be taken from entered animals, if any testing is deemed

necessary by the Fremont County Fair Board. The presence of prohibited or illegal drugs or medication shall be prima facie evidence that such substances have been administered to the animal internally or externally.

ANIMAL HEALTH AND BRAND INSPECTION PAPERS:

15. All animals must conform to current Wyoming brand laws as directed by the Wyoming Livestock Board.
16. Brand Inspection papers are to be in the exhibitor's hand and available for review for each species. Brand Inspection papers will be reviewed at the gate at check in.

MANDATORY ANIMAL HEALTH INSPECTION

17. All exhibitors must abide by the current Wyoming State Animal Health Rules. All animals entering the Fairgrounds must have a current Certificate of Veterinary Inspections from a licensed veterinarian within 7 days of entry to the fairgrounds. Animals will not be allowed to enter the fairgrounds without a current Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. (Exception see rule 18). It is the exhibitor's responsibility to obtain this inspection and present the papers at the designated location upon arrival, prior to entering the fairgrounds. A copy of Veterinarian Inspection Papers shall be showed to the Species Superintendent upon arrival at the barns.
18. Any animal with contagious infections or communicable disease will not be allowed on the grounds. Any animal developing health problems during the fair will be evaluated by the respective superintendent and a veterinarian, at the discretion of the superintendent. Attention to any matter of concern and/or removal from the fairgrounds will be adhered to by the exhibitor.
 - A. Any lamb exhibiting any active stage of show lamb fungus will not be allowed to enter or remain on the fairgrounds. Lambs with leaded lesions (not active) or with visible dry lesions are eligible to enter.
19. The Fair Board will provide veterinarians or designated personnel to provide and review Certificates of Veterinarian Inspection, at designated entrances with limited specific arrival time frames. **On Sunday, July 28, 2024 the Fair Board will provide Veterinarian Inspections to be done on grounds, prior to entry from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For any other arrival listed, a Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection must be done prior to arrival on grounds.**

PLEASE SEE THE FAIR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR ALL LIVESTOCK ARRIVAL TIMES AND GATES TO ENTER.

Livestock shall not be brought on grounds prior to 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 28 or after 8:30 a.m. on Monday July 29. Exhibitors in violation of this arrival time will not be eligible for premiums or awards for the current fair, with no recourse.

20. All Sheep and goats must be officially identified with USDA-APHIS approved scrapie identification, as set forth by Federal and State laws. Identification can be done three ways.
 - A. USDA issued official scrapie ID tag, usually a metal clip tag, or plastic ear tag.

- B. Registry tattoos for certain purebred goats. Tattooed goats must be accompanied by registration papers. Neck chains for LaMancha Goats with registration papers.
- C. Microchip, must be accompanied by official veterinary certificate and exhibitor must bring their own reader.

WEIGHING OF MARKET ANIMALS:

21. The Fremont County Fair Board will designate official weigh master(s) for the fair.

ANIMAL WEIGHTS:

- A. **Beef** Minimum sale weight Steers: 1,000 lbs. Minimum sale weight Heifers: 950 lbs. Steers weighing less than 1,000 lbs. and Heifers weighing less than 950 lbs. will show for ribbons and premiums, but will not sell.
- B. **Swine** Minimum sale weight: 225 lbs. Hogs weighing less than 225 lbs. will show for ribbons and premium, but will not sale. **Hogs weighing over 300 lbs. will show for ribbons and premiums and will sell for a max of 300 lbs.**
- C. **Lambs** Minimum sale weight 100 lbs. Lambs weighing less than 100 lbs. will show for ribbons and premiums, but will not sell.
- D. **Goats** Minimum sale weight 60 lbs. Goats weighing less than 60 lbs. will show for ribbons and premiums, but will not sell.
- E. **Poultry** Minimum sale weight 3.5 lbs. per bird with maximum of 6 lbs. for Fryer Pens, Roaster Pens 6lbs. plus. Birds weighing less than 3.5 lbs. will not sell.
 - 1) Poultry Exhibitors must declare birds for Meat Pens prior to entering the scales. The exhibitor will only be allowed to weigh three designated birds per pen. If one of the birds weighed is under weight, they may not trade or weigh another in its place.
- F. **Rabbits:** Minimum sale weight is 3.5 lbs. per rabbit. Fryers weighing less than 3.5 lbs. or over 5.5 lbs. will not sell.
- G. Market Beef, Market Heifers, Market Swine, Market Lambs and Market Goats will be weighed one time by the fair committee. No weigh backs will be allowed.
- H. All market animals will be sorted by a committee at the scales during weigh-ins, to determine proper class and proper castration. No cryptorchid animals will be allowed to show or sell. Decisions of this committee will be final with no recourse.
- I. All animals must be dry when they are weighed.
- J. Lambs and goats must be freshly shorn before weigh ins.

ARRIVAL, STALLING, AND HERDSMANSHIP AT FAIR

22. **ARRIVAL:** Please see "Fair Event Schedule" For arrival times and gates. (Also, reference rule 18.)

TACK ARRIVAL FOR FAIR

Your superintendents will be at the fairgrounds **Saturday, July 27 between 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.** for exhibitors

to bring in tack for their animals, if you choose to do so. **PLEASE NOTE, Absolutely, NO tack or animals prior to or outside of the times listed above.** Any tack placed outside of the times listed will be subject to being removed/confiscated by the superintendent or fair staff. **STALLS/PENS:** Stall cards are posted on the front of each barn. If you need assistance check with your 4-H Leader, FFA Advisor, or Show Superintendent. Youth animals must occupy those designated pens or stalls until release on Sunday. All stalls and pens must be cleaned, by exhibitors, before 9 a.m. each day and refuse matter disposed of properly in fair designated locations. **All tack and animals must be removed from the barns by 10 a.m. on Sunday August 4.** Stall signs will be provided by the fair and are expected to be properly filled out, put in place upon arrival and maintained by the exhibitor for the duration of the fair. This is part of Herdsmanship scoring for exhibitors.

23. ANIMAL BEDDING: First bedding of wood chips may be provided, **by sponsor BTI.** It will be the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to secure bedding after first bedding or sponsor bedding is gone. Exhibitors may use straw for the dairy cattle stalls (if staying) and breeding sheep pens. In the Beef Barn: No hay or straw to be used as bedding; wood shavings may be used in all barns. Replacement/freshening wood shavings may not be available. **If additional bedding is needed, please support those businesses who supply shavings in the area.** Please do not waste bedding materials.

24. ANIMAL CARE AT FAIR: While at the fairgrounds, exhibitors are expected to care for and feed their animals, maintain clean stalls and walkways. Properly exhibit their livestock, to the best advantage of both the exhibitor and the animal, at all times. Do not tie any animal with its head pulled abnormally high. Beef lead ropes must be standard length.

EXHIBITOR EXPECTATIONS:

25. YOUTH LIVESTOCK CODE OF ETHICS

- A. Youth Livestock Exhibitors are expected to follow the Fitting and Showing of Animals Rules (#25) while at the Fremont County Fair.
- B. No Exhibitor may show a market animal which is previously sold at another fair Junior Livestock Show, sale, or auction as a market animal.
- C. Direct criticism or interference of the judge, show management, other exhibitor or show officials before during or after the fair, is prohibited and may have severe consequences as determined by the Fair Board.
- D. While at the fair, the exhibitor shall notify the barn/show superintendent if their animal becomes sick. The barn/show superintendent shall be notified before any medication, oral or injectable is administered.
- E. Abusive or inhumane treatment of any animal will not be allowed while handling fitting or showing, or at any time during the Fremont County Fair. Striking

an animal to cause swelling or for bracing purposes is not allowed and the use of electrical devices will not be permitted and will be grounds for dismissal.

- F. All animals that will enter the food chain shall be free of all residue and foreign substance. Treatment of an animal internally or externally with any irritant, or other substances used to change the conformation or appearance of an animal is prohibited. Injections or insertions of any foreign material under the skin and/or into the flesh of any animal is prohibited.
- G. The abnormal balancing of breeding animals' udders is prohibited.
- H. All animals are expected to be kept clean and provided with an adequate nutritional diet with plenty of clean, fresh water for their stay at the Fremont County Fair. Drenching with a tube, as a method to source nutrition for an animal is allowed, with approval of a licensed veterinarian prescribing an animal health need to utilize drenching. Exhibitors may drench, using a drench gun, as a source of nutrition with superintendents' approval. Superintendents must be aware of any concerns and need for drenching of livestock.
- I. Any animal sold at the Junior Livestock Sale shall be the same animal delivered to the buyer, live or processed. Exhibitors shall be reminded that a sale of any animal at the Junior Livestock Sale is a binding contract of sale, and therefore prosecutable by breach of contract. Delivering an animal to your buyer live or processed, which was not the animal purchased would fall under breach of contract. Prior arrangements are to be made with the buyer (i.e. if the animal purchased dies before an animal is transferred and the buyer agrees to replacement animal, live, or processed rather than compensation.)

FITTING AND SHOWING OF ANIMALS:

- 26. Youth Exhibitors must accompany, care for and exhibit their own livestock at the Fremont County Fair. A Youth Exhibitor is expected to take care of and groom/fit their own animal at the Fremont County Fair. An Exhibitor may be assisted by others enrolled in 4-H or FFA. In the interest of safety or education, a youth exhibitor may be assisted by one adult mentor that has the intention of educating the youth exhibitor. Group fitting by multiple adult mentors at one time is prohibited. The following are STRICTLY the ONLY acceptable practices:**
- a. Youth exhibitor must be involved by actively watching and listening to the person assisting them with fitting/clipping their entire project. Any youth exhibitor using devices (ex. cell phone, etc.) that serve as a distractor during this time will be issued one warning to get involved.
 - b. Youth exhibitor should then take over and do the rest of that specific technique needed to be done to the animal.

- c. Youth exhibitor must be actively assisting with either the fitting or clipping of their project by operating some fitting/clipping device/equipment while the other person is assisting.

Violations of this rule, must be reported to the show superintendent before the animal enters the ring. First violation will result in a verbal warning from the Species Superintendent, or Fair Official and second violation will result in disqualification of the exhibitor from the specific Species Show of which the violation occurred.

- 27. Exhibitors must be able to control their livestock for weigh-in and showing; otherwise, animals will be disqualified and must be removed from the fair grounds. Members must accompany and exhibit their own livestock. In case of two animals in the same class, **another Fremont County 4-H or FFA members may show one of the animals. FFA or 4-H Members from another county or state are not eligible to assist.** While in the show ring the person showing the animal must do so without aid. **Individuals other than judges, show staff and exhibitors, will not be allowed in the show ring. Any unauthorized individual that enters the show ring or attempts to speak to, or obtain the attention of the judge, will be removed from the fairgrounds.**
- 28. Any violation of the following policies will result in immediate disqualification of the exhibitor in the Youth Show. Further forfeiture of awards, future privileges and disciplinary action may be taken by the Fair Board.
 - A. No Showing of livestock of any ineligible age or showing unethically fitted livestock. Unethical fitting is deemed to consist of any method which alters the natural conformation of any part of the animal's body. Or any animal having been operated on or tampered with for the purpose of concealing faults or with the intent of concealing faults or with the intent to deceive.
 - B. The attempted surgical or non-surgical alteration or conformation of an animal is prohibited, except for dehorning. Animals are to be shown in their natural conformation.
 - C. The dying, or artificial changing of existing color pattern and/or color is prohibited.
 - D. Reference Rule 24, Youth Livestock Code of Ethics for more information.
- 29. While showing or selling animals, the exhibitor shall always appear neat and well groomed. Use good sportsmanship, showmanship, and character; be honest and adhere to rules and ethics herein stated.

DRESS CODE:

- 30. Shirts (Not T-shirts, tank tops, or tube tops), slacks or jeans (no shorts) and closed toed shoes shall be worn into the Show/Sale Ring. The shirt must have sleeves (cap sleeve or long sleeve) and must be long enough to cover the midriff and not be low cut. **You will be asked to leave the show ring if you do not adhere to the dress code.**

- 31. All livestock will be released on Sunday August 4, at 6 a.m. **No early release unless for extenuating circumstances with a request in writing to the Fair Board with approval in advance. Animals are expected to be removed from the fairgrounds prior to 10 a.m. on Sunday, August 4.** Assigned pens or stalls are to be cleaned before leaving the fair and approved as acceptable by the species superintendent. A fine of \$50 per pen shall be levied for assigned pens/stalls not cleaned properly.

ENFORCEMENT OF RULES:

- 32. If an infraction of the rules occurs, please notify **FIRST – The Species /Building Superintendent**
Second – The Fair General Manager
Third – Fair Board Member(s)
Each report of rules violation will be reviewed by the Fair Board and appropriate action will be taken. Punishment ranges from a board review to loss of privilege to show at the Fremont County Fair for the future and violation may be reported to law enforcement. If the matter is not resolved to your satisfaction, you may file a grievance/protest under protocol defined as follows:

PROTEST & GRIEVANCES:

All formal protest or grievances must be submitted in writing, be properly signed and accompanied by \$50 cash or certified check (refundable only if protest or grievance is sustained). The protest must plainly state the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Fair General Manager immediately after the occasion for protest or grievance. A protest pertaining to eligibly is most suitable when submitted prior to judging. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. Depending on the basis of the protest, interested parties may be notified and given the opportunity to submit supporting evidence. A decision may be withheld until a complete investigation can be made. No complaint or appeal that an official fair judge overlooked an entry will be considered. If no fault is found, the \$50 will be forfeited to the party against whom the grievance or protest is found. If the protest or grievance does not involve a specific party and no fault is found, the \$50 will be forfeited to the Fair Board to be deposited in the general fund for awards and will be used to offset operational expenses of awards for the youth program.

THE FREMONT COUNTY FAIR BOARD RESERVES THE FINAL RIGHT TO INTERPRET THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND THEIR DECISION WILL BE FINAL.

All Market Exhibitors need to read all of the Junior Livestock Sale Rules available on our website, in the Competition Guide and given to Exhibitors at tagging.

Please plan to bring stamps to send thank you cards to your award donors and buyers. This step will help to ensure the success of the Fremont County Fair and Junior Livestock Sale for the future.

**MANDATORY MEETING FOR ALL
LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS**

**All Livestock Exhibitors must attend a
Mandatory Meeting,
with a parent/legal guardian.**

**MONDAY, JULY 29 at 6 p.m.
SHOW LAWN**