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## 2026 Department A (Animal) Schedule

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

8:00 am-Noon	Horse check in @ SuperBarn
1:30 pm	Mandatory Horse Meeting @ SuperBarn
2:00 pm	Horse: All showmanship classes/CTM Lv1/Trail Yearling/Jr/Sr/CTM/GH Trail@ SuperBarn
Following Trail	Horse Mixer with games @ SuperBarn

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

8:30 am	Horse: Div. 70 Class 2-56 @ SuperBarn
11:00-4:00 pm	Poultry and Rabbit check in @ Expo (Cavy if they want)
1-3:30 pm	Pocket Pet check in @ Expo
4:00 pm	Mandatory Small Animal Meeting @ Expo (Rabbit, Poultry, Cavy, Pocket Pet)
5:00 pm	Pocket Pets Show @ Expo <i>Pocket Pets check out after Show</i>

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

7:00 – 7:45am	Cavies check In @ Expo
8:00-10:00 am	Cavy Show @ Expo
8:00 am	Horse Mini Trail/Lv 1-3 Trail/Ranch Lv 1-4/Team Penning @ SuperBarn <i>Horses check out after all classes are complete.</i>
10:00 am	Rabbit Show and Showmanship @ Expo
5:00-7:00pm	Sheep, Goat, Llama/Alpaca check in @ Expo
5:00-7:30pm	Breeding Sheep Classification @ Expo. Sheep and Goat Pictures to follow
6:00 pm	Rabbit Agility

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

8:00 am	Poultry Showmanship, Egg Show, Jr. Pigeon Show, Fancy Feather, Game & Ornamental Bird, Meat Pen, Market Breeds, Waterfowl, Turkeys, and remaining Poultry Show @ Expo
9:00-11:00 am	4-H/FFA Beef & Dairy Cattle check in @ Expo
6:00 pm	<i>Small Animal check out</i>

### MONDAY, AUGUST 10

7:30 am	Beef Ultrasound @ Expo
9:00 am	Meat Goat Showmanship, Show; Breeding Meat Goat Show @ Expo. <i>Breeding goats may check out if they are not needed for the Obstacle Course.</i>
11:00 am	Archery Shoot @ SuperBarn
1:00 pm	Breeding Beef @ Expo Dairy Cattle show begins 30 minutes after the conclusion of Breeding; followed by Dairy Showmanship, then Beef Showmanship. <i>Breeding Beef check out after the Show</i>
4:00 pm	Sheep Ultrasound followed by Goat Ultrasound

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

9:00 am	Market Steer and Heifer Show, pictures @ Expo
12:00 pm	Small and Large Animal Skillathon Contest
1:00 pm	Sheep Showmanship followed by Market Lamb & Breeding Sheep Show @ Expo
4:00 pm	Small Animal Round Robin Training Clinic @ Expo (meet outside Dept. A office)
5:00 pm	Small Animal Judging Contest
6:30 pm	Department N Awards & Showcase @ Expo Arena

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

5:00-8:00 am	Swine Check in @ Expo
8:30 am	Dairy Goat, Pygmy Goat, Nigerian Dwarf Goat Shows; Supreme Buck & Doe followed by Goat Cart Class & Goat Showmanship @ Expo. <i>Bucks may check out after show if not needed for Obstacle Course.</i>
12:00 pm	Small and Large Animal Skillathon Contest
2:00 pm	Swine Showmanship with pictures to follow @ Expo ( <i>animals entered in Costume Parade to do photos first</i> )
6:30 pm	Costume Animal Parade @ Expo
8:00-10:00pm	4-H Dance

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 13**

7:00-8:30 am Ag Breakfast sponsored by Bravera Bank @ Metra Exhibit Hall  
8:00 am Market & Breeding Swine Shows @ Expo  
2:00 pm Llama and Alpaca Show @ Expo large arena  
3:00 pm Small Animal Round Robin @ Expo small arena – Small Animals check out after show  
5:00 pm Goat and Lama Obstacle Course (or after Small Animal Round Robin) in Expo large arena  
Following Obstacle Course Large Animal Round Robin Training @ Expo large arena

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 14**

6:00-9:00 am All Large and Small Animals NOT in Round Robin or Junior Livestock Sale **MUST** check out  
10:00 am Large Animal Round Robin (Senior, Beginner, Junior) @ Expo and Superbarn  
2:00 pm Beef Fitting Contest or after Round Robin has finished  
5:00 pm Round Robin Large Animals not in Junior Livestock Sale **Must** check out  
5:00 pm Root Beer Floats  
6:30 pm Department A Awards @ Expo

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 15**

11:00 am Junior Livestock Sale Preview @ Expo  
11:30 am Junior Livestock Sale Buyer Lunch @ Metra Exhibit Hall  
12:15 pm Junior Livestock Sale Exhibitors must have animals ready  
12:30 pm Junior Livestock Sale @ Expo

**JUNIOR LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT A (Animal)**

**4-H EXTENSION AGENT:** Roni Baker **PHONE:** (406) 256-2828  
**SUPERINTENDENTS:** Stephanie Johnson and Kat Pfau  
**ENTRY FEE:** \$20 for All Livestock Exhibitors. **LATE FEE:** \$50.00 (See Rule 4) **NON-YELLOWSTONE COUNTY EXHIBITOR FEE:** \$50

**GENERAL RULES:** MontanaFair will have a veterinarian on call 24 hours a day at the EXHIBITORS expense, or you may contact a veterinarian of your choice.

- ELIGIBILITY:** All exhibitors in the Junior Livestock Show must be residents of Montana and be a currently enrolled member of a Montana 4-H club or FFA Chapter regardless of race, creed, color, handicap, sex, or national origin. Yellowstone County will verify age, livestock ownership and project requirements of all exhibitors who are not enrolled in Yellowstone County 4-H, by contacting the exhibitors home County 4-H Agent or FFA advisor. All animals entered in MontanaFair must be a part of an enrolled project during the current 4-H year (October 1 through September 30).  
**AGE REQUIREMENTS:** A beginner division MontanaFair Junior Livestock exhibitor is 8, 9, or 10 years old on October 1 of the current 4-H year. A junior division MontanaFair Junior Livestock exhibitor is 11, 12, or 13 years old on October 1 of the current 4-H year. A senior division MontanaFair Junior Livestock exhibitor is anyone who has reached 14 years of age and is less than 19 years of age on October 1 of the current 4-H year.
- RULES:** Exhibitor’s failure to comply with rules will result in forfeit of their premium check, dismissal, and/ or other consequences.
- RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXHIBITS AND MATERIALS:** Neither MontanaFair nor anyone associated with the MontanaFair in the management of this department will be held responsible for the loss of, damage to, or safe return of any article, bird or animal exhibited at MontanaFair either during MontanaFair or while in route to or from MontanaFair. Due care and caution will be exercised to prevent any loss or damage.
- ENTRY DEADLINE:** Friday, June 26, 2026, by 11:59 pm. All entries **MUST** be completed and submitted online at [www.MontanaFair.com](http://www.MontanaFair.com) before 11:59 pm. Entries received after 11:59 pm on June 26, 2026, and before 11:59 pm on July 3, 2026, will incur a \$50 per exhibitor late fee. Late fee payment must be made to Yellowstone County 4-H Council and delivered to the Yellowstone County Extension Office by 5:00pm on July 13, 2026 (not postmarked) or Exhibitor will not exhibit at MontanaFair. Entries submitted after 11:59 pm on July 3, 2026, will not be accepted. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**  
**NON-YELLOWSTONE COUNTY EXHIBITORS** will pay a \$50 per market animal fee. Horse, small animal and breeding exhibitors will pay (1) \$50 exhibitor fee. Fees must be paid before allowed to exhibit.
- ARRIVAL OF EXHIBITS:** All Department A and Department N exhibitor packets should be picked up during Department N Interview Judging Day (Mon. August 3). After this date, remaining packets will be disbursed individually at Gate 1 or at the 4-H Office in the Expo Center.  

Thursday, August 6	8:00 am - Noon	Horse
Friday, August 7	11:00 am - 4:00 pm	Poultry and Rabbit
Friday, August 7	1:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Pocket Pets
Saturday, August 8	7:00 am - 7:45 am	Cavy
Saturday, August 8	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Sheep, Goats, Llama/Alpacas
Sunday, August 9	9:00 am - 11:00 am	Beef & Dairy Beef
Wednesday, August 12	5:00 am - 8:00 am	Swine

**All animals must be checked in during the respective species check in day and time or they will not be allowed to exhibit. All animals must be penned/stalled in their designated species area of the barn/Expo, with their 4-H club/FFA chapter. Junior animal chairmen and horse exhibitors that also exhibit small animals are only allowed early check in with approval from the respective species chairman. No exceptions.**

6. **REMOVAL OF EXHIBITS:** The exhibitor must make arrangements with both the Chairman and Superintendent, if the exhibit animal cannot be removed by the removal time stated below. If animals are removed prior to the removal time without permission from the Division Chairman, the exhibitor will forfeit premium monies earned.

Friday, August 7 **Pocket Pets:** Check out after the Show.

Saturday, August 8 **Cavy:** Check out after the show.

Saturday, August 8 **Horse:** Check out after all classes are complete

Sunday, August 9 **Poultry and Rabbit check out at 6:00 pm or after the poultry show, whichever is later.**

All Small Animal Round Robin exhibitors may also choose to keep their animal at MontanaFair until the Small Animal Round Robin has been completed with the approval of the Small Animal Chairman, Dept. A Superintendent and/or the Extension Agent.

Monday, August 10 **Breeding Beef and Breeding Meat Goats:** May check out after the show unless entered in the Outstanding Exhibitor Contest.

Tuesday, August 11 **Breeding Sheep:** May check out after the show.

Wednesday, August 12 **Breeding Dairy Goats:** May check out after the show unless in Round Robin or Obstacle Course.

Thursday, August 13 **Llamas/Alpacas** check out after the show.

Any Small Animals placing Grand or Reserve Championship (Seniors, Juniors, and Beginners) and all Best in Show, poultry and cavy that are still in the barn may check out after the Small Animal Round Robin. All remaining animals MUST be removed by end of day.

Friday, August 14 **All General Livestock** must be removed by 9:00 am, except Junior Livestock Sale animals and animals participating in Large Animal Round Robin.

**All animals not in the sale must be removed from barn Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> between 6:00 am and 9:00 am unless in Round Robin. Please note removal times differ for small animals, breeding animals and non-market animals.**

7. **ANIMAL QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING REQUIREMENT:** All 4-H and FFA members exhibiting in Department A (Junior Livestock) at MontanaFair, are required to attend an MSU Extension **ANIMAL QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING (AQA)** (per state guidelines) provided by the 4-H AQA Committee prior to the first MontanaFair entry deadline or exhibitors cannot show. Yellowstone County will follow state guidelines whereas there will be two age brackets for AQA training. Exhibitors must attend AQA the first year they will exhibit an animal beginner/junior 4-H member (4-H age 8-13) and again when they reach the Senior age bracket (14-19) when exhibiting an animal. This age is based on the "Exhibitors 4-H Age" - the age as of October 1 of the current 4-H year. Class content is determined by a committee and updated every two years. A parent or legal guardian must also attend AQA. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**MSU EXTENSION 4-H HORSE HELMET POLICY REQUIREMENT:** Participants in any 4-H Horse Project are required to attend an MSU Extension Horse Helmet Workshop once as a beginner/junior 4-H member (4-H age 8-13) and again, as a senior 4-H member (4-H age 14 -19). This age is based on the "Exhibitors 4-H Age" - the age as of October 1 of the current 4-H year. Exhibitors must attend a Horse Helmet Workshop the first year they reach each age bracket or the first year they are exhibiting in an animal project. A parent or legal guardian must also attend the Horse Helmet Workshop. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**STALL FEE NOT REQUIRED for any 4-H/FFA show.**

8. **PEN CLEANING & FEED:** Animals must be fed and watered by **9:30** am each day. Please water your cattle in the Wash Rack area. The exhibitor must clean pens by 9:30 am. Continue checking water containers throughout the day. Do not leave water buckets unattended in the beef area or tied to stall area with the cattle. The Livestock Committee, Division Chairman, Superintendent and/or Extension Agent will determine the consequences (including the possibility of losing MontanaFair premiums or removal of animal) if this rule is not followed. Exhibitors are NOT required to clean pens after the sale.
9. **BEDDING** for the inside of the Expo will be furnished by MontanaFair. However, straw for the outside tie out area will not be provided.
10. **PREMIUM CHECKS** will be mailed to exhibitors after the MontanaFair. Do not plan to receive them for at least 45 days after the MontanaFair. Checks from the sale of market animals will be mailed 45-60 days after the MontanaFair. Refer to the Junior Livestock Sale section for sale check information. **The Yellowstone County Extension Office must be notified that a thank you note has been mailed to your buyer before your sale check can be mailed.**
11. **ALL EXHIBITORS MUST SHOW** their own livestock unless they have more than one animal entered in the class. Another 4-H or FFA exhibitor entered in the current MontanaFair must show the extra animals.
12. **EXHIBITOR NUMBERS** must be visible on the exhibitor's back every time they enter the ring. If an exhibitor has two animals in the same class, the person showing the second animal must wear a coordinating back number with letter (i.e., 111A or 111B).
13. **CLASS JUDGING:** The judge will visually evaluate and place each class. Numerical and group systems of judging are used. Only 5 Blue ribbon animals are eligible for numerical placing. Premium winners will receive a premium ribbon (large flat ribbons showing places 1-5) only. No blue ribbons (small flat ribbons) will be awarded to premium winners.
20. **THERE WILL BE A LIMIT OF FOUR SCRATCHES ON ENTRIES. MORE THAN FOUR SCRATCHES PER EXHIBITOR MAY RESULT IN A FORFEITURE OF PREMIUM MONEY. ENTRIES WITH MORE THAN FOUR SCRATCHES MAY NOT COMPETE FOR AWARDS.**
22. **GRIEVANCE POLICY:** All formal protests must be submitted based on the Yellowstone Co. 4-H Grievance Policy. This is available at the Yellowstone County Extension Office or at the 4-H Office in the Expo Center.
23. **REQUEST FOR RULE CONSIDERATION:** Exhibitors can request a rule consideration by completing the form available in the 4-H/FFA MontanaFair Office. This request will be reviewed by the appropriate MontanaFair officials. **A rule change consideration is NOT for animal**

**changes or adding classes. Individual species deadlines are strictly enforced.** All exhibitors and parents are highly encouraged to review their MontanaFair entry for accuracy before submitting them online.

All livestock issues that arise (after the first MontanaFair entry deadline through MontanaFair) must be voted on in a timely manner by the committee, which will include Junior Chairman, as per 4-H Council policy.

Votes will be by secret ballot. Division Chairmen will meet daily at 12:00pm during the MontanaFair. The County Agent cannot vote but only act as a liaison. Decisions will be made by majority vote of those in attendance. Junior Chairmen will be allowed to vote during these daily Chairman meetings.

Superintendent(s) and Division Chairmen are an important part of the county 4-H programs. Policy permits Superintendent(s) and/or Division Chairmen to request from the county agent a special rule or guideline for their department to make it run smoothly and/or efficiently.

24. All 4-H/FFA Exhibitors showing in 4-H/FFA Livestock events must be the primary caretaker and trainer of the animal brought and must show, care for, fit and clean their own animals and stalls with minimal adult assistance. Minimal adult assistance for a learning purpose or safety issue is acceptable. Excessive involvement by adults could lead to consequences for the exhibitor to be determined by the Livestock Committee, Division Chairman, Livestock Superintendent(s), and/or Extension Agent. Exhibitors may receive help with cleaning/fitting animals from other current members under the age of 19 as of October 1st and they *must be exhibiting at the current* MontanaFair. The member that is showing the animal and is receiving help must be present, helping and learning unless they are in the ring showing another animal. All other help would be considered the same as "adult involvement".
25. First and second place class winners must remain at the show, dressed and ready to go back in the ring until the show is finished. Consequences for leaving may include forfeiting premium money and/or other consequences to be determined by the Livestock Committee, Division Chairman, Superintendent(s) and/or Extension Agent.
26. In order to vote on yearly rule and policy changes, you *must be enrolled in a Yellowstone County 4-H or FFA chapter as a member, leader or FFA alumni member.* Adult livestock leaders and junior exhibitors must have attended the discussion of the proposals at the post MontanaFair and/or the September Livestock Meeting. Exhibitors (ages 8-19 years) must be enrolled in the livestock program. \*Horse members, horse leaders and Organizational Leaders enrolled in the prior and current 4-H year can vote at the Horse & Colt Committee meetings. Any rule or policy change must be submitted to the Extension Office on the rule/policy proposal form. Horse related changes will be voted on at the October Horse & Colt Committee meeting.  
\*During post fair meetings Leaders and Junior Exhibitors in the Horse Project should vote on their related changes. Leaders and Junior Exhibitors in the Small Animal Livestock Committee should vote on their related changes. Leaders and Junior Exhibitors in the Large Animal Livestock Committee should vote on their related changes.
27. Exhibitors and families must park in designated 4-H parking areas. Any overnight camping requires an advance registration and a signed MetraPark Agreement in place prior to MontanaFair. Contact the Yellowstone County Extension office about camper spaces at 406-256-2828. Only families that have a member exhibiting at MontanaFair may camp.
28. Only animals entered in MontanaFair are allowed to be on the MontanaFair grounds. If the animal is tagged for MontanaFair, the tag is to remain in the animal, even after the sale. The exhibitor no longer owns the animal and removing the tag may have consequences.
36. All Division Chairman, Superintendents, and the Extension Agent have the right to remove an animal from a class, or the MontanaFair, if it is a safety issue. This includes the Round Robin Contest.
37. Judges for MontanaFair will be recommended by a committee of leaders, advisors, and exhibitors at the September meeting. This same committee will rank the names given and then present this list to the Extension Agent. People nominating judges will need to complete a form that will give judge credentials and contact information. The Extension Agent will take the completed forms and contact the judges following the order given.
38. All animals need to be fitted in their own species area.
39. **Dress Requirements**  
No caps, cowboy hats, or other head covers (unless for religious reasons) will be worn during showmanship, market classes, breeding classes, obstacle courses, round robin competitions, sale pictures, or market sale. This rule applies to all exhibitors (see dairy animal and horse rules for exceptions). Vests and jackets are not allowed unless it is an FFA jacket. Open toe shoes not allowed during any animal show.  
**Showmanship Attire** – all contestants are required to wear a long sleeved, collared, button up shirt and nice black/blue jeans. Must wear exhibitor number. Dairy exhibitors may wear all white while competing in Showmanship.  
**Sale Picture & Show Attire (other than Showmanship or Round Robin)**  
(Sheep, Llama, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Cavy, Cat, Dog and Pocket Pet) - all contestants are required to wear a long sleeved, collared, button up shirt and nice black/blue jeans. Must wear exhibitor number.  
(Beef and Swine) – all contestants are required to wear a long sleeved, collared, button up shirt or nice, appropriate polo, dress shirt or sweater that is approved by chairman, superintendent or extension agent. T-shirts are NOT acceptable for ANY show. Nice black/blue jeans and exhibitor number are required.  
**Large and Small Animal Round Robin Attire** - all contestants are required to wear a long sleeved, collared, button up shirt and nice black/blue jeans. Must wear exhibitor number.
40. Exhibitors are encouraged to bring an in-barn/Expo educational display up to and including the day that animals are checked into the Expo. No premiums will be given but points may be awarded in the Herdsmanship and All-Around contests. Each species has its own Herdsmanship Contest.
41. Animal Ownership Deadlines: Animals to be shown at MontanaFair must be in the possession of the exhibitor by:  
Market Beef: January 4, 2026  
Breeding Beef and Dairy Cattle: May 2, 2026  
All Sheep: May 2, 2026  
All Goats: May 2, 2026  
Swine: May 2, 2026  
Llama & Alpaca: May 2, 2026  
Pocket Pets: May 2, 2026  
Rabbits: May 2, 2026 – (See Market section for dates)  
Poultry: May 2, 2026 – (See Market section for dates)  
Cavy: May 2, 2026

42. It is the responsibility of the Exhibitor to comply with all health, brand and import rules and regulations as stated upon the Montana Department of Livestock website [liv.mt.gov/](http://liv.mt.gov/) upon entry and arrival at the MontanaFair grounds. Regulations and requirements can change daily; please make sure you know the proper requirements. Direct inquiries to Montana Department of Livestock, Animal Health Division, PO Box 202001, Helena, MT 59620. Phone 406-444-7323.
43. Any animal affected with fungus (ringworm), pink eye, sore mouth, other skin conditions, unsightly blemishes, any communicable disease, or for lesions of epididymitis will be refused entry and removed from the grounds at the discretion of the official MontanaFair vet. The decision of the official show veterinarian is final. Lambs showing signs of continued rectal prolapse will be removed from the Show/MontanaFair immediately.
44. **PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE, DRUG TESTING, SABOTAGE, TAMPERING, AND INHUMANE TREATMENT:** MontanaFair reserves the right to question the alteration of any animal's physical or physiological structure. As a condition of participation in the MontanaFair, exhibitor agrees to submit to MontanaFair,(at their discretion) any animal so entered for immediate testing. All Grand and Reserve Champion market beef, sheep, swine, and goats may be tested. Tests may include, but not be limited to blood, tissue and urine. Exhibitor further agrees that the conclusions reached by MontanaFair shall be final, without recourse against the MontanaFair. An exhibitor of any animal(s) producing an analysis with a prohibited substance, sabotage, tampering, unethical fitting or inhumane practices will be barred from future competition at MontanaFair.
45. All members must acknowledge adherence to the LIVESTOCK CODE OF ETHICS & DRUG WITHDRAWAL during online registration. These policies will be enforced. All animals are to be treated in a humane manner. Adequate feed, water and shelter are always to be provided. Physically abusing an animal is unacceptable at any time and will not be tolerated. Exhibitors who abuse their animals, for whatever reason, will be disqualified from the show. Striking an animal to cause swelling is absolutely prohibited.
45. Violation of any rule or regulation may result in forfeiture of all premiums and awards, disqualification, expulsion, or probation of the exhibitor (or organized groups the exhibitor represents), and the exhibit or livestock involved in the violation. Probation, disqualification, expulsion or other disciplinary action will be final.

#### **LIVESTOCK CODE OF ETHICS**

Montana 4-H is based on principles of positive youth development. 4-H & FFA believe that all producers and exhibitors of livestock have an interest in maintaining a reputation of integrity as well as presenting a positive and progressive image at livestock shows. Because 4-H/FFA believe that all livestock producers want to produce a wholesome, safe, and reliable source of food for the public, the following "4-H Livestock Code of Ethics" has been adopted. Including but not limited to Yellowstone County 4-H Policies (see Yellowstone County 4-H Website), Montana State 4-H Policies (See Montana 4-H Website) and International Association of Fairs and Expositions (See MontanaFair Website and/or Code of Ethics seen below). Violations of this code are considered unethical in the raising, showing and exhibiting of livestock for 4-H/FFA shows and MontanaFair.

#### **Sportsmanship**

All exhibitors and their families are encouraged to conduct themselves in a positive, honest, sportsmanlike manner during the shows and at MontanaFair. Losing gracefully is just as important as winning humbly. The following practices are prohibited.

- Unsportsmanlike conduct, such as abusive language to show officials, other exhibitors or spectators is prohibited.
- Misrepresenting the age of the animal for class in which it is shown.
- Criticizing or interfering with the judge, other exhibitors or show officials while at the show or at MontanaFair may result in an individual or group being expelled, placed on probation or declared ineligible to exhibit at the show and at MontanaFair.

#### **Procedure for Reporting Unsportsmanlike Conduct or Excessive Adult Involvement at MontanaFair**

Please use common sense in all situations. Know the whole story and do not make assumptions about what is going on in the incidents you are observing. The committee reviewing the incidents will consist of the 4-H Extension Agent, Department A Superintendent(s) and the Division Chairmen. Infractions carry over from year to year - they are cumulative.

**\*\*Unsportsmanlike conduct only** - The person reporting unsportsmanlike conduct needs to write up information about the incident including the incident as reported, time, date, species, witnesses, etc. and must then sign the form. This document will be filed in the 4-H MontanaFair Office. The incident will be investigated. The people involved member(s), adult(s), leader(s), witnesses, Division Chairmen, Superintendent(s) and Extension Agent) will discuss the incident.

At the time of the unsportsmanlike or excessive adult involvement incident, the 4-H/FFA member or adult needs to:

- A. Contact the Division Chairperson and discuss the incident they observed. The Division Chairperson will then visit with Roni Baker, Extension Agent and/or the Dept. A Superintendent(s), about the incident. OR
- B. Contact Roni Baker, Extension Agent, and discuss the incident they observed. This can be done through the 4-H MontanaFair Office in the Expo Center. Roni Baker will then visit with the Division Chairman in that species and/or Department A Superintendent(s). OR
- C. Contact the Department A Superintendent(s) and discuss the incident they observed. This can be done through the 4-H Office in the Expo Center. The superintendent(s) will then visit with the Division Chairman in that species and/or Roni Baker.

#### **First Infraction**

The youth and an adult need to talk to the person(s) involved in the infraction. The division Chairperson needs to write up information about the incident as reported, time, date, species, witnesses, etc. This document will be filed in the 4-H MontanaFair Office. The incident will be investigated. The people involved (member(s), adults, leaders, witnesses, Division Chair(s), Extension agent and Superintendent(s) will discuss the incident.

## **Second Infraction**

A written warning will be given to the person(s) involved - either youth or adult. Depending on the seriousness of the infraction, the MontanaFair Livestock Committee can determine the extent of the consequences for the second infraction. Consequences can include a warning, no participation in the sale, loss of premiums, adults will be expelled from the barn for the remainder of the MontanaFair, etc. The letter from the 2nd infraction must include two signatures. One signature from the Extension Agent and one from a Livestock Committee Chairman or Superintendent.

## **Third Infraction**

If a third infraction occurs, the consequences for the adult(s) and youth may be serious and have a lasting effect. Consequences may include expulsion, loss of sale proceeds, losing the option to sell at the MontanaFair, expulsion from future MontanaFairs or any other consequence determined by the committee.

The MontanaFair Livestock Committee will consist of the 4-H Extension Agent, Department A Superintendent(s), Division Chairperson(s), Junior Chairs and the Sale Committee President.

## **IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS)**

### **CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS** *(Also part of the MontanaFair handbook)*

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon requests by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory, to which it is sent, is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, 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 management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.

9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including *Fairs and Expos* and any special notices to members.
11. The act of entering of animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

**Administration of Drugs.** Livestock requiring any medication should be identified upon arrival to the 4-H MontanaFair Office. Exhibitors should be prepared to present a valid prescription and/or a written explanation, either or both to be signed by the animal's licensed veterinarian. In addition, the following practices are prohibited and unethical:

- The use of any diuretic on any animal.
- Labels should specifically identify the animals cleared for the use of such substances and the proper dosage.
- The use of alcoholic beverages in feed or administered as a drench.
- Surgery of any kind performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body, teeth, hide or hair. Not included is the removal of teats or horns, clipping or dressing of hair, trimming of hooves, spaying heifers, castrating male animals, or docking tails.
- Insertion of any foreign material under the skin.
- Any attempt to change natural color of any animal, either purebred or crossbred, by changing the color or adding false hair, fleece, or skin at any point, spot, or area of the animal's body.
- The natural color of an animal cannot be altered using any artificial coloring. However, products that match the animals natural color may be used in the fitting process from the knees and hocks down and on the switch only. For example, black products may be used on a black-legged animal, red on a red-legged animal, and white on a white-legged animal. But under no circumstances can color be used to cover a steer or lamb's natural leg color.

***Livestock requiring any medication should be identified upon arrival to the 4-H MontanaFair Office. Exhibitors should be prepared to present a valid prescription and/or a written explanation, either or both to be signed by the animal's licensed veterinarian. Any required medication or treatment after arrival at the show used to protect the health and welfare of the animal must be prescribed by a licensed veterinarian and approved by the Chairman of that Species, Superintendent, and Extension Agent.*** Administration of all medications must, at all times, be done in accordance with the specification and/or instructions given in the prescription or directions and be administered in the presence of the Chairman of that species, Superintendent(s) and/or Extension Agent. Liability for the correct administration of the prescribed drug is the responsibility of the Exhibitor and Exhibitor's parent or legal guardian.

- Therapeutic treatments/practices such as including but not limited to chiropractic, massage therapy, electromagnetic therapy, cold laser therapy, PEMF/Bemer are allowed up to show time.
- Behavior supplements for safety may be used. You MUST notify division chairman at check in and/or BEFORE use should the need arise.
- All therapeutic treatments/practices and use of supplements for behavior **MUST** be done in the barn during normal barn hours, i.e. not at midnight when no one else is in the barn. Barn hours are 9:00 am to 9:00 pm.
- Use of a cold wet towel is allowed.
- Drenches will only be allowed that are formulated by an animal nutrition company/business and labeled for that particular species. It must be administered by a drench gun. No pumping allowed.

**Violations.** Any violation of the rules and regulations may result in forfeiture of all premiums and awards, disqualification, expulsion or probation of the Exhibitor or organized groups the Exhibitor represents, and the exhibit or livestock involved in the violation. Probation, disqualification, expulsion or other disciplinary action of the livestock show committee will be final. Such action will require application for readmission under such terms as the committee may prescribe before the group or individual is allowed to exhibit at future shows. The MontanaFair Livestock Committee reserves the right to interpret rules and arbitrarily settle all differences and questions not adequately addressed by the above code of ethics. Consequences for misconduct may be serious and have a lasting effect. We have the right to have any animal removed from MontanaFair. The Livestock Show Committee will consist of 4-H Extension Agent (Roni Baker), Department A Superintendent(s), the Livestock Committee and Sale Committee Presidents, and the Division Chairperson(s).

#### **LIVESTOCK SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST RULES**

1. To be eligible for this Division all exhibitors must enter the appropriate Division and class number in their entry. Under some circumstances, an exhibitor may add Showmanship at the Jr. Livestock Office in the Expo until 24 hours before the scheduled show time. If you are not entered within that time, you will not be eligible.
2. All Junior Livestock Exhibitors are permitted to enter the Livestock Showmanship Contest. Exhibitors are expected to do their own fitting and grooming.

3. An exhibitor may participate in any Showmanship Division provided exhibitors have animals entered in that species. Eligible animals are those animals entered and shown in their respective divisions and classes. Exhibitors must show their own animals and cannot change the animal between classes, no substitutions. Exhibitors may receive help with cleaning/fitting animals from other current members under the age of 19 as of October 1st and they must be exhibiting at MontanaFair. The member that is showing the animal and is receiving help must be present, helping and learning unless they are in the ring showing another animal. All other help would be considered the same as "adult involvement".
4. If a market animal does not make weight, it will be sent home immediately. No Exceptions
5. Scratching a Showmanship entry must be done 24 hours in advance with the Chairman of that species or exhibitor will lose premium money in that species. Swine exhibitors need to scratch by noon on Wednesday prior to the show. Horse exhibitors need to scratch by Noon on Thursday prior to the show.
6. There will be a Senior, Junior, and Beginner Division. SEE GENERAL RULE #1 for age requirements.
7. Finalists in Beef, Sheep, Meat Goat, Dairy Goat, Swine, Horse, Alpaca/Llama will show each type of animal in the Large Animal Round Robin Competition. All exhibitors will show the same species at the same time. Exhibitors placing first and second in their Showmanship class are eligible. Third place is only eligible if Grand or Reserve declines to participate. If the exhibitor declines in one species, they will decline in all species. All showmanship winners must declare immediately after the show.
8. Finalists in Cat, Dog, Bird (Poultry and Pigeons), Rabbit, Cavy and Pocket Pets will show each type of animal in the Small Animal Round Robin Competition. No exhibitor shall be allowed to bring more than one type of animal into the Round Robin Competition. In the event an exhibitor holds two or more finalist positions, the alternates will enter all but one of those positions.
9. Classes that break down into groups because of size will be given blue, red, and white ribbons. The final placing of each division shall be 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5th. Rosettes will be awarded in each Division and to the Grand Champion Showman in Senior, Junior, and Beginner Divisions of the Large and Small Animal Round Robin. Additional awards or plaques may be given. Rosettes will be awarded in each division and to the Reserve Champion Showman in Senior, Junior, and Beginner Divisions of the Large and Small Animal Round Robin. Yellowstone County Grand and Reserve Champions for Showmanship will be awarded in all species both Small and Large Animal except for the Horse Divisions.

### **SMALL ANIMAL BARN**

#### **GENERAL RULES**

1. There will be a **mandatory Small Animal meeting** on Friday, August 7, 2026, at 4 pm in the Expo for exhibitors showing pocket pet, cavy, rabbit and poultry at MontanaFair. If you are not able to attend due to a 4-H conflict you must contact a division chairman before the meeting.
2. All animals will be shown on the show table except some Game & Ornamental birds which will be at the judge's discretion.
3. First and second place class winners must remain dressed and ready to go back in the ring until the show is finished. Consequences for leaving may include forfeiting premium money and/or other consequences to be determined by the Livestock Committee, Division Chairman, Superintendent and/or Extension Agent.
4. All Small Animal contestants are required to wear a long sleeved, collared, button up shirt with nice black or blue jeans and close toed shoes. This includes all shows, Showmanship and Round Robin.
5. All small animals showing at MontanaFair (does not include dogs and cats shown pre-fair or cavy) will check in Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 4:00pm. Any animals not checked in by the deadline will not be allowed to show. No exceptions.
6. Exhibitors are encouraged to bring an in-barn educational display up to and including the day that animals are checked in. No premiums will be given but points may be awarded in the Herdsmanship and All-Around Contests. Each species has its own Herdsmanship Contest
7. **NON-YELLOWSTONE COUNTY EXHIBITORS** will pay a \$50 per market animal fee. Horse, small animal and breeding exhibitors will pay (1) \$50 exhibitor fee. Fees must be paid before allowed to exhibit.
8. If a Yellowstone County exhibitor has multiple market animals and/or species in the top 5 overall, they will be allowed to sell any and/or all of them that are in the top 5. Grand and Reserve Grand must sell. Clarification: If a Yellowstone County exhibitor has 2 animals of ANY species in the top 5, they are allowed to sell both of those animals. However, only the Grand and Reserve Grand are required to sell. The 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> animals MAY sell but are not required to. This Does Not include Out of County exhibitors. Out of county exhibitors must place in the top 5 in their respective market class to sell. *ALL* Grand and Reserve market animals *MUST* sell.

### **LARGE ANIMAL/MARKET ANIMAL BARN**

#### **GENERAL RULES**

1. Exhibitors bringing cattle, horses, and sheep across a county line must obtain a brand inspection certificate or travel permit before leaving home or be subject to a heavy fine according to Montana Law.
2. **MARKET ANIMAL ULTRASOUND RULES:** Ultrasound will be used on Market Animals exhibited at MontanaFair, instead of actual carcass measurements. By using the ultrasound method, we can evaluate a live animal in much the same way as we evaluate the animal after processing. We will be using the collected data to decide the top carcass in beef, sheep, and goat. This data will be used for the MSU Steer of Merit program, MSU Montana Certified Lamb program and Montana Market Goat program.
  - The ultrasound will be performed by Certified Ultrasound Technicians who must place ribbons according to standards.
  - Carcass ultrasound must be entered on your MontanaFair entry to compete in the carcass contest. This class is not mandatory. On November 29, 1995, the Yellowstone County Livestock Committee voted to withhold the cost of the ultrasound service from exhibitor sale proceeds.
  - Breeding Beef, Breeding Sheep and Breeding Goats may be ultra-sounded at the exhibitor's expense. Payment is due at the time of the ultrasound.

- **Ultrasounds will take place at the following times:**
    - Beef:** Monday, August 10, 2026 @ 7:30 am
    - Sheep:** Monday, August 10, 2026 @ 4:00 pm
    - Goats:** to follow sheep ultrasound
3. All Market Beef, Swine, Lambs, and Goats must have ear tags for MontanaFair issued at tagging day, upon arrival at MontanaFair. Out of County 4-H or FFA exhibitors will pay \$50 per market animal tagged on tagging day. All other Dept. A exhibitors (small animals, horse or breeding animals) will pay a \$50 fee per exhibitor. Lease agreements are not allowed for market animals. Upon check in, all market beef, sheep, goats and swine must have ear tags for MontanaFair issued at tagging day.
  4. **NON-YELLOWSTONE COUNTY EXHIBITORS** will pay a \$50 per market animal fee. Horse, small animal and breeding exhibitors will pay (1) \$50 exhibitor fee. Fees must be paid before allowed to exhibit.
  5. ALL *male market animals* must be fully castrated prior to tagging.
  6. Each exhibitor may enter three of each species (market beef, market lambs, market goats and market swine) on their entry form but before weigh in, they must decide which two they are exhibiting.
  7. Market animals must weigh in during designated times. Animals will go across the scale only once during weigh in and must be dry. Animals not making weight limits will be sent home immediately. No exceptions and no weight slips accepted.
    - Beef – min. 1,100 lbs. If over 1,450 lbs., will be sold as beef weighing 1,450 lbs.
    - Lambs - min. 110 lbs. If over 150 lbs., will be sold as lamb weighing 150 lbs.
    - Goats - min. 50 lbs. If over 115 lbs., will be sold as goat weighing 115 lbs.
    - Swine - min. 230 lbs and max. 330 lbs. If between 300 and 330 will be sold as pig weighing 300 lbs.
  8. Exhibitors helping at Weigh in on Saturday, Sunday or Wednesday morning can bring their animals in before the normal arrival time with prior approval by the Division Chairman.
  9. **Exhibitors cannot exhibit market animals tagged for MontanaFair at any other County Fair (including females in breeding classes) with the exception of the Montana State Fair held in Great Falls. They can show them in open Jackpot shows.** If an exhibitor shows a “market” animal tagged for and shown at their county fair and decides not to sell it, they may bring that female to show in a breeding class only at MontanaFair, they may not sell that animal.
  10. If the animal is tagged for MontanaFair, the tag is to remain in the animal, even after the sale. The exhibitor no longer owns the animal and removing the tag may have consequences.
  11. Family Animal - One allowed per family in each tagged species. Only one 4-H/FFA member per family may choose to “Tag” the “Family Animal”. The “Family Animal” is a market animal that has been designated and tagged with an ear tag for MontanaFair. The “Family Animal” must be designated as such at tagging day. Only a 4-H/FFA family member that has tagged animal(s) for MontanaFair is eligible to use the “Family Animal” if their original animal(s): 1. DOES NOT MAKE WEIGHT, 2. IS INJURED OR DEEMED UNFIT TO BE SHOWN AND/OR ATTEND MONTANAFAIR, BY A VET, 3. DIES. In the event of death, a photo of the carcass will be required to be turned into the Yellowstone County 4-H Agent, superintendent, or division chairman within 24 hours and the original tag must also be turned in before the “Family Animal” can be used. In the case the “Family Animal” is not needed, the original member that tagged the animal may show it as their own animal.
 

If an animal is injured, deemed unfit to be shown and/or attend MontanaFair or the animal dies, the family must notify the Yellowstone County 4-H Agent, superintendent, or division chairman within 24 hours of the diagnosis or death. If the “Family Animal” is used, that animal may then be shown in all classes it is qualified to show in and the exhibitor signed up for. If the exhibitor signed up for market, the animal is eligible to be sold.

**\*\*In the case a member needs to use the family animal and has tagged more than one animal, *all* of the animals tagged for that member must have experienced one of the three situations in order for them to use the “Family Animal. The “Family Animal” can be shown by only one member of the family.**
  12. Out of County exhibitors (non-Yellowstone County) can sell in the Jr. Livestock Sale ONLY if they are in the top 5 in their market class.
  13. If a Yellowstone County exhibitor has multiple market animals and/or species in the top 5 overall, they will be allowed to sell any and/or all of them that are in the top 5. Grand and Reserve Grand must sell. Clarification: If a Yellowstone County exhibitor has 2 animals of ANY species in the top 5, they are allowed to sell both of those animals. However, only the Grand and Reserve Grand are required to sell. The 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> animals MAY sell but are not required to. This Does Not include Out of County exhibitors. Out of county exhibitors must place in the top 5 in their respective market class to sell. ALL Grand and Reserve market animals *MUST* sell.
  14. Club Pen of 3 Market Animals
    - One entry per 4-H Club or FFA Chapter - 3 market animals of same species must be from the same club or chapter but owned by 3 different exhibitors.
    - Club Pen of 3 Market animals will be judged on uniformity in size and style.
  15. All large animals that are not in the sale must be removed from barn Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> between 6:00 am and 9:00 am unless in Round Robin.

## **PRE-MONTANAFAIR LARGE ANIMAL JUDGING CONTESTS**

### **DIVISION 1**

#### **Special Rules:**

1. All pre-MontanaFair entries must be selected on your online entry to receive premium money.
2. List only one competition for Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3.
3. You do not have to attend a Quality Assurance Class to judge in these events.

### **Class**

- 1 Large Animal Livestock Judging Contest- County or State
- 2 Meats ID Contest-County or State
- 3 Horse Judging Contest-County or State

### **SMALL ANIMAL JUDGING CONTEST**

#### **DIVISION 2**

#### **Special Rules:**

1. Small Animal Judging will be Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00. This will be your MontanaFair Small Animal Judging Contest score for the All-Around Contest.
2. There will be Beginner, Junior, and Senior 4-H Classes.  
Classes may be composed of but not limited to the following: vet tools, eggs, feed ID, pocket pets, covies, bantams, chickens, chicken meat classes, rabbit meat classes, rabbit fur class, rabbit confirmation class and glossary definitions. Reasons class scores will be used to break ties.
3. All contestants and coaches must stay away from the area prior to judging.
4. Any contestant found talking during the contest will have his/her judging cards collected immediately and be disqualified from the contest.
5. All results are final. Judging cards will not be returned.
6. Awards will be given to the highest placing individual in each class at the Dept A awards.

### **Class**

- 1 4-H Beginner
- 2 4-H Junior
- 3 4-H Senior

### **SKILLATHON CONTEST**

#### **DIVISION 3**

#### **Special Rules:**

1. A Skillathon or "Livestock Learning Laboratory" is an excellent method of involving youth in challenging, learn-by-doing activities. The purpose of the Skillathon is to evaluate member knowledge, their skill in applying that knowledge and their attitudes and understanding of the knowledge and projects. It is designated in a series of mini-learning stations with a facilitator at each station. Each competitor will rotate from station to station attempting to perform specific tasks. There will be two stations in each of the 6 large animal areas and 6 small animal areas. There will be an interview/scoring judge at each station. Twenty points will be available at each station. Members can earn a total of 240 points. Members will rotate through the stations at 5-7-minute intervals.
2. Possible Skillathon Station Topics include:  
Parts ID., Meat ID., Breeds ID, Feeds ID, Feeding Program, Veterinary Tools, Structural Correctness ID, Ear Notching (swine only), Animal Health, Animal Care, and Quality Assurance Selection & Evaluation.
3. The Large Animal Skillathon (beef, sheep, swine, horse, alpaca, llama, and goat) will be held at MontanaFair on Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at Noon and on Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at Noon. You may compete at either time but must register by 11:30 before the contest starts. To register, sign up in your online entry. If you do both Small and Large Animal Skillathon you may split them up and do one on each day.
4. The Small Animal Skillathon (rabbit, cavy, poultry and pigeons, pocket pets, dog, and cat) will be held at MontanaFair on Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at Noon and on Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at Noon. You may compete at either time but must register by 11:30 before the contest starts. To register, sign up in your online entry. If you do both Small and Large Animal Skillathon you may split them up and do one on each day.
5. Ties will be broken by a quiz listing breed of each animal.

### **Class**

- 1 Small Animal Skillathon - Beginner
- 2 Small Animal Skillathon - Junior
- 3 Small Animal Skillathon - Senior
- 4 Large Animal Skillathon - Beginner
- 5 Large Animal Skillathon - Junior
- 6 Large Animal Skillathon - Senior

### **BEEF SHOW**

#### **Special Rules:**

1. Market Beef will compete in divided classes. Classes will be determined at the time of the show based upon weight and the number of entries. Weights will also be made available to the judge. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> place will be selected in each weight class. Grand and Reserve Overall Champion will be selected from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners in each of the weight classes and then continue to place the top five market animals. If the Grand and/or Reserve Overall Champions are not from Yellowstone County, the judge will also choose a Grand and Reserve Champion Market Beef from Yellowstone County. No additional premium money will be paid out for the Grand or Reserve Overall Yellowstone County Champions.
2. The brand inspector will require a proper Bill of Sale on Check-in Day.
3. Steers or heifers are eligible to be exhibited in Division 5. Exhibitors must prove the heifer is pregnancy checked open by a veterinarian or certified technician within one week of MontanaFair.
4. Number of animals in the ring will be determined based on the size of the arena. Unmanageable animals can be removed from the ring at the discretion of the Division Chairman, Superintendent or Extension Agent.
5. You must enter Division 15, Class 1, 2, or 3 on your MontanaFair entry to participate in Showmanship.

6. Market Beef pictures will be taken on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, as exhibitors exit the show ring, unless other arrangements are made with the Division Chairman.
7. Neck ropes are recommended to be used on all beef cattle in the barn and in the tie-out area outside.
8. All Beef and Dairy tie outs are assigned. You must use the assigned tie outs unless previous arrangements have been made with the beef chairman. All beef and dairy cattle must go to the tie-out area in the evening and return in the morning. Stalling areas will be cleaned each evening.
9. Do not leave water buckets unattended in the beef area or tied to the stall area with the cattle.
10. The natural color of a steer cannot be altered using any artificial coloring. However, products that match the steer's natural color may be used in the fitting process from the knees and hocks down and on the switch only. For example, black products may be used on a black-legged steer, red on a red-legged steer, and white on a white-legged steer. But under no circumstances can color be used to cover a steer's natural leg color.

## **MARKET BEEF**

### **DIVISION 5**

#### **Class**

- 1 Market Beef (all Breeds and Crossbreeds) born after January 1, 2025
- 2 Market Heifer (all Breeds and Crossbreeds) born after January 1, 2025 (Must be 5 or more tagged to have this Class)
- 3 Club Pen of 3 market beef born after January 1, 2025

## **MARKET BEEF ULTRASOUND**

### **DIVISION 6**

#### **Special Rules:**

1. This class must be selected in your MontanaFair entry to compete. It is not mandatory.

#### **Class**

- 1 Market Beef (all Breeds and Crossbreeds) born after January 1, 2025

## **BREEDING BEEF**

**DIVISION 8** Angus

**DIVISION 9** Hereford (Polled or Horned)

**DIVISION 10** Simmental

**DIVISION 11** Limousin

**DIVISION 12** Red Angus

**DIVISION 13** Salers

**DIVISION 14** Other Breeds

#### **Special Rules:**

1. Lease agreements are optional for breeding beef.
2. Each exhibitor may enter two animals per class number.
3. The animal may be registered or commercial. If registered, include registration number on the entry form for award purposes.
4. If less than 5 animals are entered in a division, they will be moved to Division 14-Other Breeds. All cattle will show by age in the classes together until numbers justify splitting the classes with their own division. For example, if you have a February heifer, you will compete against other February heifers from all breeds unless there are 5 or more within a certain breed.
5. Number of animals in the ring will be determined based on the size of the arena. Unmanageable animals can be removed from the ring at the discretion of the Division Chairman or Superintendent or Extension Agent.
6. The top five overall breeding animals will be placed.
7. Breeding Beef may leave after the Breeding Beef Show concludes unless you have entered the Outstanding Exhibitor Award Contest with this project. Before leaving, you must check out with the Division Chairman and clean your stalling area.
8. You must enter Division 15 - Class 1, 2, or 3 on your MontanaFair entry form to participate in Showmanship.
9. The calf in all cow/calf pair classes must be a natural born calf to the cow. No grafted or embryo transplant calves are allowed.

#### **Class (The same for all Breeds)**

- 1 Junior Heifer Calf, calved March 1, 2026 & after
- 2 Junior Heifer Calf, calved between February 1 & February 28, 2026
- 3 Junior Heifer Calf, calved between January 1 & January 31, 2026
- 4 Late Senior Heifer Calf, calved between November 1 & December 31, 2025
- 5 Early Senior Heifer Calf, calved between September 1 & October 31, 2025
- 6 Late Summer Yearling Heifers, calved between July 1 & August 31, 2025
- 7 Early Summer Yearling Heifers, calved between May 1 & June 30, 2025
- 8 April Junior Yearling Heifers, calved between April 1 & April 30, 2025
- 9 March Junior Yearling Heifers, calved between March 1 & March 31, 2025
- 10 Early Junior Yearling Heifers, calved between February 1 & February 28, 2025
- 11 Early Junior Yearling Heifers, calved between January 1 & January 31, 2025
- 12 Late Senior Yearling Heifers, calved between November 1 & December 31, 2024
- 13 Early Senior Yearling Heifers, calved between September 1 & October 31, 2024
- 14 First Calf Heifers, calved after January 1, 2024 (Cow/Calf Pair)

- 15 Aged Cows, calved before January 1, 2024, with either sex calf at their side (Cow/Calf Pair)
- 16 Heifers bred and owned by exhibitor which calved after January 1, 2026
- 17 Heifers bred and owned by exhibitor which calved between January 1, 2025 & December 31, 2025
- 18 Bull calf, born after January 1, 2026
- 19 Bull calf, born between September 1, 2025 & December 31, 2025
- 20 Bull, born between January 1, 2025 & August 31, 2025
- 21 Bred and Owned Heifer Calf, born after January 1, 2026
- 22 Bred and Owned Heifer calf, born between September 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025
- 23 Bred and Owned Heifer, born between May 1, 2025, and August 31, 2025
- 24 Bred and Owned Heifer, born between January 1, 2025, and April 30, 2025
- 25 Bred and Owned Senior Yearling, born Sept. 1, 2024, to Dec.31 2024

## **BEEF SHOWMANSHIP**

### **DIVISION 15**

#### **Special Rules:**

1. For safety reasons, bulls cannot be used in beef showmanship.
2. All Showmanship divisions will be "Blow and Go" (i.e., no fitting or adhesives allowed) except if the animal being used for Showmanship was also entered into the Breeding show.
3. The top 5 Senior Showmen will be selected (but not ranked) and will be required to come back at the conclusion of the junior championship drive and fit their animal in the ring, with the judge evaluation their fitting skills. If a senior exhibitor that shows a heifer in the breeding show and is in the top 5 for Senior Showmanship, the animal must be washed and presented in "Blow and Go" from before the fitting portion of the senior showmanship competition begins.
4. At the conclusion of fitting, the top 5 Senior Showmen will show their animal again for final ranking.
5. First and second place Beginner, Junior and Senior Showman will qualify to advance to the Large Animal Round Robin (see Division 157).

#### **Class**

- 1 Cattle Showmanship Senior
- 2 Cattle Showmanship Beginner
- 3 Cattle Showmanship Junior

## **DAIRY CATTLE SHOW**

### **DIVISION 16 Holstein**

### **DIVISION 17 Guernsey**

### **DIVISION 18 Brown Swiss**

### **DIVISION 19 Jersey**

### **DIVISION 20 Other**

#### **Special Rules:**

1. Lease agreements are optional.
2. Each exhibitor may enter two animals per class.
3. All horns must be removed on dairy animals and healed over prior to check in. No horns allowed.
4. All Exhibitors may show in white shirts and pants.
5. If the cow has a large udder, it is reasonable to allow her to be milked down to relieve some pressure the morning of the show. The idea is to present the dairy animal with a full udder. Cows with calves can be bottle fed from saved milk to maintain the fullness and shape of the udder.
6. You must enter Division 21 - Class 1, 2, or 3 on your MontanaFair entry form to participate in Showmanship.
7. All dairy cattle must go to the tie-out area in the evening and return in the morning. Stalling area will be cleaned in the evening after taking cattle to the tie out area.
8. Do not leave water buckets unattended in the dairy cattle area or tied to the stall area with the dairy cattle.

#### **Class (The same for all Breeds)**

- 1 Heifer Calf, born after August 31, 2025 & over 4 months of age
- 2 Yearling Heifer, born after February 28, 2025 & before September 1, 2025
- 3 Yearling Heifer, born after August 31, 2024 & before March 1, 2025
- 4 Two-Year-Old Cow, born after August 31, 2023 & before September 1, 2024
- 5 Three-Year-Old born after August 31, 2022 & before September 1, 2023
- 6 Four-Year-Old Cow, born after August 31, 2021 & before September 1, 2022
- 7 Aged Cow, five years old and over, born before September 1, 2021

## **DAIRY CATTLE SHOWMANSHIP**

### **DIVISION 21**

#### **Special Rules:**

1. Dairy Cattle Showmanship contestants are required to wear white shirts and pants.

#### **Class**

- 1 Dairy Cattle Showmanship - Senior
- 2 Dairy Cattle Showmanship - Beginner

### **SHEEP SHOW**

#### **Special Rules:**

1. A committee will determine placement of animals in the hair, white, speckle, or black face classes.
2. All market animals must be slick shorn prior to arrival at MontanaFair weigh in, for inspection purposes. All wool on the body must be the same length. Wool may be left only on legs starting at the bottom of the belly line. Wool also may be left on the head if following breed standards.
3. All market sheep exhibited in Department A at MontanaFair must possess an official scrapie ID tag on tagging day. If the scrapie tag is torn out or damaged beyond recognition, the new scrapie tag number must be reported to the sheep chairman and Yellowstone County Extension Office immediately.
4. Lambs showing signs of continued rectal prolapse will be removed from the Show/MontanaFair immediately.
5. Market Lamb pictures will be taken on Saturday, August 8, 2026, from 5 pm-7 pm. Long pants are mandatory. No open toed shoes allowed. Bring your number. Each Exhibitor must have a picture taken with each lamb they entered.
6. Market Lambs will compete in divided classes. Classes will be determined at the time of the show based upon weight and the number of entries. Weights will also be made available to the judge. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> place will be selected in each weight class. Grand and Reserve Overall Champion will be selected from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners in each of the weight classes, and then continue to place the top five market animals. If the Grand and/or Reserve Overall Champions are not from Yellowstone County, the judge will also choose a Grand and Reserve Champion Market Lamb from Yellowstone County. No additional premium money will be paid out for the Grand or Reserve Overall Yellowstone County Champions.
7. There will be a maximum of 20 lambs in a weight class. The minimum number in each class will be five. If the number of lambs in a class does not meet the minimum, the class will be placed into the next class, moving from white face to speckle face to black face. Hair sheep will be placed in appropriate color classes.
8. No chains or collars are allowed on the necks of the sheep.
9. You must enter Division 50 - Class 1, 2, or 3 on your MontanaFair entry form to participate in Showmanship.
10. All market lambs will be mouthed for age upon the entrance to MontanaFair. Any market lamb that does not have all 8 milk teeth will not be eligible for showing in the market class. Any lamb that is in question will be verified by the County Extension Agent, Department A Superintendents, and/or the Official Show Veterinarian at the time of check in.
11. When showing a lamb, if the exhibitor is lifting a lamb to set its feet, the exhibitor must place a hand under the lamb's chest floor. Lambs front feet must remain on the ground while shown, except for setting feet.

### **MARKET LAMBS**

#### **DIVISION 27**

##### **Class**

- 1 Hair Sheep
- 2 White Face (White Face Crosses and Breeds)
- 3 Speckled Face (White face/Black Face Cross only)
- 4 Black Face (Suffolk, Hampshire, Black Face Crosses)
- 5 Club Pen of 3 Lambs.

### **MARKET LAMB ULTRASOUND**

#### **DIVISION 28**

##### **Special Rules:**

1. This class must be selected in your MontanaFair entry to compete. It is not mandatory.

##### **Class**

- 1 Market Lamb Ultrasound

### **BREEDING SHEEP AND LAMBS**

#### ***DIVISION 29-40 ARE TO BE FITTED AND SHOWN IN FLEECE.***

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|--------------------|--|
| <b>DIVISION 29</b> | Targhee                                  |
| <b>DIVISION 30</b> | Columbia                                 |
| <b>DIVISION 31</b> | Colored Sheep                            |
| <b>DIVISION 32</b> | Crossbreeds (wool)                       |
| <b>DIVISION 33</b> | Dorset                                   |
| <b>DIVISION 34</b> | Speckled Face Cross (Meat)               |
| <b>DIVISION 35</b> | Suffolk                                  |
| <b>DIVISION 36</b> | Hampshire                                |
| <b>DIVISION 37</b> | Blackface Cross (Meat)                   |
| <b>DIVISION 38</b> | Icelandic                                |
| <b>DIVISION 39</b> | Hair Sheep                               |
| <b>DIVISION 40</b> | Superintendents discretion. DO NOT ENTER |
- DIVISION 41-48 MUST BE SLICK SHORN.***

- DIVISION 41** Southdown
- DIVISION 42** Wether Sire & Dam-Whiteface & white face cross
- DIVISION 43** Wether Sire & Dam-Speckled Face
- DIVISION 44** Wether Sire & Dam-Suffolk
- DIVISION 45** Wether Sire & Dam-Hampshire
- DIVISION 46** Wether Sire & Dam-Blackface Cross
- DIVISION 47** Wether Sire & Dam – Dorset & Piebald
- DIVISION 48** All Other Breeds
- DIVISION 49** Superintendents discretion. DO NOT ENTER

**Special Rules:**

1. See General Rules for ownership deadlines.
2. Each exhibitor may enter two animals per class.
3. Each exhibitor may enter one trio and breeder flock per breed division. Animals entered in the trio or breeders flock must be entered individually in one other class number.
4. Ages of the animals are determined as of January 1, 2026.
5. Divisions 29-39 are to be fitted and shown in fleece. Divisions 41-48 must be slick shorn.
6. Crossbreeds wool (Division 32) animals MUST be crossed with a wool breed. Sheep’s wool must be a minimum of 1½”. Sheep will be checked to be sure they are entered in the right division and class. If there is a dispute on the placement, the judge will determine the animal placement.
7. Breeding Sheep must be properly groomed (fit) to show. Painting with natural colors to enhance fleece is allowed. (Example: Light Brown paint on wool breeds; white paint on meat breeds.)
8. Each Exhibitor must find a sheep chairman during Check In to review proper classification of your breeding sheep.
9. If less than 5 animals are entered in a Division, they will be moved to Division 49 Other Breeds.
10. The top five overall breeding animals will be placed.
11. You must enter Division 50, Class 1, 2 or 3 on your MontanaFair entry to participate in Showmanship.
12. Wether Sire & Dam (Division 43-48) is **NOT** a division for your market Wether lamb. The Wether sheep breeding division was created for youth wanting to show their market lamb female (all other classes are offered in this division) in the breeding sheep project. Because of the genetic makeup of a “Wether” (club lamb) producing sheep, the Exhibitor needs to compete against the same type sheep. Wether breeding sheep will be shown by weight if over 10 head are entered in the age class.
13. All breeding sheep exhibited in Department A at MontanaFair must possess an official scrapie ID tag.

**Class (The same for all Breeds)**

- 1 Ram Lamb born after January 1, 2026
- 2 Fall born Ram Lamb born September 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025
- 3 Yearling Ram
- 4 Ram, 2 or 3 years old only
- 5 Ewe Lamb born after January 1, 2026
- 6 Fall born Ewe lamb born September 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025
- 7 Yearling Ewe
- 8 Ewe, 2 or 3 years old only
- 9 Trio (1 ram lamb and 2 ewe lambs)
- 10 Breeder’s Flock can be 4 head (1 ram - any age, 2 mature ewes aged, or yearling & 1 ewe lamb)

**SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP**

**DIVISION 50**

**Special Rules**

1. First and second place Beginner, Junior and Senior Showman will qualify to advance to the Large Animal Round Robin (see Division 157).

**Class**

- 1 Sheep Showmanship - Senior
- 2 Sheep Showmanship - Beginner
- 3 Sheep Showmanship - Junior

**SHEEP FLEECE CONTEST**

**DIVISION 51**

**Special Rules:**

1. All wool exhibits must be delivered to the Expo by 7:00 pm Saturday, August 8, 2026.
2. Entries are limited to two entries per exhibitor in any class.
3. All wool must be Montana grown.
4. Wool shorn in 2025 or 2026 is eligible.
5. Shorn wool (no more than 12 months growth)
6. Preparation – fleece must be laid cut side down, sides folded into the middle then from the back end rolled towards the neck, tucked in the loose end to secure and placed into a plastic bag so the cut/clean side is showing.
7. Any plastic twine will disqualify a fleece.

### Class

- 1 Crossbred Wool Ewe Fleece
- 2 Crossbred Wool Ram Fleece
- 3 Purebred Fine Wool (17-21 Micron) Ewe Fleece
- 4 Purebred Fine Wool (17-21 Micron) Ram Fleece
- 5 Purebred Medium Wool (22-29 Micron) Ewe Fleece
- 6 Purebred Medium Wool (22-29 Micron) Ram Fleece
- 7 Purebred Coarse Wool (30 + Micron) Ewe Fleece
- 8 Purebred Coarse Wool (30 + Micron) Ram Fleece

### SWINE SHOW

#### **Special Rules:**

1. Swine Show Order: Light weight hogs, medium weight hogs, heavy weight hogs.
2. Market Swine will compete in divided classes. Classes will be determined at the time of the show based upon weight (light, medium or heavy weight, *not* gender) and the number of entries. Gilts and Barrows will show together in the same class. Weights will also be made available to the judge. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> place will be selected in each weight class. Example: At the end of all the light weight classes, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in each class will enter the ring while 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> places will remain in holding pens or at their assigned stall in case they are needed in the ring. Judge will choose the top 5 light weight animals to then move on to the FINAL drive. Medium weight and heavy weight classes will follow the same way.  
Grand and Reserve Overall Champion will be selected in the final drive which will consist of up to the top five in each class of that division, and then continue to place the top five market animals. If there is a purebred class, the Grand and Reserve will be a part of the final drive of the overall market class.  
If the Grand and/or Reserve Overall Champions are not from Yellowstone County, the judge will also choose a Grand and Reserve Champion Market Swine from Yellowstone County within the 15+ animals in the final drive (Purebred Grand and Reserve, top five light weight, top five medium weight and top five heavy weight). No additional premium money will be paid out for the Grand or Reserve Overall Yellowstone County Champions.
3. Gilts shown in the market division may also be shown under Breeding Swine.
4. There will be no more than 10-12 swine shown in the ring at one time, with exception of the final drive or at the discretion of the chairmen.
5. Adults who are not Show Ring board men, Division Chairmen, or other Show Officials are not allowed in the Show Holding Area.
6. You must enter Division 56, Class 1, 2 or 3 on your MontanaFair entry form to participate in Showmanship.
7. All swine must be clean at weigh in and will be checked. Skin must be visible for Vet inspection. Take dirty pigs off grounds to be cleaned (Do Not unload on grounds to clean. You must be on grounds and in line before check in deadline.  
Animals will be inspected by the chairman before they are unloaded. Swine that are not clean will not be permitted to weigh in.
8. There will be 2 pigs per pen. Divider panels will not be provided. You must bring your own if you are going to separate hogs.

### MARKET SWINE

#### **DIVISION 54 (ALL BREEDS COMPETING)**

#### Class

- 1 Purebred Market Swine born after December 1, 2025 - You must have registration papers in order to compete in this class and bring them to the 4-H MontanaFair Office. If the 4-H MontanaFair Office (in the Expo) does not have your purebred papers by 5 pm on Friday, July 10, 2026, your purebred entry will be moved into the Crossbred Market Class. There must be 5 or more purebreds exhibited in this class, if not, exhibitors will be moved to the Crossbred class.
- 2 Crossbred Market Hog born after December 1, 2025
- 3 Club Pen of 3 Swine born after December 1, 2025

### BREEDING SWINE

#### **DIVISION 55**

#### **Special Rules:**

1. There will be no more than 10-12 gilts shown in the ring at one time.
2. You cannot bring a gilt only as a breeding swine exhibit. It must also be tagged as a market swine. Eligible entries must weigh at least 230 pounds. If a market animal does not make weight, it will be sent home immediately. Hogs weighing over 330 pounds at weigh in will be sent home immediately. No Exceptions.
3. You must enter Division 56, Class 1, 2 or 3 on your MontanaFair entry form to participate in Showmanship.
4. In breeding, if less than 5 animals are entered in Class 1, they will be moved to Class 2.
5. The top five overall breeding animals will be placed.
6. Specify the breed on your entry. **If you are showing a Purebred breeding swine, you must have registration papers to compete in that class and bring them to the 4-H MontanaFair Office. If the 4-H MontanaFair Office in the Expo does not have your purebred paperwork by 5:00 pm on Friday, July 10, 2026, your purebred entry will be moved to the crossbred class. NO EXCEPTIONS**

#### Class - Purebred

- 1 Junior Gilt, born after December 1, 2025

#### Class - Crossbreed

- 2 Junior Gilt, born after December 1, 2025

## **SWINE SHOWMANSHIP**

### **DIVISION 56**

#### **Special Rules:**

1. An exhibitor may change the animal between Showmanship classes in swine for safety reasons with the approval of the Division chairman. All decisions are at the discretion of the Division Chairmen. Also see General Showmanship Rules.
2. First and second place Beginner, Junior and Senior Showman will qualify to advance to the Large Animal Round Robin (see Division 157).

#### **Class**

- 1 Swine Showmanship - Senior
- 2 Swine Showmanship - Beginner
- 3 Swine Showmanship - Junior

## **DAIRY GOAT**

### **DIVISION 57**

#### **Special Rules:**

1. Lease agreements are optional.
2. All goats exhibited in Department A at MontanaFair must possess an official scrapie ID tag or show proof of tattoo ID at animal check in. *Pygmy and myotonic goats only* may have a microchip ID Number that must match paperwork at the time of check in.
3. Each exhibitor may enter two animals per Class Number except Class 16 - Milk Class.
4. Horned goats can be shown in the dairy class, (if goats are dehorned, they must be healed over prior to Check In). Horn scurs will be approved by the Division Chairman at the time of check in.
5. All does in milk will be milked out. Milking does will be milked out between 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, before the show. The milk out judge will check does as they finish milking. Does not milked out and checked by 7:00 pm will not show on Wednesday.
6. All Dairy goats (does and wethers) must be clipped to ½ inch or shorter.
7. You must enter Division 66, Class 1, 2 or 3 in your MontanaFair entry to participate in Showmanship.
8. Purebred will include American Does.
9. Yearling Does that are in milk must show as a Senior Doe.
10. For the Pet Dry Doe class, does older than 24 months, not in milk, may be entered.
11. For the milking class, exhibitors will enter milk collected in the provided container during a timed one-minute period under the supervision of the show chairman. A weight will be recorded. Exhibitors must provide their own milking stand and may enter only one doe in this class. This contest will take place at the end of the Dairy Goat Show.
12. A goat entered in the milk class must be entered in one of the doe goat classes.
13. Goats must be led without dragging. They can be prompted by tapping on the rear or a small tug on the tail. Judge or chairman will remove exhibitor if deemed unsafe.

#### **Class**

##### **Junior Does not in Milk**

- 1 Purebred Junior Does, born April 1, 2026, and after
- 2 Recorded Grade and Grade Junior Does born April 1, 2026, and after
- 3 Purebred Junior Does, born December 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026
- 4 Recorded Grade and Grade Junior Does born December 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026
- 5 Purebred Junior Does, 12-24 months not in milk
- 6 Recorded Grade and Grade Junior Does, 12-24 months not in milk
- 7 Dry doe class, doe older than 24 months, not in milk

##### **Senior Does in Milk**

- 8 Purebred Senior Does, yearling in milk
- 9 Recorded Grade and Grade Senior Does, yearling in milk
- 10 Purebred Senior Does, 2 to 3 years in milk
- 11 Recorded Grade and Grade Senior Does, 2 to 3 years in milk
- 12 Purebred Senior Does, 3 to 4 years in milk
- 13 Recorded Grade and Grade Senior Does, 3 to 4 years in milk
- 14 Purebred Senior Does, 5 years old and older in milk
- 15 Recorded Grade and Grade Senior Does, 5 years old and older in milk
- 16 Milk Class

##### **Other Classes**

- 17 Wethers born April 1, 2026, and after
- 18 Wethers born on or before March 31, 2026
- 19 Wethers one year and older
- 20 Other Breeds Female - For all breeds not shown in another Division.
- 21 Mohair or Fleece Class from does or wethers of any age. Fleece is judged on the animal.

##### **Buck Goat Classes**

- 22 Buckling born after January 1, 2026
- 23 Yearling Buck
- 24 Buck, 2 or 3 years only

## **GOAT FLEECE CLASS**

### **DIVISION 58**

#### **Special Rules:**

1. All fleece exhibits must be delivered to the Expo by 7:00 pm Saturday, August 8, 2026.
2. Entries are limited to two entries per exhibitor in any class.
3. All fleece must be Montana grown.
4. Fleece shorn in 2025 or 2026 is eligible.
5. Shorn fleece (no more than 12 months growth)
6. Preparation – fleece must be laid cut side down, sides folded into the middle then from the back end rolled towards the neck, tucked in the loose end to secure and placed into a plastic bag so cut/clean side is showing.
7. Any plastic twine will disqualify a fleece.

#### **Class**

- 1 Mohair Fleece

## **PYGMY GOATS**

### **DIVISION 59**

#### **Special Rules:**

1. Lease agreements are optional.
2. Each exhibitor may enter two animals per class.
3. Horned or dehorned pygmy goats may be shown. If dehorned, they must be healed up prior to check in.
4. The maximum height for females is 22" at the shoulders, male 23" at the shoulders. They may be measured.
5. Fitting must be per breed standard.
6. You must enter Division 66, Class 1, 2 or 3 in your MontanaFair entry to participate in Showmanship.
7. All goats exhibited in Department A at MontanaFair must possess an official scrapie ID tag or show tattoo ID at time of check in. Pygmy & Miniature goat only may provide Microchip ID number to match papers at time of Check In instead of scrapie ID tag or show tattoo.
8. Goats must be led without dragging. They can be prompted by tapping on the rear or a small tug on the tail. Judge or chairman will remove exhibitor if deemed unsafe.

#### **Class**

- 1 Doe kid born between April 1, 2026 – May 2, 2026
- 2 Doe kid born between April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026
- 3 Doe 1 yr. to 2 yrs. old born between March 31, 2024 - March 31, 2025
- 4 Doe 2 yrs. old and older born before March 31, 2024
- 5 Wether kid born between April 1, 2026 – May 2, 2026
- 6 Wether kid born between April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026
- 7 Wether 1 yr. to 2 yrs., born between March 31, 2024 – March 31, 2025
- 8 Wethers 2 yrs. and older born before March 31, 2024
- 9 Buckling born between April 1, 2026 – May 2, 2026
- 10 Buckling born between April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026
- 11 Yearling Buck 1 yr. to 2 yrs. old born between March 31, 2024 – March 31, 2025
- 12 Buck 2 or 3 years only

## **MYOTONIC GOATS**

### **DIVISION 60**

#### **Special Rules:**

1. Lease agreements are optional.
2. Each exhibitor may enter two animals per class.
3. Horned or dehorned myotonic may be shown. If dehorned, they must be healed up prior to check in.
4. Fitting must be per breed standard.
5. You must enter Division 66, Class 1, 2 or 3 in your MontanaFair entry to participate in Showmanship.
6. All goats exhibited in Department A at MontanaFair must possess an official scrapie ID tag or show tattoo ID at time of check in. Myotonic & Miniature goats only may provide Microchip ID number to match papers at time of Check In instead of scrapie ID tag or show tattoo.
7. Goats must be led without dragging. They can be prompted by tapping on the rear or a small tug on the tail. Judge or chairman will remove exhibitor if deemed unsafe.

#### **Class**

- 1 Doe kid born between April 1, 2026 – May 2, 2026
- 2 Doe kid born between April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026
- 3 Doe 1 yr. to 2 yrs. old born between March 31, 2024 - March 31, 2025
- 4 Doe 2 yrs. old and older born before March 31, 2024
- 5 Wether kid born between April 1, 2026 – May 2, 2026
- 6 Wether kid born between April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026
- 7 Wether 1 yr. to 2 yrs., born between March 31, 2024 – March 31, 2025
- 8 Wethers 2 yrs. and older born before March 31, 2024
- 9 Buckling born between April 1, 2026 – May 2, 2026

- 10 Buckling born between April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026
- 11 Yearling Buck 1 yr. to 2 yrs. old born between March 31, 2024 – March 31, 2025
- 12 Buck 2 or 3 years only

**NIGERIAN GOATS**

**DIVISION 61**

**Special Rules:**

- 1. Lease agreements are optional.
- 2. Each exhibitor may enter two animals per class number.
- 3. Horned or dehorned goats are permitted.
- 4. You must enter Division 66, Class 1, 2 or 3 in your MontanaFair entry to participate in Showmanship.
- 5. All goats exhibited in Department A at the MontanaFair must possess an official scrapie ID tag at animal Check In or show proof of tattoo ID.
- 6. Fitting must be per breed standard.
- 7. Goats must be led without dragging. They can be prompted by tapping on the rear or a small tug on the tail. Judge or chairman will remove exhibitor if deemed unsafe.

**Class**

- 1 Doe kid born on or after January 1, 2026
- 2 Doe yearlings born between January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025
- 3 Doe born before January 1, 2025
- 4 Wether kid born on or after January 1, 2026
- 5 Wether yearlings born between January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025
- 6 Wether born before January 1, 2025
- 7 Buckling born after January 1, 2026
- 8 Yearling Buck born between January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025
- 9 Buck, 2 or 3 years only

**MARKET GOAT SHOW**

**Special Rules:**

- 1. Lease agreements are not allowed in market goats.
- 2. Market goats must be body clipped to 3/8" of hair or less before check in.
- 3. All goats exhibited in Department A at MontanaFair must possess an official scrapie ID tag at animal Check In
- 4. Milk teeth must be in place. Animal's age: no breaking of skin, or eruption of two permanent front teeth. Wethers or does will not be more than one year old.
- 5. You must enter Division 67, Class 1, 2 or 3 in your entry to participate in Meat Goat Showmanship.
- 6. Market Goats will compete in divided classes. Classes will be determined at the time of the show based upon weight and the number of entries. Weights will also be made available to the judge. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> place will be selected in each weight class. Grand and Reserve Overall Champion will be selected from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners in each of the weight classes, and then continue to place the top five market animals. If the Grand and/or Reserve Overall Champions are not from Yellowstone County, the judge will also choose a Grand and Reserve Champion Market Goat from Yellowstone County. No additional premium money will be paid out for the Grand or Reserve Overall Yellowstone County Champions.
- 7. Goats must be led without dragging. They can be prompted by tapping on the rear or a small tug on the tail. Judge or chairman will remove exhibitor if deemed unsafe.

**MARKET GOAT SHOW**

**DIVISION 62**

**Class**

- 1 Market Goat - Doe or Wether
- 2 Club Pen of 3 Goats

**MARKET GOAT ULTRASOUND**

**DIVISION 63**

**Special Rule:**

- 1. This class must be selected in your MontanaFair entry to compete. It is not mandatory.

**Class**

- 1 Market Goat - Doe or Wether

**BREEDING MEAT GOAT**

**DIVISION 64**

**Special Rules:**

- 1. Lease agreements are optional.
- 2. All goats exhibited in Department A at MontanaFair must possess an official scrapie ID tag at animal Check In or show proof of tattoo ID.
- 3. Each exhibitor may enter two animals per class.

4. Horned goats can be shown.
5. The top five overall breeding animals will be placed.
6. Breeding meat goats will be shown by weight if over 10 head entered in age class.

**Class**

- 1 Doe kid - 12 month & younger
- 2 Junior Doe - 12-24 months old
- 3 Senior Doe - 2-3 years old
- 4 Senior Doe - 3 years and older
- 5 Wethers, Pet - 1 year and older
- 6 Buckling - 12 months & younger
- 7 Yearling Buck - 12-24 months old
- 8 Buck - 2 or 3 years only

**GOAT CART**

**DIVISION 65**

**Special Rules:**

1. A goat entered in the goat cart division must be entered in a regular goat class. Members may have one entry per class. Dairy, Miniature, Nigerian and Meat goats will compete against each other.

**Class**

- 1 Pulled cart: Exhibitor will lead the goat pulling the cart
- 2 Driven carts: Exhibitor will ride while driving the goat

**GOAT SHOWMANSHIP**

**DIVISION 66**

**Special Rules:**

1. First and second place overall Beginner, Junior and Senior showman in Goat Showmanship will qualify to be in the Large Animal Round Robin. Also see General Showmanship Rules.
2. Goats entered in Division: 57, 59,60 & 61 can be entered in Division 66. Any goat used for the meat goat showmanship class cannot be entered in Division 66. No bucks will be allowed in any showmanship classes.

**Class**

- 1 Goat Showmanship - Senior
- 2 Goat Showmanship - Beginner
- 3 Goat Showmanship - Junior

**MEAT GOAT SHOWMANSHIP**

**DIVISION 67**

**Special Rules:**

1. First and second place overall Beginner, Junior and Senior showman in Goat Showmanship will qualify to be in the Large Animal Round Robin. Also see General Showmanship Rules.
2. Only goats shown in the Division 62 and 64 can be shown in meat goat showmanship.
3. No bucks will be allowed in any showmanship classes.
4. Meat Goat Showmanship is a brace class only.

**Class**

- 1 Goat Showmanship - Senior
- 2 Goat Showmanship - Beginner
- 3 Goat Showmanship - Junior

**GOAT OBSTACLE/TRAIL COURSE**

**DIVISION 68**

**Special Rules:**

1. A goat used for obstacle/trail course must be entered in a regular goat class too. Dairy, Pygmy, Angora, Myotonic, Nigerian and Meat Goats will compete against each other.
2. Obstacles may include, but are not limited to, stairs, ramp, teeter ramp, water obstacle, log walk along and tire obstacle.
3. The time limit is dependent upon the course. It will be set prior to class. Judging will be determined by a time limit and total of points.
4. The exhibitor may choose what type of collar and/ or leash they would like to use. The chairman and/or judge may disqualify anyone who is excessive in handling their animal.

**Class**

- 1 Goat Obstacle/Trail Course - Senior
- 2 Goat Obstacle/Trail Course - Beginner
- 3 Goat Obstacle/Trail Course - Junior

**HORSE SHOW**  
**DIVISION 70**

**Special Rules:** All Exhibitors should have a copy of the current Yellowstone County Horse & Colt Policy dated February 2026. Members and parents must sign off on their horse ID cards, that they have read the policy.

1. All Yellowstone County Horse Project members wishing to exhibit must turn in a horse identification card and proof of 4 in 1 vaccination, (Influenza, Tetanus, Eastern Equine and Western Equine Encephalitis) to their horse leader. The horse leader will make sure the ID card is complete and turn into the 4-H Extension Office by June 15, 2026. FFA and Out of County exhibitors will be mailed an ID card upon receipt of online MontanaFair entry and are to return it to the MontanaFair office within 10 days. Lease Agreements are optional. Incomplete and/or late ID cards will be reviewed at the June or July Horse and Colt meeting by the committee and dealt with on a case-by-case basis. Penalty for missing the deadline may or may not include being ineligible to show at MontanaFair.
2. Exhibition horses originating outside of Montana must have a health certificate. A negative COGGINS TEST for Equine Infections Anemia within the previous 6 months is required on all exhibition horses over 6 months of age originating outside of Montana. This must be shown at Check In.
3. All horses will be stalled in their assigned stalls and will arrive during the scheduled Check In. Registration packets must be picked up by Check In, Thursday, August 6, 2026, by Noon at the 4-H MontanaFair Office in the Expo. To extend the Check In, you must come before the Horse and Colt Committee by the July 2026 meeting to get approval.
4. Each exhibitor may enter one animal per class number.
5. Horses shown in Classes 2-8 and 28-34 must be mature, gentle, and well trained.
6. Exhibitors are required to regularly feed, care for, and exercise their horses.
7. There will be Senior, Beginner, and Junior Showmanship Divisions (Note General Rule #1 - Age Requirements).  
**AGE REQUIREMENTS:** A beginner division MontanaFair Junior Livestock exhibitor is 8, 9, or 10 years old on October 1 of the current 4-H year. A junior division MontanaFair Junior Livestock exhibitor is 11,12, or 13 years old on October 1 of the current 4-H year. A senior division MontanaFair Junior Livestock exhibitor is anyone who has reached 14 years of age and is less than 19 years of age on October 1 of the current 4-H year.
8. To be eligible in Showmanship, all exhibitors must enter Division 71, Classes 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 on their entry. The first and second place beginner, junior and senior showman will advance to the Large Animal Round Robin (see Division). Miniature horses are eligible for Showmanship.
9. All exhibitors MUST show in their assessed project class at MontanaFair to show in any other horse class or forfeit premiums and awards for those other horse classes.
10. Horses shown in trail classes must be the same horses shown in project classes. An exhibitor may not show the same horse in more than one trail class. Neither the horse nor the exhibitor can compete against him or herself.
11. The dress code from the current Yellowstone County Horse Policy will be followed. Neatness is the first requirement regarding a rider's attire. Equipment stewards shall eliminate those contestants who do not conform.

**WESTERN:**

- Long sleeved, button or snap shirt with a collar. Primary closure mechanism must be button or snap.
- Western type pants, western boots, and a western hat (felt or straw).
- Vests, sweaters, jackets, chaps, gloves, and ties are optional.
- Spurs are optional unless otherwise prohibited (bareback and showmanship).
- Hair that is shoulder length or longer must be contained in a net or braid.

**ENGLISH:**

- Hunt coat (pink, red or scarlet coats are prohibited unless earned as a member of a recognized hunt), breeches, English type blouse or shirt with sleeves, hunt boots, half- chaps with jodhpurs are acceptable. A helmet is required, and it is recommended the helmet should follow ASTM or SEI standards.
- Stocks, chokers, ratcatchers or ties required.
- Gloves, unrowelled spurs and crop or bat are optional.
- Hair that is shoulder length or longer must be contained in a net or braid.

**SADDLE SEAT:**

- Conservative solid color jacket and Jodhpurs are required.
- Derby, soft hat or top hat, Jodhpur boots.
- Gloves, stock, chokers, or ties are required.
- Unrowelled spurs and crop are optional.
- Hair that is shoulder length or longer must be contained in a net or braid.

**BAREBACK EQUITATION AND SHOWMANSHIP:**

- Western or English attire is allowed. If wearing English attire, long sleeved shirt must be worn without the jacket. Chaps, spurs, crops and bats are prohibited.
12. All horses 5 years or older must be ridden one handed when using a curb bit. **EXCEPTIONS:** Green horses 5 years or older in Level 1 and Level 2 may be ridden in a snaffle with two hands. Roping reins may only be used in barrels, poles and team penning.
  13. Team Penning will be a drawpot format for all participants in Level 4 and above. Rules will be posted at MontanaFair and will be in the exhibitor's MontanaFair packet.
  14. Exhibitor's horses must stay until check out time, on Saturday, August 8, 2026. Exhibitors must clean stalls before leaving and check out with their horse leader or Chairman or forfeit their premium money. Horses will not be hauled in and out during MontanaFair.
  15. Mares with foals at side are not allowed at MontanaFair.

16. No adults can ride exhibitor's project horses at the MontanaFair. Only members can ride their project horses. **EXCEPTION:** A committee will determine 2 adults to ride 4-H exhibitor's horses for herd holding in Ranch and Team Sorting.
17. In trail, the exhibitor will have two attempts at an obstacle and then they must move to the next obstacle. Also, in trail, ties will be broken by one obstacle pre-determined by the judge before the class starts. The individual scores for that obstacle will determine the tiebreaker for final placing.
18. Lead shanks with chains may in no way come in contact with the horse. Excess chain must be looped properly and not be a ball of chain under the horse's chin.
19. State Horse Show rules will be used for bits and equipment.
20. All traveling trophies will be awarded to the highest placing Yellowstone County 4-H exhibitor in class.
21. Horsemanship Contest entries must have been submitted by the deadline. The contest is based on a written test and scores from various horse shows. The MontanaFair horse judge will judge the horsemanship pattern during MontanaFair. Results will be checked by a committee prior to awards being given or the awards will be held.
22. \*Must be assessed in Horsemanship 4 and above to enter these classes and must be at least 12 years of age or older in the current 4-H year.
23. The exhibitor must be accompanied in the cart by an adult. Signed assessments by the 4-H Leader must accompany the MontanaFair entry. If entered in the Miniature Horse Driving Class, an adult is not required in the cart but is required to be in the Driving Area.
24. \*\*\*Colt to Maturity and Green Horse projects only.
25. A project horse may be exhibited by up to two 4-H members. They must be part of immediate family and may be shared only for a period of one year and not be riding at the same level. One of the showing exhibitors must be in Horse Level 1, 2 or 3. Neither the horse nor the member can compete against himself or herself. Each exhibitor must provide a Horse ID card for the horse by the June 15 Horse ID Card deadline.
26. At the judge's discretion, in concern for humane treatment of the horse, any exhibitor using a lame or otherwise unsound horse shall be excused from the arena.
27. Any abuse or mistreatment of a horse by anyone on the grounds, which may be considered cruel and abusive, is prohibited including excessive schooling. The judge/superintendent/chairman may disqualify anyone mistreating an animal and may ask them to leave the grounds. Awards may be forfeited for all horse classes for the exhibitor.
28. Level 7 requirements must be completed by the second year an Exhibitor is in Level 7 for the county award of \$100. Only Yellowstone County 4-H exhibitors are eligible for the \$100 award. Exhibitors may continue to ride in Level 7 in subsequent years, however, county awards are only available through the second year if not awarded in the first year.
29. Introduction to reining- Western Horsemanship (Level 1 & 2) No costume or music. Walk/Trot only. The pattern committee will make the pattern. Helmet required.
30. Freestyle Reining- Western Horsemanship Levels 3 thru 7 - Exhibitor makes their own pattern with costume. Music is optional. Colt to maturity and green horses are not eligible.
31. Horse ID cards must be signed by the member, parent, and leader. It must include a picture of the horse.
32. Ranch horse levels 3 & 4 may compete in team penning. Team penning partners may be designated on MontanaFair entry forms. Other members that do not designate teams will be randomly drawn for teams and notified prior to MontanaFair.
33. **Family Horse - One allowed horse per family.** Only one 4-H/FFA member per family may choose to use the "Family Animal". The exhibitor's primary horse must be "vetted" out. If the family leases the horse, a lease agreement must be provided to the Horse chairman prior to June 15. This only applies to classes in English, Western and Ranch. Colt to Maturity and Green Horse projects are excluded from this rule.
34. Bareback- Western Horsemanship Level 1 (walk/trot) - Helmet required. Approval of horse leader required to be in this class.
35. Bareback Beginners (MUST be in level 2 or higher) are aged 9-11, Juniors are aged 11-13, Seniors are 14 and older.
36. **NON-YELLOWSTONE COUNTY EXHIBITORS** will pay a \$50 per market animal fee. Horse, small animal and breeding exhibitors will pay (1) \$50 exhibitor fee. Fees must be paid before allowed to exhibit.

**Class**

- 1 CTM 1 Yearling at halter – Filly and Gelding
- 2 English Horsemanship I
- 3 English Horsemanship II
- 4 English Horsemanship III
- 5 English Horsemanship IV
- 6 English Horsemanship V
- 7 English Horsemanship VI
- 8 English Horsemanship VII
- 9 English Equitation – Senior Exhibitor
- 10 English Equitation – Walk Trot Level 1 only
- 11 English Equitation – Beginner Exhibitor
- 12 English Equitation – Junior Exhibitor
- 13 CTM 2 – English (Rail work) \*\*\*
- 14 GH 1 – English (Rail work) \*\*\*
- 15 CTM 3 – English \*\*\*
- 16 GH 2 – English \*\*\*
- 17 CTM 4 – English \*\*\*
- 18 GH3 – English \*\*\*
- 19 CTM 5 – English \*\*\*
- 20 GH 4 – English \*\*\*

- 21 Small Equine In Hand Jumping – Beginner Exhibitor
- 22 Small Equine In Hand Jumping – Junior Exhibitor
- 23 Small Equine In Hand Jumping – Senior Exhibitor
- 24 Bareback – Level 1 Walk Trot only –Helmet required
- 25 Bareback – Beginner Exhibitor
- 26 Bareback - Senior Exhibitor
- 27 Bareback – Junior Exhibitor
- 28 Western Horsemanship I
- 29 Western Horsemanship II
- 30 Western Horsemanship III
- 31 Western Horsemanship IV
- 32 Western Horsemanship V
- 33 Western Horsemanship VI
- 34 Western Horsemanship VII
- 35 Western Equitation – Senior Exhibitor
- 36 Western Equitation – Walk Trot Level 1 only
- 37 Western Equitation – Beginner Exhibitor
- 38 Western Equitation – Junior Exhibitor
- 39 CTM 2 – Western (Rail Work) \*\*\*
- 40 GH 1 – Western (Rail Work) \*\*\*
- 41 CTM 3 – Western \*\*\*
- 42 GH 2 – Western \*\*\*
- 43 CTM 4 – Western \*\*\*
- 44 GH 3 – Western \*\*\*
- 45 CTM 5 – Western \*\*\*
- 46 GH 4 – Western \*\*\*
- 47 Reinsmanship I (Ground Driving) \*
- 48 Small Equine Driving Level 1
- 49 Small Equine Driving Level 2
- 50 Small Equine Driving Level 3
- 51 Small Equine Driving Level 4
- 52 Costume Class – Beginner
- 53 Costume Class – Junior
- 54 Costume Class - Senior
- 55 Intro to Reining – Level 1/2 Walt Trot Helmet required
- 56 Free Style Reining
- 57 Ranch Horse I
- 58 Ranch Horse II
- 59 Ranch Horse III
- 60 Ranch Horse IV
- 61 Team Penning \*(If cattle are available)
- 62 Small Equine In Hand Trail – Beginner Exhibitor
- 63 Small Equine In Hand Trail – Junior Exhibitor
- 64 Small Equine In Hand Trail – Senior Exhibitor
- 65 Trail – Junior Age Exhibitor
- 66 Trail – Senior Age Exhibitor \* (Western Horsemanship Level 4 & up)
- 67 Trail – CTM 1/yearling
- 68 Trail – CTM 2-3/GH 1-2\*
- 69 Trail CTM 4 -5/GH 3-4\*
- 70 Trail Horsemanship Level I
- 71 Trail Horsemanship Level II
- 72 Trail Horsemanship Level III

## **HORSE SHOWMANSHIP**

### **DIVISION 71**

#### **Special Rules:**

1. Exhibitors will be judged according to the Showmanship section of the 4-H Horse Project Manual.
2. Horses shown in Showmanship classes must be the same horses shown in project classes. An exhibitor may not show the same horse in more than one Showmanship class. Neither the horse nor the exhibitor can compete against him or herself.
3. The Champion of Champions Showmanship contest is the top two individuals in Beginner, Junior and Senior Showmanship and the Colt/Green Horse project. Traveling trophy awarded to top Yellowstone County 4-H member exhibitor. When entering the All-Around you

must specify which Showmanship you want your points in, if entering two horse Showmanship classes you must specify in order to receive your Showmanship points.

4. First and second place Beginner, Junior and Senior Showman will qualify to advance to the Large Animal Round Robin (see Division 157).
5. All 4-H members exhibiting horses can participate in Showmanship.
6. Also see General Showmanship Rules.

**Class**

- 1 Horse Showmanship Senior
- 2 Horse Showmanship Beginner
- 3 Horse Showmanship Junior
- 4 Colt and Green Horse Showmanship Senior
- 5 Colt and Green Horse Showmanship Junior

**LLAMA & ALPACA SHOW**

**Special Rules:**

1. Each exhibitor may enter two animals per class.
2. Animals must be at least five months old before arriving at MontanaFair.
3. The animals may be male or female. No stud llamas will be allowed at MontanaFair.
4. Exhibitors must be signed up for the llama project.
5. Exhibitors must enter Division 81, Class 1, 2 or 3 in their MontanaFair entry to participate in Showmanship.

**LLAMA SHOW**

**DIVISION 76**

**Class**

- 1 Llama - Male
- 2 Llama - Female

**LLAMA OBSTACLE/TRAIL COURSE**

**DIVISION 77**

**Special Rules:**

1. Obstacles may include, but are not limited to, stairs, ramp, teeter ramp, water obstacle, log walk along and tire obstacle.
2. The time limit depends upon the course. It will be set prior to the class.

**Class**

- 1 Llama - Obstacle/Trail Course

**ALPACA SHOW**

**DIVISION 79**

**Special Rules:**

1. Each exhibitor may enter two animals per class.
2. Animals must be at least six months old before arriving at MontanaFair.
3. The animals may be male or female. No stud alpacas will be allowed at MontanaFair.
4. Exhibitors must be signed up for the Llama/Alpaca project.
5. Exhibitors must enter Division 81, Class 1, 2 or 3 in your MontanaFair entry to participate in Showmanship.

**Class**

- 1 Suri
- 2 Huacayas

**ALPACA OBSTACLE/TRAIL COURSE**

**DIVISION 80**

**Special Rules:**

1. Obstacles may include, but are not limited to, stairs, ramp, teeter ramp, water obstacle, log walk along and tire obstacle.
2. The time limit depends upon the course. It will be set prior to the class.

**Class**

- 1 Alpaca - Obstacle/Trail Course

**LLAMA & ALPACA SHOWMANSHIP**

**DIVISION 81**

1. First and second place Beginner, Junior and Senior Showman will qualify to advance to the Large Animal Round Robin (see Division 157).

**Class**

- 1 Llama/Alpaca Showmanship - Senior
- 2 Llama/Alpaca Showmanship - Beginner
- 3 Llama/Alpaca Showmanship - Junior

## **LLAMA & ALPACA WOOL & FLEECE CONTEST**

### **DIVISION 82**

#### **Special Rules:**

1. All wool and fleece exhibits must be delivered to the Llama/Alpaca barn in the Expo by 7:00 pm Saturday, August 8, 2024.
2. Entries are limited to two from any exhibitor in any class. Entries must be from an animal being shown at MontanaFair.
3. All wool/fleece must be Montana grown.
4. Wool/fleece shorn in 2025 or 2026 is eligible.
5. Shorn wool /fleece (no more than 12 months growth)
6. Preparation – fleece must be laid cut side down, sides folded into the middle then from the back end rolled towards the neck, tucked in the loose end to secure and placed into a plastic bag so the cut/clean side is showing.
7. Any plastic twine will disqualify a fleece.
8. Fleece and the wool will be judged separately.

#### **Class**

- 1 Llama Fleece
- 2 Suri Wool
- 3 Huacaya Wool

## **CAT SHOW**

### **DIVISION 84**

#### **Special Rules:**

1. The MontanaFair Cat Show is held pre-MontanaFair. Be sure to include it in your MontanaFair entry if you participated. Each Exhibitor may enter two cats of any gender. (1 male & 1 female, 2 males, 2 females)
2. Exhibitors may enter classes below & Showmanship classes in Division 85. First and second place Beginner, Junior and Senior Showman will qualify to advance to the Small Animal Round Robin (see Division 158).
3. Current vaccinations are mandatory to show and must be presented at check in for show.
4. Claws must be tipped (sharp point removed) or clipped to show.
5. Cats that pose a potential safety risk may be excused by the judge.
6. Cats may be in carriers at the waiting area but must be safely removed to show.

#### **Class**

- 1 Males
- 2 Females

## **CAT SHOWMANSHIP**

### **DIVISION 85**

#### **Class**

- 1 Cat Showmanship - Senior
- 2 Cat Showmanship - Beginner
- 3 Cat Showmanship – Junior

## **DOG SHOW**

#### **Special Rules:**

1. The MontanaFair Dog Show will be held pre-MontanaFair. Be sure to include it in your MontanaFair entry if you are participating.
2. Each exhibitor may enter more than one dog per class number, except in Showmanship. If two dogs are entered in the same class and the dog needs to go back into the show ring, the exhibitor is responsible to find another 4-H/FFA exhibitor at the fair to show that animal.
3. AKC exercises will be used and AKC rules will be followed. If a dog relieves themselves at any time while in the ring for judging during the pattern, a white ribbon will be given, and the dog could be disqualified. This will be at the discretion of the judge. Participants are expected to clean up after their dog including vomit, fecal, or urination (both indoors and out).
4. If possible, out of county judges must be hired.
5. Prong collars cannot be used at fair.
6. The dog must appear clean and well taken care of to show. Grooming is a must, and dogs will be “prejudged” for disqualification if they do not appear to be in a healthy state. Dogs showing signs of illness, injury or that are in heat will be ineligible to compete.
7. Exhibitors may enter Showmanship classes in Division 87. First and second place Beginner, Junior and Senior Showman will qualify to advance to the Small Animal Round Robin (see Division 158).
8. Current vaccinations are mandatory to show: distemper, bordetella and rabies.
9. Dogs that are a potential safety risk may be excused by the judge.

## **DOG OBEDIENCE**

### **DIVISION 86**

#### **Class**

- 1 Beginner - Novice
- 2 Pre- Novice
- 3 Novice
- 4 Graduate Novice

## **DOG SHOWMANSHIP**

### **DIVISION 87**

#### **Class**

- 1 Dog Showmanship – Senior
- 2 Dog Showmanship – Beginner
- 3 Dog Showmanship – Junior

## **DOG RALLY**

### **DIVISION 88**

#### **Class**

- 1 Novice
- 2 Intermediate

## **CAVY (GUINEA PIG) SHOW**

### **DIVISION 89**

#### **Special Rules:**

1. Cavies CANNOT be entered in the Pocket Pet Division.
2. Cavies may go home after the show on Saturday. (check in time in small animal rules)
3. Each exhibitor may enter two animals per class, maximum of eight cavies. Animals must be owned by May 2, 2026, to show at MontanaFair. The exhibitor must be the primary caretaker or trainer. Lease agreements are optional.
4. Cavies must be in an escape proof cage that the exhibitor supplies.
5. Exhibitors must enter Division 90, Classes 1, 2, or 3 in your entry for Showmanship. First and second place Beginner, Junior and Senior Showman will qualify to advance to the Small Animal Round Robin (See Division 158).

#### **Class**

- 1 Senior Boar born before February 1, 2026
- 2 Junior Boar born after February 1, 2026, but before May 1, 2026
- 3 Senior Sow born before February 1, 2026
- 4 Junior Sow born after February 1, 2026, but before May 1, 2026

## **CAVY SHOWMANSHIP**

### **DIVISION 90**

#### **Class**

- 1 Cavy Showmanship - Senior
- 2 Cavy Showmanship - Beginner
- 3 Cavy Showmanship - Junior

## **POCKET PETS SHOW**

### **DIVISION 91**

#### **Special Rules:**

1. Pocket pets are considered to be any small animal, bird, reptile, or other creature that a member has been learning about in 4-H. Guinea Pigs (Cavies) CANNOT be entered in this Division. Enter Cavies under Division 89. Exhibitors must be enrolled in one skill level of the pocket pet project.
2. Pocket pets check in at the Expo from 1:00-3:30 pm on Friday, August 7, 2026, or they will not be allowed to show. All exhibitors must check in with the Division Chairman or will not be allowed to show. All pocket pets must be taken home after the show that day.
3. Interview judging will be held for all exhibitors. Judging will be on the exhibit, not on conformation. When handed the microphone, Senior exhibitors will have a 5-minute time limit. Junior exhibitors will have 3- minutes and Beginner exhibitors will get 2- minutes for exhibitors to speak about their animal. Specific questions asked by the judge will not be included in those times.
4. All pocket pets must be confined to an escape proof cage suitable for that particular species, while they are at the MontanaFair. Exhibitors must provide their own cages. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to provide for the health and welfare of the animal while it is at the MontanaFair.
5. Exhibitors may be asked to handle their pets at the judge's discretion.
6. Exhibitors must be enrolled in only one skill level each year. Exhibitors are allowed to enter up to two animals from different species in their skill level.
7. Lease agreements are optional.
8. First and second place Beginner, Junior and Senior Showman will qualify to advance to the Small Animal Round Robin (see Division 158).
9. Animal species **must be identified on MontanaFair Entry** (e.g., lizard, snake) along with birth date. If birth date is not known, please put purchase date.

#### **Class**

- 1 Pocket Pet Showmanship – Senior (no more than 2 species)
- 2 Pocket Pet Showmanship – Beginner (no more than 2 species)
- 3 Pocket Pet Showmanship – Junior (no more than 2 species)

## **POULTRY SHOW**

### **DIVISION 92 - 118**

#### **Special Rules:**

1. Birds entered in trio or pairs will not be permitted to compete for individual prizes nor compete as part of another trio, pair, or Meat Pen.
2. Exhibitors may enter two entries in each class in all Divisions **excluding** Divisions 92, 95, 97, not to exceed a total of ten entries. Two entries will be dependent upon availability of cages, space, and overall number of entries.
3. Each Exhibitor may enter a total of 10 entries in Divisions 106-118. No more than 15 total fowl entries in Divisions 93-118 excluding Division 95.
4. Cages are provided by MontanaFair.
5. All animals will be checked for health upon arrival. Any sick or diseased animals will be disqualified and sent home.
6. Exhibitors must enter Division 119, Class 1, 2 or 3 on your MontanaFair entry to participate in Showmanship. Any animal may be shown in Showmanship if it is entered in another class. All Showmanship animals must be gentle enough so that they can be handled by other exhibitors without danger to the animal or the exhibitor. First and second place Beginner, Junior and Senior Showmen will advance to the Small Animal Round Robin (See Division 158).
7. Lease agreements are optional. **Leases are not accepted in the Market Poultry Division 97, 98, 99 or division 94 due to maturity date.**
8. If less than five (5) animals are entered in a Division they will be combined with a like Class or Division.
9. No animals may be shown more than once except in Fancy Feathers Division.
10. A top male and a top female will be chosen for each division. These will NOT receive extra premiums but will be brought back to compete for "Best in Show Male" and "Best in Show Female". "Best in Show Male" is chosen from the top males in each Division. "Best in Show Female" will be chosen from the top females in each Division. Divisions included in this are 93, 94, 100 -118 classes 1-4. No pairs or trios will compete. Your bird must compete against birds of the same age & sex to compete for Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion.
11. Poultry need to be hatched by May 2, 2026, except for the Market Poultry, Quail or Chukar entries.
12. Exhibitors showing in Divisions 93-118 must initial program order by 4pm on Saturday to confirm the classes your birds will be showing in the next day. Program will be posted on the wall by the 4-H office in the Expo Center.

## **EGG CLASS**

### **DIVISION 92**

#### **Special Rules:**

1. Exhibitors may submit only one entry per class consisting of one dozen eggs of the same size, shape, and color in any 12 pack egg cartons.
2. Entries must check in the Small Animal barn in the Expo by Friday, August 7, 2026, at 4:00 pm check in time or they will not be allowed to compete.
3. Exhibitors entering the Egg Class Division must have shown a bird in the Poultry Show and the eggs entered must come from birds owned by the exhibitor. Do not put names on egg cartons.
4. One decorated egg from any bird owned by the exhibitor may be used. If it is not a diorama and is larger than 12" across/wide, please make certain it has a protective cover on it.
5. Decorated eggs will not compete for the Overall Grand or Reserve Champion.

#### **Class**

- 1 White Eggs
- 2 Brown Eggs
- 3 Colored Eggs
- 4 Bantam Eggs
- 5 Turkey, Duck, Goose, Pigeon or Ornamental Bird (Specify)
- 6 Decorated Egg

## **PIGEON SHOW**

### **DIVISION 93**

#### **Special Rule:**

1. Exhibitors may enter two entries in each class.

#### **Class**

- 1 Cock one year old and older
- 2 Cock less than one year
- 3 Hen one year old and older
- 4 Hen less than one year

## **QUAIL AND CHUKAR SHOW**

### **DIVISION 94**

#### **Special Rule:**

1. Exhibitors may enter two entries in each class.
2. Must be hatched by June 11, 2026, as they mature at six weeks old.

#### **Class**

- 1 Cock
- 2 Hen
- 3 Pair – One Cock and One Hen

**FANCY FEATHERS**

**DIVISION 95**

**Special Rules:**

1. One Fancy Feather entry per Exhibitor. Any bird entered in another class and in show quality condition that can be handled by the exhibitor and be judged without harm to people or birds can show in this class.

**Class**

- 1 One bird, any age or sex

**GAME AND ORNAMENTAL BIRDS**

**DIVISION 96**

**Special Rules:**

1. All game birds are not considered game birds. (e.g., Old English Game and Modern Game are chickens and should be entered in the proper Poultry Division and Class.)

**Class**

- 1 Male - Guinea, peacock, or any other game or ornamental bird not listed
- 2 Female - Guinea, peacock, or any other game or ornamental bird not listed

**MEAT PEN**

**DIVISION 97**

**Special Rules:**

1. Exhibitor may have only one entry per class.
2. An entry consists of 3 like birds.
3. May not be shown in any other division.

**Class**

- 1 Pen of three young males 6 months and younger
- 2 Pen of three young females 6 months and younger

**MARKET POULTRY –**

**DIVISION 98**

**Special Rules:**

1. Birds may NOT be shown in any other class or division. No exceptions.
2. Poultry Market Breeds (Meat) includes Quail (Coturnix or Bobwhite), Chicken (Jersey Giants, Plymouth Rock, Brahmas, Cochins (Standard), Cornish, Cornish Rock Crosses, Orpingtons and other dual-purpose chickens). If market birds do not make weight, they will be moved to a breeds class.
  - Quail 156 grams/5.5 ounces to 198.5 grams/7 ounces hatched by June 11, 2026
  - Chickens 2.5 to 4 pounds hatched by June 22–July 6, 2026
  - Chickens 4 to 10 pounds hatched by June 1, 2026
  - Female Ducks 4 to 8 pounds hatched by June 11, 2026
  - Male Ducks 10 to 12 pounds hatched by June 11, 2026
3. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Market Poultry MUST sell in the Junior Livestock Sale.
4. Market Poultry pictures will be taken Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 1:00 pm. Appropriate show clothes are required.
5. Market poultry must be declared by the MontanaFair entry deadline. Photo and description of animal must be submitted by 5 pm July 10, 2026, to the Extension Office or 4-H/Department A office at MontanaFair.
6. Exhibitors may exhibit Only 2 Market Poultry. It can be 2 roosters or 2 hens or one of each.

**Class**

- 1 Male fowl (6 months or younger)
- 2 Female fowl (6 months or younger)

**MARKET POULTRY – TURKEYS AND GEESE**

**DIVISION 99**

**Special Rules:**

1. Birds may NOT be shown in any other class or division. No exceptions.
2. Poultry Market Breeds (Meat) include Turkeys, Heavy Breed Ducks (Pekin, Muscovy) and Geese. If market birds do not make weight, they will be moved to a breed class.
  - Turkey Hens: 20-25 pounds hatched by April 11, 2026
  - Turkey Toms: 27-37 pounds hatched by April 11, 2026
  - Geese 12 to 16 pounds hatched by April 11, 2026
3. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Market Poultry MUST sell in the Junior Livestock Sale.
4. Market Poultry pictures will be taken Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 1: 00 pm. Appropriate show clothes are required.

5. Market poultry must be declared by the MontanaFair entry deadline. Photo and description of animal must be submitted by 5 pm July 10, 2026, to the Extension Office or 4-H/Department A office at MontanaFair.
6. Exhibitors may exhibit Only 2 Market Poultry. It can be 2 toms or 2 hens, 1 of each. Can also be 1 goose and 1 turkey.

**Class**

- 1 Male fowl (6 months or younger)
- 2 Female fowl (6 months or younger)

**WATERFOWL – GEESE AND DUCKS**

**DIVISION 100** Geese

**DIVISION 101** Heavy Weight Ducks (Appleyard, Aylesbury, Muscovy, Pekin, Rouen, Saxony)

**DIVISION 102** Middle Weight Ducks (Buff, Cayuga, Crested, Swedish)

**DIVISION 103** Light Weight Ducks (Campell, Magpie, Runner, Welsh Harlequin)

**DIVISION 104** Bantam Ducks (Call, East Indie, Mallard)

**Special Rules:**

1. Exhibitor may have only one entry per class.

**Class**

- 1 Male fowl one year - old and older
- 2 Male fowl less than one year - old
- 3 Female fowl one year - old and older
- 4 Female fowl less than one year - old
- 5 Old Pair - one male and one female, one year - old and older
- 6 Young Pair - one male and one female, less than one year

**TURKEY**

**DIVISION 105**

**Special Rules:**

1. Exhibitor may have only one entry per class.

**Class**

- 1 Male fowl one year - old and older
- 2 Male fowl less than one year - old
- 3 Female fowl one year - old and older
- 4 Female fowl less than one year - old
- 5 Old Pair - one male and one female, one year - old and older
- 6 Young Pair - one male and one female, less than one year old

**POULTRY**

**DIVISION 106** American (Plymouth Rock, Dominique, Wyandots, Java, Rhode Island Red, Rhode Island White, Buckeyes, Chanteclers, Jersey Giants, Lamona, New Hampshire, Holland, Delaware)

**DIVISION 107** Asiatic (Brahma, Cochin, Langshan)

**DIVISION 108** English (Dorking, Red Cap, Cornish, Orpington, Sussex, Australorp)

**DIVISION 109** Mediterranean (Ancona, Leghorn, Minorcas, Whites Face Black Spanish, Andalusian, Sicilian Buttercups, Catalana)

**DIVISION 110** Continental (Barnevelder, Campines, Hamburg, Lakenvelder, Welsummer, Polish, Haudans, Crevecoeur, La Fleche, Favarolle, Maran)

**DIVISION 111** All Other Standard Breeds ( Modern Games, Old English Games, Sumatra, Malays, Cubalaya, Phoenix, Yokohama, Aseel, Shamo, Sultan, Naked Neck, Araucana, Americauna)

**DIVISION 112** All Other Standard Size Non-Recognized Breeds

**DIVISION 113** Game Bantams (Modern, English, American)

**DIVISION 114** Bantams - Single Comb Clean Leg (other than Game Bantam) (Ancona, Andalusian, Australorp, Campine, Canalana, Delaware, Dorking, Dutch, Holland, Japanese, Java, Jersey Giant, Lakenvelder, Lamona, Leghorn, Minorca, Naked Neck, Nankin, New Hampshire, Orpington, Phoenix, Plymouth Rock, Rhode Island Red, Serama, White Face Black Spanish, Sussex, Welsummer)

**DIVISION 115** Bantams - Rose Comb Clean Leg (Ancona, Belgian Bearded d'anver, Dominique, Dorking, Hamburg, Leghorn, Minorca, Nankin, Red Cap, Rhode Island Red, Rhode Island White, Rose Combs, Seabright, Wyandot)

**DIVISION 116** Bantams- All Other Combs Clean Leg (Ameraucana, Araucana, Buckeye, Shanteeler, Cornish, Crevecoeur, Cubalaya, Houdan, Ko Shamo, La Fleche, Malay, Polish, Sicilian Buttercup, Sumatra, Yokohama)

**DIVISION 117** Bantams – Feather Legged (Booted Belgian Bearded d'ucelle, Cochin, Favorolles, Langshan, Silkies, Sultan)

**DIVISION 118** All Other Bantams Non – Recognized Breeds

**DIVISION 119** Superintendents discretion. DO NOT ENTER.

Breeds will be placed in this Division if there is enough of one breed from small or other breeds to form a new division.

**Class**

- 1 Male fowl one year - old and older
- 2 Male fowl less than one year - old
- 3 Female fowl one year - old and older
- 4 Female fowl less than one year - old
- 5 Old Trio - one male and two females, one year old and older

6 Young Trio - one male and two females, less than one year old

## **POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP**

### **DIVISION 120**

#### **Class**

- 1 Poultry Showmanship - Senior
- 2 Poultry Showmanship - Beginner
- 3 Poultry Showmanship - Junior

## **RABBIT SHOW**

### **Special Rules:**

1. Each exhibitor may enter two entries in each class not to exceed a total of 10 entries in Divisions 128-146.
2. Each exhibitor may enter only one animal in each fur class. Each rabbit may only be entered in one fur class. Each of the animal(s) must also be entered in one of the rabbit breed Divisions 128-146 to be eligible to compete. They may be entered in Rex Fur–Division 125, Normal Fur–Division 126, or Wool–Division 127.
3. All animals will be checked for health upon arrival. Any sick or diseased animals will be disqualified and sent home immediately.
4. If less than 5 animals are entered in a Division, they are combined with like Class or Division.
5. Animals must be owned by the exhibitor by May 2, 2026, to show at MontanaFair. The exhibitor must be the primary caretaker or trainer. Lease agreements are optional.
6. Exhibitors must enter Division 150, Class 1, 2 or 3 in your fair entry to participate in Showmanship. First and second place Beginner, Junior and Senior Showman will qualify to advance to the Small Animal Round Robin (See Division 158).
7. A top male and a top female will be chosen for each division (128-146). These will NOT receive extra premiums but will be brought back to compete for “Best in Show Male” and “Best in Show Female”. “Best in Show Male” is chosen from the top males in each Division (128-146). “Best in Show Female” will be chosen from the top females in each Division (128-146).
8. Rabbits must be born by May 2, 2026, with the exception of the Market Rabbit entries.

## **REX FUR**

### **DIVISION 125**

#### **Class**

- 1 One rabbit – 6 months and older

## **NORMAL FUR (Includes Lion Heads - to be judged on body, not mane)**

### **DIVISION 126**

#### **Class**

- 1 One rabbit – 6 months and older

## **WOOL (Angora, Fuzzy Lops and Jersey Wooly’s)**

### **DIVISION 127**

#### **Class**

- 1 One rabbit – 6 months and older

## **RABBITS**

**Division 128** Dutch

**Division 129** Netherland Dwarf

**Division 130** Jersey Wooly

**Division 131** Holland Lop

**Division 132** Mini Lop

**Division 133** Lionhead

**Division 134** Mini Rex

**Division 135** Dwarf Papillion

**Division 136** Polish

**Division 137** Small Crossbreed (Mini & Dwarf 4 lbs. and under)

**Division 138** Harlequin

**Division 139** English Angora

**Division 140** New Zealand

**Division 141** Californian

**Division 142** Large Crossbreed (Over 4 lbs.)

**Division 143** Small Breed–Less than five pounds. (e.g., Himalayan, Florida White, Dwarf Hotot, Tans, & American Fuzzy)

**Division 144** Medium Breed–Five to ten pounds. (e.g., Silver Martin, Havana, English Spot)

**Division 145** Large Breed–Over ten pounds. (e.g., French Lop, English Lop)

**Division 146** Superintendents discretion. DO NOT ENTER.

Breeds will be placed in this Division if there is enough of one breed from small or other breeds to form a new division.

### **Class**

- 1 Senior Buck born on or before February 1, 2026
- 2 Junior Buck born after February 1, 2026, and no later than May 1, 2026
- 3 Senior Doe born on or before February 1, 2026
- 4 Junior Doe born after February 1, 2026, and no later than May 1, 2026

### **MEAT PEN**

#### **DIVISION 147**

##### **Special Rules:**

Exhibits must be:

1. Three rabbits of the same breed.
2. The animals must be 10-12 weeks of age and must be born by June 1, 2026
3. Minimum of 3 lbs. each, maximum of 5 lbs.
4. Exhibitor may have only one entry per class.
5. May also be shown in Division 149 and 150.

### **Class**

- 1 Pen of 3 young males 6 months and younger
- 2 Pen of 3 young females 6 months and younger

### **MARKET BREEDS**

#### **DIVISION 148**

##### **Special Rules:**

1. Market rabbits must be born by June 1, 2026. Preference given to Fryers.
2. Market Fryers: 10-12 weeks on show day.  
3 pounds minimum to 5 pounds maximum.  
Roasters & Stewers: Under 6 months. Minimum 5 to 8 pounds maximum.
3. Rabbit Market Breeds include New Zealand, Californians, Champagne D'Argent, Rex and Flemish Giant.
4. May be shown in Divisions 149 (Breeding) and 150 (Showmanship).
5. Market Rabbit pictures will be taken Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 1 pm. Appropriate show attire is required.
6. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Market Rabbits MUST sell in the Junior Livestock Sale. These animals will be chosen from the top 2 Fryers and the top 2 Roasters that will compete for the Grand and Reserve places in the Market Division. Animals will be unable to sell at any future date. Animal must remain at MontanaFair until the sale.
7. Market rabbits must be declared by the MontanaFair entry deadline. Photo and description of animal must be submitted by 5 pm July 10, 2026, to the Extension Office or 4-H/Department A office at MontanaFair.

### **Class**

- 1 Buck (6 months or younger)
- 2 Doe (6 months or younger)

### **RABBIT BREEDING PROJECT**

#### **DIVISION 149**

##### **Special Rules:**

1. Entries must consist of 1 Buck, 1 Doe, and 2 babies and/or 1 Buck, 2 Does, and 2 babies from each doe. The does must have been bred to the buck that is being shown and the babies are the result of that breeding.
2. Breeding Records are required to be presented to the judge during the class. Record sheets can be obtained from the Yellowstone County Extension Office or on the county website prior to Montana Fair. Pedigrees are optional. Photos are optional. Breeding Project Book should include only information pertaining to the breeding pair or trio and the offspring being shown.
3. Junior rabbits must be born between February 1, 2026, and June 1, 2026, and tattooed.
4. Sale of junior rabbits will be allowed following the Rabbit Show.
5. Rabbits may be entered in Divisions 128-146 and Division 150 if they meet age requirements.

### **Class**

- 1 1 Buck, 1 Doe, and 2 of their offspring.
- 2 1 Buck, 2 Does, and 2 offspring from each doe.

### **RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP**

#### **DIVISION 150**

##### **Class**

- 1 Rabbit Showmanship - Senior
- 2 Rabbit Showmanship - Beginner
- 3 Rabbit Showmanship – Junior

## **RABBIT AGILITY**

### **DIVISION 151**

#### **Special Rules:**

1. Exhibitors may enter one rabbit into this division, rabbit must have been entered into another class and shown at fair to be able to compete in agility.
2. All rabbits must be at least 6 months of age to compete.
3. All rabbits must be properly socialized, secured in a proper fitting harness with a lead between 4 and 6 feet and able to move freely.
4. The rabbit must hop through the course at their own free will. Handlers may encourage or guide their rabbits forward vocally or with gentle touches/tickles. Treats will be allowed on the course.
5. Exhibitor may only attempt each obstacle three times then will be asked to place their rabbit over the jump and move on to the next.
6. Course will be judged on number of completed obstacles, how well they were executed, and time will be used to break any ties.
7. Exhibitors must move up to the more advanced course once they win but may all chose to advance if rabbits abilities are advanced.
8. All exhibitors must attend a pre-fair workshop in order to compete.

#### **Class**

1. Beginner Straight Line Course (Maximum Time Limit 4 Minutes)  
6 jumps (height 4-10 inches) and 2 obstacles. Distance between jumps will be 4 feet.
2. Intermediate Multi Course Design (Maximum Time Limit 3 Minutes)  
8 jumps (height 6-14 inches) and 3-4 obstacles. Distance between jumps will be 4-6 feet.
3. Advanced Multi Course Design (Maximum Time Limit 3 Minutes)  
10 jumps (height 8-16 inches) and 4-5 obstacles. Distance between jumps is 6 feet.

## **SMALL ANIMAL ALL-AROUND AWARD CONTEST**

### **DIVISION 155**

#### **Special Rules:**

1. To be eligible for this Division, exhibitors must enter Division 155 in their MontanaFair entry. Eligible Animal Divisions are as follows: Dog, Cat, Poultry, Rabbit, Cavy, and Pocket Pet.
2. Only Yellowstone County Exhibitors (FFA and 4-H) are permitted to enter the All-Around Award Contest.
3. There will be a Beginner, Junior, and a Senior class.
4. Exhibitors are required to participate in Seven (7) Areas: Animal Shows, Showmanship, Small Animal Livestock Judging, Small Animal Skillathon, Written Application (this will be in your fair packet) Educational Display and an Interview, to receive premium money in the All-Around Contest.
5. Exhibitors will receive points for all animals shown in eligible animal divisions up to 10 animals per species.
6. Required paperwork will be in exhibitor's packet. All paperwork must be completed by the participating exhibitor. All paperwork must be turned into the 4-H Livestock Office by Monday, Aug. 10, 2026, at 4:00 pm. No Exceptions

#### **Class**

1. Small Animals – Beginner
2. Small Animals – Junior
3. Small Animals – Senior

#### **CATEGORIES**

- A. Application** 200 possible points  
**B. Educational Display** 200 possible points  
**C. Interviews** 250 possible points

1. Interviews will be held Saturday, Aug. 8, 2026, and Sunday, August 9, 2026, from 9:00am – 5:00pm. A sign-up sheet will be posted.
2. Please remember, Poultry, Rabbits and Cavies MUST have your animal present for the interview unless other arrangements have been made. Dogs, Cats, and Pocket Pets are not required to be at the interview. No points are given for animals at the interview.

#### **D. Skillathon**

1. Members must compete in six areas. For more information about the Skillathon contest refer to Division 3.
2. The Small Animal (rabbit, poultry, pigeons, cavies, pocket pets, dog and cat) Skillathon will be held at the MontanaFair at Noon on Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>.
3. Exhibitor points will be the score they received at the event.

#### **E. Small Animal Livestock Judging** – Exhibitors' points will be the score they received at the event.

#### **F. Showmanship**

Grand Champion	150 points	Fifth Place	45 points
Reserve Champion	125 points	Blue Ribbon	25 points
Third Place	100 points	Red Ribbon	10 points
Fourth Place	75 points	White Ribbon	0 points

#### **G. Animal**

Supreme Champion	75 points	Third Place	25 points
Reserve Supreme	60 points	Fourth Place	20 points
Grand Champion	50 points	Fifth Place	15 points
Reserve Champion	40 points	Blue Ribbon	10 points
First Place	35 points	Red Ribbon	5 points
Second Place	30 points	White Ribbon	0 points

## **COSTUME ANIMAL PARADE**

### **DIVISION 156**

#### **Special Rules:**

1. Each exhibitor must be enrolled as a Cloverbud or 4-H/FFA member.
2. The animal being used must be entered in MontanaFair. Cloverbuds can enter using a stuffed animal or may partner with a friend or family member that is participating with their animal if they would like. Cloverbuds may not handle animals at any time. Please note on entry form how they plan to enter.
3. Following the theme of "MontanaFair through the Decades", decorate yourself and your animal in costume. Wear your Exhibitor number in the ring.
4. Scripts – Will be available on the Yellowstone County Extension Website at. Write a legible (typed if possible) paragraph about your costume to be read as you enter the ring. Be sure to specify what type of animal you are entering (i.e., cat, sheep, horse, etc.). A paragraph help sheet will be available at the 4-H Livestock Office in the Expo Center the week of MontanaFair. Scripts must be turned into the 4-H office before the parade starts.
5. There will be Rosette ribbons awarded for the Most Creative, Most Comical, Most Theme Related and an Overall Judge's Choice in the small, medium and large divisions.
6. There will be No premiums awarded.
7. Show Order - Medium, Large, Small, Cloverbud

#### **Class**

- 1 Large Animal - Beef, Dairy Beef, Alpaca, Llama, Horse
- 2 Small Animal - Dog, Cat, Poultry, Cavy, Pocket Pet
- 3 Medium Animal - Sheep, Swine, Goat
- 4 Cloverbuds only – Stuffed animal or with friend/family
- 5 Club – At least 3 members from the same club (w/minimum of 1 or 2 animal(s))

## **ROUND ROBIN FOR LARGE ANIMALS**

### **DIVISION 157 - Do Not Enter** this division in your MontanaFair entry.

1. The show order for Large Animal Round Robin is Seniors, Beginners, Juniors. All age divisions will compete during the same time period.
2. Finalists in Beef, Sheep, Market Goat, Dairy Goat, Swine, Horse, Alpaca/Llama will compete. Showman will show each type of animal in the Large Animal Round Robin Competition.
3. Exhibitors placing first and second in their Showmanship class are eligible. Third place is only eligible if Grand or Reserve declines to participate. If the exhibitor declines in one species, they decline in all species.
4. All Showmanship winners must notify Division Chairmen within 1 hour after their species Showmanship class, if they do not, they will not participate. If an exhibitor qualifies in more than 1 species, they must notify chairmen within 1 hour after Swine Showmanship which species they choose to compete in Round Robin with. No response - they will go in the first species they won in. There must be a minimum of 5 animals per species.
5. Chairpersons in each species will choose the animals for the classes except for horse. Additional horses needed to fill classes will be selected by the chairperson, however, there may need to be two heats in the horse class.
6. An animal that is not well behaved or poses a risk to the exhibitors will be replaced in advance of that species class.
7. Chairpersons will be in attendance for the competition.
8. Members will draw a number for which animal they will show.
9. Classes will be:
  - Horse - Super Barn
  - Beef - Large Arena in Expo
  - Goat - Large Arena in Expo
  - Sheep - Small Arena in Expo
  - Swine - Small Arena in Expo
  - Llama/Alpaca - Large Arena in Expo
10. **Large and Small Animal Round Robin Attire** - all contestants are required to wear a long sleeved, collared, button up shirt and nice black/blue jeans. Must wear exhibitor number.
11. All exhibitors will show the same species at the same time.
12. Judging will be one through the number in that class. First place will receive the highest points in the class. Example:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - 6 points
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - 5 points
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place - 4 points
  - 4<sup>th</sup> place - 3 points
  - 5<sup>th</sup> place - 2 points
  - 6<sup>th</sup> place - 1 point
13. Round Robin competitors may not receive any verbal coaching or gestures of guidance. Coached exhibitors will face the following penalties: First offence will receive a verbal warning and a zero score for that class. The second offense will result in dismissal from the contest and a zero score for the remaining classes.
14. In a tie breaking situation, the contestants will be asked pre-determined questions in their winning species by the Round Robin chairperson. Questions will be from the project books for the appropriate level and drawn at random.

## **ROUND ROBIN FOR SMALL ANIMALS**

**DIVISION 158** - Do Not enter this division in your MontanaFair entry.

1. The Small Animal Round Robin will begin with the Seniors. The Grand and Reserve Senior Champion Showman will compete. Next will be the Grand and Reserve Champion Beginner Showman and the Grand and Reserve Champion Junior Showman in each Division will compete last. Winners will be announced at the end of all three contests.
2. Grand and Reserve Showmanship winners must inform their species chairman or the Round Robin Chairman within 2 hours after each of their Showmanship classes if they choose to compete. If they have NOT contacted either chairman by the deadline to accept the opportunity, it will be offered to the person who has placed next in the showmanship class. When accepting the opportunity, you must provide the breed of your animal as well as a cell phone number where you can be reached. You will have the opportunity to change species if you win in another species.
3. If an exhibitor qualifies in more than one species, they may choose their competition area. Showmanship winners must declare what animal they will show in the Round Robin immediately after their last Showmanship class. The third-place winner in the area they don't choose will be offered participation, going down no more than five placings.
4. The Small Animal Round Robin will consist of Cats, Dogs, Rabbits, Birds (Poultry, Quail, Ducks & Pigeons), Cavies, Pocket Pets. No minimum entries nor Exhibitors are required.
5. Two contestants will be at each station for the following times:  
Seniors - 5 minutes. Each exhibitor will have 2.5 minutes.  
Juniors - 4 minutes. Each exhibitor will have 2 minutes.  
Beginners - 3 minutes. Each exhibitor will have 1.5 minutes.
6. Chairpersons will be in attendance. Exhibitors must bring their own animal in the Round Robin. Exhibitors must show the animal they qualified with. EXCEPTIONS: An animal that is not well behaved or poses an undue risk to other exhibitors will be replaced but must be approved by the division Chairman and/or County Agent in advance of the contest.
7. **Large and Small Animal Round Robin Attire** - all contestants are required to wear a long sleeved, collared, button up shirt and nice black/blue jeans. Must wear exhibitor number.
8. Contestants will be judged in all areas including their "winning species". Contestants will end the competition/rotation by showing their own animal.
9. Each contestant will receive up to 5 points at each station, ½ points are permissible. Each contestant will be showing one animal at each station. Grand will show Grand, and Reserve will show Reserve.
10. In a tie breaking situation, the contestants will go back to their "winning species" station and then swap stations with each other. Questions will be asked of each contestant until the winner is determined.
11. Round Robin competitors may not receive any verbal coaching or gestures of guidance that may interrupt the contest or disturb any other exhibitor competing. Coached exhibitors will face the following penalties: First offense will receive a verbal warning and will receive a zero for that rotation. The second offense will result in dismissal from the contest and will receive a zero for the remaining rotations.

## **OUTSTANDING EXHIBITOR AWARD**

**DIVISION 160** - This contest is for any exhibitors competing in Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats and Horse. Horse will have their own scoresheet and this part of the contest will be run by horse leaders.

1. Exhibitors must select this in their MontanaFair entry to be eligible. Exhibitors will compete in the Senior, Junior and Beginner classes listed.
2. This award will be scored based on an application, interview, animal points and showmanship points.
  - A. **Application:** 400 points
  - B. **Interview:**  
500 points for knowledge of the project, industry, history of the animal and genetics.  
300 points for appearance of the exhibitor, animal, and display/pen area.  
200 points for effectiveness of the interview including voice, stage presence and eye contact.
  - C. **Market and breeding animal placing points:** Each animal will get the points one time for its highest placing. *Goats and Sheep will have a maximum of 200 points.*

Grand Champion - 100 points	Reserve Champion - Yellowstone Co. - 65 points	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place in Class - 15 points
Supreme Champion Breeding - 100 points	Divisions Champions - 50 points	4 <sup>th</sup> Place in Class - 10 points
Grand Champion - Yellowstone Co. - 80 points	Reserve Division Champions - 40 points	5 <sup>th</sup> Place in Class - 5 points
Reserve Champion - 75 points	Class Winner - 25 points	Blue Ribbon - 5 points
Reserve Supreme Champion Breeding - 75 points	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place in Class - 20 points	Red Ribbon - 2 points
  - A. **Showmanship placing points:** *(Goats can only receive points for 1 showmanship class, meat goat or dairy goat. If exhibitor is in both, they will receive points for whichever placing is higher.)*

Grand Champion (1 <sup>st</sup> ) - 100 points	5 <sup>th</sup> Place in Class - 30 points
Reserve Champion (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) - 75 points	Blue Ribbon - 15 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place in Class - 50 points	Red Ribbon - 10 points
4 <sup>th</sup> Place in Class - 40 points	
  - E. **Market and Breeding placing points** for species in the Grand Drive.

3 <sup>rd</sup> - 35 points
4 <sup>th</sup> - 30 points
5 <sup>th</sup> - 25 points
3. Application forms and point sheets will be in your MontanaFair packet. Your MontanaFair packet will contain instructions as to when they are due and where to turn them in.

4. Interviews will be scheduled in 15-minute time slots. You will be notified when interviews will take place. Exhibitors must sign up for their interview time.
5. Results must be verified by a committee prior to awards being presented. Awards will be held until verified.
6. Ties will be broken by interview scores.
7. Breeding animals being used for this award must stay and be on display inside the Expo through the interviews.
8. Exhibitors must participate in showmanship.

**Class**

- 1 Beef - Senior
- 2 Beef - Junior
- 3 Beef - Beginner
- 4 Sheep - Senior
- 5 Sheep - Junior
- 6 Sheep - Beginner
- 7 Swine - Senior
- 8 Swine - Junior
- 9 Swine - Beginner
- 10 Goat - Senior
- 11 Goat - Junior
- 12 Goat – Beginner
- 13 Horse – Senior
- 14 Horse – Junior
- 15 Horse - Beginner

**LARGE ANIMAL/SMALL ANIMAL HERDSMANSHIP CONTEST**

**DIVISION 204** - Do Not enter this division in your MontanaFair entry.

The Herdsmanship contest will be separated into the Large Animal Herdsmanship contest and the Small Animal Herdsmanship contest, and they will be judged and scored separately.

4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters are automatically entered in this contest. **DO NOT** enter this contest in your MontanaFair entry. Anonymous judges not directly associated with either FFA or 4-H Clubs, will randomly check all barns at any time to help decide which individual, club or chapter is eligible for the honor. Judging will start at 9:30 am each day. Public will also have a way to vote and results will be considered by the committee when tabulating the results. The judging will be based on the following:

1. Neatness of stalls and alleys in all barns and care of equipment.
2. Care and grooming of animals.
3. Herdsman’s businesslike attitude, cooperation, and courtesy to visitors.
4. Bonus points will be awarded to the individuals/clubs that present an educational display in their club area. These displays may be manned by a member from 9:30 am to 8 pm each day.
5. Points may be deducted if parents are doing the work when exhibitors are not present.
6. Winners will be announced at the awards program on Friday, August 14, 2026 at 6:30 pm.

**JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION SALE**

**Special Rules:**

1. Only animals exhibited in the Junior Livestock Show at MontanaFair will be eligible to enter the sale. White ribbon live placing market animals **will not** be guaranteed a sale position. White ribbon market animals selling will be up to the discretion of the Livestock Committee.
2. In beef, a satisfactory “Bill of Sale” must be submitted when the animal is checked in at MontanaFair or the entry will be refused.
3. Yellowstone County Exhibitors that show in both large and small market animal projects will be allowed to sell both in the sale if they meet the sale requirements. Only one large market animal per exhibitor can be sold unless the exhibitor has the Grand and/or Reserve Champion Beef, Lamb, Swine, Goat or small animal or if a Yellowstone County exhibitor has multiple animals and/or species in the top 5 overall, they will be allowed to sell any and/or all of them that are in the top 5. Grand and Reserve Grand must sell. Clarification: If a Yellowstone County exhibitor has 2 animals of ANY species in the top 5, they are allowed to sell both of those animals. However, only the Grand and Reserve Grand are **required** to sell, the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> animals *MAY* sell but are not required to. This Does Not include Out of County exhibitors.
4. The Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Champion Market, Beef, Lamb, Swine, Goat and Small Animal **must** be sold in the Junior Livestock Sale. If an exhibitor owns the Overall Grand Champion and/or Overall Reserve Champion in two species, they must sell both animals. If a Yellowstone County exhibitor **ONLY** has multiple market animals that place in the top 5 overall, they can choose to sell any or all those animals. The Grand and Reserve Carcass Animals do not have to sell.
5. A maximum of six small animals (Grand and Reserve Rabbit and Turkey/Geese and Quail/Chicken/Duck) will be chosen to sell. Small market animals that receive Grand or Reserve Champion **MUST** sell. Animals will be selected from the Market Breed Class. The animal may be sold only once during its lifetime.
6. All animals will be sold by the pound, except for rabbits and poultry that will be sold by the head.
7. In order to sell, a picture must be taken at the designated time by the designated photographer unless other arrangements have been made with the Division Chairman. Appropriate attire is required. *Everyone in sale is expected to present their buyer with their sale photo.*  
Beef – Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> as exhibitors exit the show ring (show starts at 9:00 am).  
Sheep & Goat – Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> following check in and classification. *\*Must have number for photos.*

Swine – Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> following Swine Showmanship *\*Members entered in costume parade must let chairmen know and will go first.*

8. **Out of County exhibitors (non - Yellowstone County) can sell in the Jr. Livestock Sale ONLY if they are in the top 5 in their market class.**
9. Order of Sale: Animal species order listed in each area depends on the rotation that year. This year's large animal rotation is as follows: Beef, Swine, Goat and Lamb.
  1. Turkey/Geese Grand and Reserves will start the sale.
  2. Overall Grand live Rabbit, Beef, Chicken/Duck, Swine and Goat and Lamb.
  3. Overall Reserve live Rabbit, Beef, Chicken/Duck, Beef, Swine, Goat and Lamb.
  4. Yellowstone County Grand Champions: Beef, Swine, Goat and Lamb.
  5. Yellowstone County Reserve Champions: Beef, Swine, Goat and Lamb.
  6. Grand Carcass: Beef, Goat and Lamb.
  7. Reserve Carcass: Beef, Goat and Lamb.
  8. 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place Beef
  9. 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place Swine
  10. 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place Goat
  11. 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place Lamb
  12. Blue, Red and selected White ribbon animals will then sell.
  13. In even years animals will be sold light to heavy and in odd years animals will be sold heavy to light.
9. A sale percentage fee will be taken out of exhibitor's checks to cover costs from animals sold. If sponsors are not secured, the cost of the ultrasound will be withheld from the participating member's sale proceeds.
10. **Exhibitors must let the 4-H MontanaFair Office know which animal they are selling by the following deadlines:**
  - Market Goat: Tuesday, August 11, 2026, by 5:00 pm**
  - Market Steer: Tuesday, August 11, 2026, by 5:00 pm**
  - Market Lamb: Tuesday, August 11, 2026, by 5:00 pm**
  - Market Swine: Thursday, August 13, 2026, immediately following the show or by 11:00 am**
11. PREPARING FOR SALE: No animals will be moved from their stall or pen unless the Exhibitor is present.
12. Exhibitors missing his or her sale position will be moved to the end of the sale. Exhibitors must be present at the sale ring to sell their own animal. Parents are not allowed in the sale ring with the Exhibitors at the time of the sale. You should wear your Exhibitor number into the sale ring. It is suggested to dress in showmanship clothes.
13. Any exception made regarding the rules of the market animal divisions, or the livestock auction sale must be presented to the sale committee. A request for rule exception or rule interpretation form must be completed by the member and turned into show officials.
14. **No buy back of Resale animals** will be allowed at the MontanaFair. When a buyer says "Resale", the buyer does not own the animal anymore. If the buyer wants to change their mind about the destination of the animal they purchased, they must contact the Extension Agent and Sale Committee Chairman.
15. Sale checks **WILL NOT** be mailed until the Yellowstone County Extension Office receives notification from the exhibitor, their club organizational leader or FFA Advisor that a thank you note has been written and sent to their buyer. Exhibitors may turn in their stamped and addressed thank you note to their leader or at the 4-H MontanaFair Office during the sale or mail it, then notify the Yellowstone County Extension Office
16. For ease of the sale and data entry, no more than two buyer's names per animal should be given. No more than two buyers will be recognized and mailed thank you plaques by the Sale Committee.
17. Animals must be tagged specifically for MontanaFair. If a market animal has been shown and/or sold at a 4-H or FFA Junior Market Show prior to MontanaFair Junior Livestock Show it is then ineligible to show as a market animal or sell at MontanaFair.
18. At the MontanaFair Junior Livestock Sale, no money or other donation may be given to a special cause, charity, business or individual without approval from the Yellowstone County Extension Agent. 4-H is a 501(C)(3) organization, and we must follow set guidelines.
19. A portable electronic scale will be used to weigh the stock for show classification and sale weight. These scales meet minimum tolerance for livestock; however, the scales will be certified. Scale is INTEP approved and certified for trade.
20. Youth and/or family representatives approaching buyers during/after sale to keep, trade and/or buy back their animal is considered unethical and will not be tolerated.
21. Passing notes to auctioneers about themselves or what the exhibitor plans to do with their money is not allowed. If you plan to donate a portion of your sale proceeds to a cause, you may not have the auctioneer announce that.

**A Special Thank You to these buyers who supported the Yellowstone County 4-H Foundation by purchasing the Foundation Lamb in 2025.**

87 Rentals	Kuehn, Steve & Diana
Altana Credit Union	Lakeview Land & Livestock
Armstrong, Bob	LEH Inc.
Arrow Resources	Les Schwab
Asphalt Plus, Inc.	LR Bell Inc
Auto Auction of Montana	Maverick Show Goats
Belk, Dan & Nancy	Mavity, Monte & Betty Jean
Bell, Richard & Lori	Miller, Darren & Julie
Big Sky Irrigation	Miller, Don
Blue Body & Paint	Mintana Mills, Inc.
Carlson, Valory	Mosher, Jeff & Laurie
Cook, Bill & Codi	Nansel, Jay & Gayle
Cook, Bob & Coreen	North 40 Ag
Cornerstone Financial	Overtime Enterprises, Inc.
D & K Construction and Insulation	Pacific Recycling
Diamond X Farms	Pfau, William & Carol
Donally, Mike & Nicole	Poulsen, TJ & Jackie
Fagan & Cook PC	Raw Machinery
Fisher, Julie	Red Eye Marketing
Frank, Barb	Rocky Mountain Raingutters
Goggins, Babe	Ross Company Trucking of MT
Grice, Deb	Seely, Marley
Harr, Pamela	SKelly's Spinal Flow
Helena Agri Enterprise	Stark, Steven & Kymm
Huntington, Les & Barb	Stockman Bank
JC Excavation	Syndergaard, Faith
Johannes, Clint	Thompson, Jace/Momentum Industries
Johannes, Norm	Town and Country Supply
K & H Cattle Feeders	Triple T Farm Services
Kautz, Brent & Kim	Vogel Land & Cattle Co.
Kautz, Susan	Walter, Leroy & Norma
Kilzer, Mike & Sherryl	Wanna B Ranch
Kings Ace Hardware	Western Ag Reporter
Kinsfather, Bonnie	Willys Bar
Kraft, Rick & Brenda	Yellowstone Valley Parts & Equipment

## **MONTANAFAIR GENERAL INFORMATION/RULES & REGULATIONS**

**THE PRESS:** Please contact our Marketing Department at 406-256-2400 for information and credentials.

**MAIL FACILITIES:** Exhibitors and others may have their mail addressed in care of MontanaFair, PO Box 2514, Billings, MT 59103 or MontanaFair, 308 6th Avenue N, Billings, MT 59101. Postage due or COD deliveries will not be accepted.

**EMERGENCY MESSAGES:** Emergency messages for exhibitors should be directed to the MontanaFair Entry Office at (406)256-2400 or the Yellowstone County Sheriff at (406)256-2441.

**ADVERTISING:** Under no circumstances will any person or firm be allowed to place any advertising matter upon buildings, fences, trees, or any place on the grounds, nor will it be permitted to distribute any advertising or sell articles outside the space assigned. No political advertising, petition solicitors, subscription or sheet writers.

**INTERPRETATIONS & LIABILITY:** MontanaFair Management reserves the right to interpret all rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, arising out of and not covered by them. Any person who violates any of the rules as published on the MontanaFair [website www.MontanaFair.com](http://www.MontanaFair.com) will forfeit all privileges and premiums and may be subject to such penalty as ordered by MontanaFair management. Submission of written or online entry serves as agreement from exhibitor to comply with this statement. In the event of General and Department Special Rules, the Department Special Rules will govern.

MontanaFair, MetraPark and Yellowstone County, MT, their employees, agents, or board members thereof will assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, death, or theft, sustained by person, property or livestock of any exhibitor, exhibitor's family or employees, concessionaire, or spectator. Every animal and article upon the grounds shall be under the control of MontanaFair management.

Management will put forth every effort to ensure the safety of articles after their arrival, but in no case will it be responsible for loss, theft, damages, livestock injury or death which may occur while in transit or during the time of exhibition.

**DOGS:** No dogs, except certified service dogs and dogs entered in competition will be allowed in any exhibit building, arenas or on the carnival midway. All dogs on the grounds must have proof of current vaccinations and health requirements as per Yellowstone County. All dogs must be on a leash at all times. Dogs, small and large animals shall not be left in vehicles or trailers or be unattended in the any parking lot or other area of the MontanaFair grounds. Unleashed dogs or dogs left unattended will be reported to the Yellowstone County Animal Control Department.

**SERVICE VEHICLES:** The use of private motorized service vehicles (golf carts, all-terrain vehicles, scooters etc.), **ARE NOT ALLOWED** at MontanaFair.  
**DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENTS:** Each Superintendent will have charge of the department assigned and listed on the departmental information materials. The Superintendent will have charge of the building display spaces, stalls and equipment within the department. Rearrangement of stalls and spaces will be done only with supervision and as agreed by the Superintendent.

#### **ENTRY INFORMATION FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS & EXHIBITORS**

1. Online entry at [www.MontanaFair.com](http://www.MontanaFair.com)
2. Entries are not considered complete until all applicable fees have been paid by the deadline.
3. Should an individual enter either an animal or article in the name of another than that of the bona fide owner or attempt to perpetrate a fraud by misrepresentation of any fact, the entry thus made must be removed from exhibition and all fees paid and premiums or awards must be forfeited.
4. Any entry which may have been inadvertently or erroneously entered may, at the discretion of the Department Superintendent or Judge, be transferred to the proper class prior to judging.
5. Exhibitors will cooperate at all times to conduct the best possible MontanaFair.
6. **Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated**, and the offending exhibitor will forfeit all premiums due, and exhibit may be immediately dismissed from the MontanaFair grounds.
7. MontanaFair is not responsible for errors in website information.

**CHECKS RETURNED/DENIED CREDIT CARDS:** Any exhibitor issuing a check for payment of entries, stalling or gate admissions which does not clear their account for any reason, will have five days to make payment to keep entries eligible to participate in competition. This applies to credit card transactions that are denied. A \$30.00 fee will be assessed to the exhibitor. This fee must be paid in cash, money order or cashier's check prior to competition. If MontanaFair has not been notified of transaction denial or returned check prior to judging, any premiums earned will be withheld.

**REFUNDS:** MontanaFair has a firm no refund policy. While recognizing that illness or injury of an exhibitor or livestock occurs, and other events or reasons can come up between entry online and exhibits are received, no refunds of any fees are permitted. Submission of online entry acknowledges the NO REFUND POLICY.

**CODE OF ETHICS:** MontanaFair is a member of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) and will abide by the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics when conducting MontanaFair 2026 as printed at [www.MontanaFairsandexpos.com/pdf/ShowRingCodeofEthics.pdf](http://www.MontanaFairsandexpos.com/pdf/ShowRingCodeofEthics.pdf)

#### **EXHIBIT RULES & REGULATIONS**

**JUDGES:** Every effort is expended to provide competent judges. No exhibitor or spectator will be allowed to interfere with a judge in the performance of his/her duties. Exhibitors, owners, agents, or representatives should not converse with judge until all judging of applicable exhibits has been completed. Under no circumstances should anyone converse during class judging.

**DELAY OF JUDGING:** Exhibitors must arrange for the prompt showing of all exhibits at the call of the judge. At the judge's discretion, any exhibit not presented promptly when called may be disqualified. Call for "closing of the gate" is at the Department Superintendent's discretion.

**UNWORTHY EXHIBITS:** Judges must not award a prize to an unworthy exhibit. No premiums will be awarded to undeserving exhibits where there is competition or not. Judges are allowed to award premiums as they feel worthy. The decision of the judge shall be final, and no appeal will be considered except in cases of formal protest. As ribbons and awards can be given in error at time of exhibit pickup or dismissal from a class after judging, please be aware that premiums are not paid by ribbons received. The judge's placing in the official judge's book designates the premium paid.

#### **PROTESTS:**

1. Protests (whether formal or informal) must be submitted in writing, signed, and accompanied by \$50.00 cash or certified check (refundable if the protest is sustained). The protest must plainly state the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Department Superintendent immediately after the occasion for the protest. A protest pertaining to eligibility is most suitable when submitted prior to judging.
2. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation.
3. Depending on the basis of the protest, interested parties may be notified and given the opportunity to submit evidence. A decision may be withheld until a complete investigation can be made.
4. No complaint or appeal that a judge overlooked an entry will be considered.
5. Consult 4-H Livestock (A) & Non-Livestock (N) departments for 4-H grievance policy.

#### **PREMIUMS:**

- Exhibitors are limited to two premiums per class.
- Exhibitors receiving premiums in excess of \$600.00 must provide a completed, signed and dated W-9 with the personal social security number or federal taxpayer identification number. Name on W-9 must match the exhibitor as stated on the official entry form or online entry submission.

- Provided there are judged exhibit(s) in a class, all placings and premiums may be awarded except as otherwise provided in rules in any department.
- **Premiums will not be paid according to tags or ribbons, but by the awards as recorded in the judge's book. The judge's record is final.**
- MontanaFair Management does not guarantee the payment of special premiums offered by merchants or private parties. These special premiums are accepted in good faith by MontanaFair.
- Combined or cancelled classes are at the discretion of the Department Superintendent. Combined classes will receive only one premium for placings.
- Ties for placing will result in split premium.
- **Premium checks not cashed within 90 days from date of issue will become stale-dated & void.**

#### **LIVESTOCK & SMALL ANIMALS**

1. All livestock and small animals entered and exhibited may be subject to being inspected for health condition before entrance to exhibit building or stalling. All animals found inferior must be removed from the MontanaFair grounds immediately.
2. Any person who violates any of the rules as published on the MontanaFair website [www.MontanaFair.com](http://www.MontanaFair.com) will forfeit all privileges and premiums and may be subject to such penalty as ordered by MontanaFair management. Submission of online entry serves as agreement from exhibitor to comply with this statement.
3. Competition is open to the world unless specified in department, (except in 4-H/FFA Junior Livestock Exhibitors must be residents of Montana).
4. On-line pre-entry is required for all livestock entries. Late entries will not be accepted.
5. In all cases where registration is required, all animals exhibited must be registered on the records of the various breed associations of classes listed herein. Partnership owned animals must be entered in the name of the owner appearing on the herd books of registry. Original registration or copies must accompany livestock and be available for presentation upon request of MontanaFair management.
6. Animals shown in all group classes must be entered and shown in their respective individual classes.
7. Exhibitors will be required to keep their stalls, pens, and alleys in a clean and attractive condition. Bedding and litter shall be disposed of in designated areas. First bedding will be provided by MontanaFair. Additional or replacement bedding must be furnished by exhibitor and be of the type specified by MontanaFair management. MontanaFair does not provide bedding in tie-out areas.
8. Exhibitors are not allowed to block other exhibits or stalling alleys with equipment or blocking chutes.

#### **ANIMAL HEALTH BRAND & IMPORT REGULATIONS**

Direct Inquiries to:

Montana Department of Livestock - Animal Health Division

Helena, MT 59601

Phone: 406.444.7323

Fax: 406.444.1929

[liv.mt.gov](http://liv.mt.gov)

(Do not call the MontanaFair entry office for health information)

It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to comply with all current health, brand and import rules and regulations as stated upon the Montana Department of Livestock website [mt.gov/liv](http://mt.gov/liv) on entry and arrival at the MontanaFair grounds. Regulations and requirements can change daily. Please make sure you have the proper requirements.

Out of County Exhibitors: Exhibitors crossing county lines with cattle, horses and sheep must obtain a brand inspection certificate or travel permit before leaving home and turn them in at check-in of the animal or be subject to a heavy fine according to Montana law.

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