

Livestock Photo Submission – All Market Animals

1. It is the responsibility of the 4-H, Grange Youth, or FFA member to submit (1) photo that includes both exhibitor and animal via email to the NCW Fair by midnight August 15, 2022. The ear tag must have been applied to the animal and must be visible in the photo when submitted. Instructions are enclosed for the proper placement of the ear tag for each species of animal.
2. The photo must be submitted as an e-mail attachment with the first and last name of the participant and 4-H Club/Grange Youth Chapter/FFA Chapter name in the “subject line” of the email. Please send to awhitehall@co.douglas.wa.us. **You are not being judged on the photo. It is merely part of a verification process.**
3. Although we are not participating in any virtual sale this year, we are issuing ear tags ahead of time to aid in the process of weighing in on Wednesday, August 24. We do need the verification that your animal has been properly tagged as noted in the instructions. This will aid in what we hope is a seamless weigh-in process.
4. Please clean your ear tags prior to bringing your animal to the Fair. We have had some exhibitors lose out on some premium points as the Judge and Barn Superintendent could not read the number on the tag as it was obscured by mud, grime, etc.

Photo Taking Tips

- Remember, no one is expected to be a professional photographer. Following a few of these recommendations can be effective in your final photograph.
- Plan for a block of time to take a variety of photos. Family members can be your media crew. Download several photographs to your computer to view your results.
- The picture background should be clean and presentable and free from distractions.
- Photos should be captured with the camera or phone in landscape or horizontal position.
- There will be less chance of glare or color blow-out from a flash if you do NOT take your photo from straight on. Try to be 20-45% from centered.
- When photographing animals, aim for the center of the body with your body. Do not tilt the camera, bend over, or get down low. This will distort the shape of your animal.
- Take the photo in a well-lit area located outside. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible.
- If you are outside on a sunny day, be sure the camera is facing with the direction of the sun rather than directly into it.
- Take the photo within 10-14 feet of the animal. Capture the full view of the animal and member together. Photos should not be edited or altered.

Prepare your Animal for the Photo

- Present your animal as you would for the show ring.
- Be sure the animal is clean, properly groomed and appropriately show trained.
- Make sure the animal is not standing in tall grass or deep shavings.

Exhibitor Preparation

- Dress appropriately as you would for the show ring.
- Avoid sunglasses that make it difficult to see the face of the exhibitor.

For More Information:

Virtual Showcase Toolkit: <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/virtual-showcase-resources/>