

# OVERALL LIVESTOCK RULES

## **BEEF, SHEEP, SWINE, HORSES, DAIRY COWS & GOATS, RABBIT & POULTRY EXHIBIT RULES**

1. Only 4-H members shall care for 4-H livestock unless, with good reason, other arrangements are made with the superintendent in charge. Only 4-H club members shall hold animals in the show ring. All livestock exhibits shall be shown and brought before the judge by the boy or girl owning the exhibit, unless excused by the superintendent and county agent. Otherwise, failure to be on hand when exhibits are judged may mean that the exhibit would not be judged.
2. For livestock, the judges are instructed to prefer the highest degree of excellence obtainable, considering conformation, finish, quality, and also age and weight; to recognize the highest quality and cutability that animals on foot shall ultimately produce.
3. Market livestock will be judged on the basis of existing market classification. Livestock will be judged under the group system and awarded Blue, Red and White ribbons according to grade.
4. The judge is encouraged to give constructive criticism and suggestions for improvement, as well as point out superior performance to exhibitors whenever possible.
5. The judge and/or superintendent has the authority to tie, pen or dismiss, at any time, an entry that is unruly or not in sufficient control for the safety of the exhibitor, other exhibitors and spectators.
6. No person other than the exhibitor and Show Officials will be allowed in the ring while the show is in progress, unless to assist with the safety & health of an exhibitor.
7. All animals shall stay in the show ring after they are judged, until the clerk has entered their placing in the class.
8. 4-H and FFA members may not use the same animal for entry. 4-H and FAA animals are not allowed to "move up" to Open Class - - this includes Wool. To compete in Open Class, the 4-H'er or FFA'er must have another animal entered in Open Class.
9. Livestock entries Weigh-In will begin on Sunday, August 9th. Swine and Sheep, 12 - 2:00 pm; Beef Weigh-In 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm; and must stay in place until WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12<sup>th</sup>. Load market sale animals at 5:00 pm plus all exhibits may leave at 5:00 pm.
10. An exhibitor may enter only one exhibit per lot with the exception of "breeding stock", "any other" and "cross bred" classes.
11. Dress Code for **showing and selling** livestock at the Fair
  - A. All contestants must wear shirts with long sleeves that button or snap up the front. (No tank tops, T-shirts, or polo shirts or caps)
  - B. Wear clean pants or slacks with long legs (no shorts, cut offs, culottes, etc.) shirt tails will be inside the pants.
  - C. Contestants may wear either boots or shoes (no thongs, sandals, or untied shoes).

### **BOOTS ARE RECOMMENDED.**

## **HORSES HAVE A SEPARATE SET OF DRESS CODE RULES.**

12. All superintendents have the right to reject entries of any animals for health reasons.
13. Only 4-H members shall fit animals for showing after arrival at the fair, unless it is a matter of safety and health for the child and/or animal.

14. All livestock exhibitors must wear their exhibitor number pinned (or in a halter) to the back of their shirt when showing their animals. The laminated numbers will be used again next year, so please turn your number in at the end of the fair. A fee will be assessed if the laminated exhibitor number is not returned at the end of fair. Exhibitors should memorize their 4-H exhibitor number. (The number should stay the same through your 4-H career.)
15. When showing an exhibit which consists of two or more animals, only the exhibitor should be wearing an exhibitor number. (Example: a pair of calves or a pen of 3 market animals)
16. As an exhibitor, your behavior attitude and ability are important. Sportsmanship and temperament are good indicators of a good show person.
17. All livestock entries must have two or more entries before a Grand Champion can be picked and three or more before a Reserve Champion can be selected.
18. 4-H members must be present when exhibits are being judged in the 4-H Livestock Breeding Projects.
19. **SENIOR DIVISION:** 4-H'ers whose 14th birthday is before October 1, 2008, will compete in the (SENIOR DIVISION)
20. **JUNIOR DIVISION:** 4-H'ers age 11-13 as of October 1, 2008, will compete in the (JUNIOR DIVISION)
21. **PRE JUNIOR DIVISION:** 4-H'ers age 9-10 as of October 1, 2008 will compete in the (PRE-JUNIOR DIVISION)
22. Breeding Animal entries cannot be sold at the Valley County 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale.
23. Market animals will be disqualified from 4-H competition if not properly identified.

## **4-H'ers should be conscious of their appearance at all times when working with their livestock.**

## **4-H LIVESTOCK BUILDING RULES - -**

1. When an animal is brought in, fill out a livestock stall card. These are available from a livestock superintendent. Please print the information on your stall card so that the public viewing your exhibit can read it.
2. If your animal is in Market Class, have it weighed and recorded by the Livestock Superintendent. Check with superintendent for weight divisions. Stall assignments and market animal Weigh-In will begin at 12 noon on Sunday, AUGUST 9, 2009 .
3. Livestock must be clean and groomed for display to the public.
4. Feed and water livestock regularly and exercise daily to remind animals of their training. Pens & Stalls cleaned for manure pickup.
5. Manure is to be put in a pile for truck to pick up. Check your barn's bulletin board for pickup times. Have daily cleaning done before pickup times.
6. Exercise and training can be done in the Exercise Arena behind the Sheep barn.
7. Tie cattle firmly and not too long a lead rope and to insure extra safety, they will also be tied with a neck rope.
8. All alleys in all barns are to be kept clean for public.
9. Ask questions of Agents and Superintendents.
10. Cooperation among all 4-H members will make your exhibits successful.
11. No animals beyond barn areas.
12. No vehicles on the ground area.
13. Do not feed, groom, tie up or exercise any livestock in the grassed showmanship arena or at the end of the bleacher

## LIVESTOCK SALE RULES

### **BEEF, SHEEP, SWINE, HORSE, POULTRY, RABBIT AND GOATS**

1. Open to all boys and girls in Valley County currently enrolled in 4-H or FFA and in good standing with their club chapter.
2. Only one animal per youth, per livestock division can be sold. EXAMPLE: A 4-H member that also belongs to FFA has two swine exhibited in both 4-H and FFA., they must decide to sell only one of the swine at the sale. They then could also sell one beef and one sheep.
3. A "**brand inspection slip**" must be presented to the beef superintendent along with \$1.50, when the market beef is weighed in. -
4. Market Beef are required to be tagged and tattooed in the right ear and brand inspected by December 15, 2008. Market Sheep are required to be shorn and tagged by June 1 thru June 10, 2009. Market swine are required to be purchased and tagged in the right ear by May 15, 2009.
5. 4-H members selling livestock will be billed for the picture and "thank you" to buyer, federal grader cost, advertising cost and trucking or have the amount taken out of their sale check.
6. If members wish to sell their second market animal, they must do so on their own. (A suggestion would be to a private party or through the auction ring such as the Glasgow Stockyards, Inc).
7. The auction is supported by the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce, Agriculture Committee.
8. **Terms of the sale are cash.** Livestock buyers must pay for their animal to the clerks after purchasing or IMMEDIATELY following the sale. Checks are to be made out to VALLEY COUNTY 4-H & FFA LIVESTOCK SALE.
9. Beef will be slaughtered and entered in the Montana Steer of Merit competition sponsored by the Montana Stockgrower's.
10. The sheep and swine will also be slaughtered and measured for carcass data. Sale animals will have a preference in the processing order.
11. The animals official sale weight will be the weight registered on Entry Day.
12. All youth selling animals in the Valley County 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale shall have their animals in show condition one half hour before the sale for viewing by prospective buyers.
13. 4-H members will not be able to sell their animals at the fair if they have not completed seven activities and entered their 4-H livestock manuals for interview judging. If you have not completed seven activities and/or not attended Interview Judging, you will be asked to meet with a designated committee and if no corrective action is taken, then a "No Sale" ultimatum will be issued.
14. White Ribbon animals can not be sold at the Valley County 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale. Selling of a white ribbon animal is the exhibitor's responsibility.
15. Livestock sold at the Sale will be loaded after the sale (see superintendent's time schedule). Contact superintendents to make sure your animal is checked off the list before you leave the fairgrounds. There will be no other early withdrawal of fair exhibits except for veterinary reasons or prize money will not be paid. Beef not going to slaughter must stay at the Beef barn until after the truck has left the fairgrounds and until the brand inspection has been cleared.

## **4-H Livestock Code of Ethics**

Believing it is in the best interest of all breeders of all livestock to maintain a reputation of integrity and to continue to present a wholesome and progressive image in the show ring, the 4-H Livestock Committee lists herewith those practices which are considered unacceptable in presenting livestock in the show ring. The use of such practices and procedures is, therefore, considered unethical in the showing of 4-H livestock at the fair.

**A complete copy of the Code of Ethics is available at the Extension Office.**

1. Criticizing or interfering with the judge, other exhibitors or show officials while attending the Fair may result in an individual or group being expelled, placed on probation or declared ineligible to exhibit at the Fair.
2. Any violation of the rules and regulations incorporated in this Premium Book, 4-H Livestock Code of Ethics may result in forfeiture of all premiums and awards, disqualification, expulsion of all premiums and awards, disqualification, expulsion or probation of the exhibitor or organized group the exhibitor represents and the exhibit or livestock involved. Probation, disqualification, expulsion or other disciplinary action of the 4-H Livestock 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 events. It is up the 4-H club leaders to talk to their 4-H membership about ethics.

**HERDSMAN:** A manager, a breeder, or a tender of livestock

**MANAGER:** One that manages. To direct or handle with a degree of skill

**BREEDER:** One that breeds as - One engaged in the breeding of a special organism (animal).

**TENDER:** To present for acceptance

## **GUIDELINES FOR JUDGING 4-H HERDSMAN AWARDS**

There will be two plaques awarded in beef, horse, sheep & swine.

1. Top Individual Herdsman
2. Top 4-H Club

### **TO QUALIFY FOR HERDSMAN AWARDS A 4-H MEMBER WILL - -**

1. Feed and water animal regularly. Check on animal periodically.
2. Clean and bed stall, pen or area. Police immediate area.
3. Have knowledge of animals, age (birth date) breeding, weight and etc. as needed for registration or judging.
4. Grooming and preparation of animals for judging or showing.
5. Dress in proper attire when showing animals.
6. Show respect - consideration - proper attitude and cooperation toward ALL animals, members, equipment, supplies and facilities as well as judges and spectators.
7. Fill out and properly display livestock stall cards.
8. When exercising or taking your animal in and out of the building, clean up after them.
9. Display a banner in center of your club entries in each building.

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**A revolving First Place Club Herdsman Plaque will be presented in Beef, Horse, Sheep and Swine by the following sponsors:**

**BEEF - -**

VALLEY COUNTY LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION AND VALLEY COUNTY COWBELLS

**HORSE - -**

TIHISTA CONSTRUCTION - NASHUA

**SHEEP - -**

DONOVAN COLUMBIA - LARSLAN

**SWINE - -**

LAUCKNER BROTHERS, NASHUA

**\*\*4-H Clubs receiving the Herdsman Plaques are requested to leave them on the awards table after pictures are taken. The 4-H Livestock committee will pay for the engraving.**