

OVERALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBIT RULES

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

1. Completion of seven (7) activities is required to show and/or sell. Activities can be completed in any of the (3) activities guides, with the permission of a club leader.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. The judge is encouraged to give constructive criticism and suggestions for improvement, as well as point out superior performance to exhibitors whenever possible.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. All animals shall stay in the show ring after they are judged, until the clerk has entered their placing in the class.
9. 4-H and FFA members may not use the same animal for entry. 4-H and FFA 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.
10. Livestock entries Weigh-In will begin on Sunday, August 8th. Swine and Sheep, 12 – 2:00 pm; Beef Weigh-In 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm; and must stay in place until WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11th. Load market sale animals at 5:00 pm plus all exhibits may leave at 5:00 pm.
11. An exhibitor may enter only one exhibit per lot with the exception of "breeding stock", "any other" and "cross bred" classes.
12. 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.**
 - D. HORSES HAVE A SEPARATE SET OF DRESS CODE RULES.
13. All superintendents have the right to reject entries of any animals for health reasons.
14. 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.
15. 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.)
16. 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)
17. As an exhibitor, your behavior attitude and ability are important. Sportsmanship and temperament are good indicators of a good show person.
18. 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.
19. 4-H members must be present when exhibits are being judged in the 4-H Livestock Breeding Projects.
20. **SENIOR DIVISION:** 4-H'ers who are 14 and over as of October 1, 2010, will compete in the (SENIOR DIVISION)
21. **JUNIOR DIVISION:** 4-H'ers age 11-13 as of October 1, 2010, will compete in the (JUNIOR DIVISION)
22. **PRE JUNIOR DIVISION:** 4-H age -10 as of October 1, 2010 will compete in the (PRE-JUNIOR DIVISION)
23. Breeding Animal entries cannot be sold at the Valley County 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale.
24. 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 7, 2011 .
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. Have daily cleaning done by 8:00 a.m.
6. Tie cattle firmly and not too long a lead rope and to insure extra safety, they will also be tied with a neck rope.
7. All alleys in all barns are to be kept clean for public.
8. Ask questions of Agents and Superintendents.
9. Cooperation among all 4-H members will make your exhibits successful.
10. No animals beyond barn areas.
11. No vehicles on the ground area.
12. Exercise and training can be done in the Exercise Arena behind the Sheep barn.
13. 4-H youth are encouraged to familiarize their livestock to the show arena prior to judging.
14. Do not feed, groom, or tie up any livestock in the grassed showmanship arena and bleacher area.