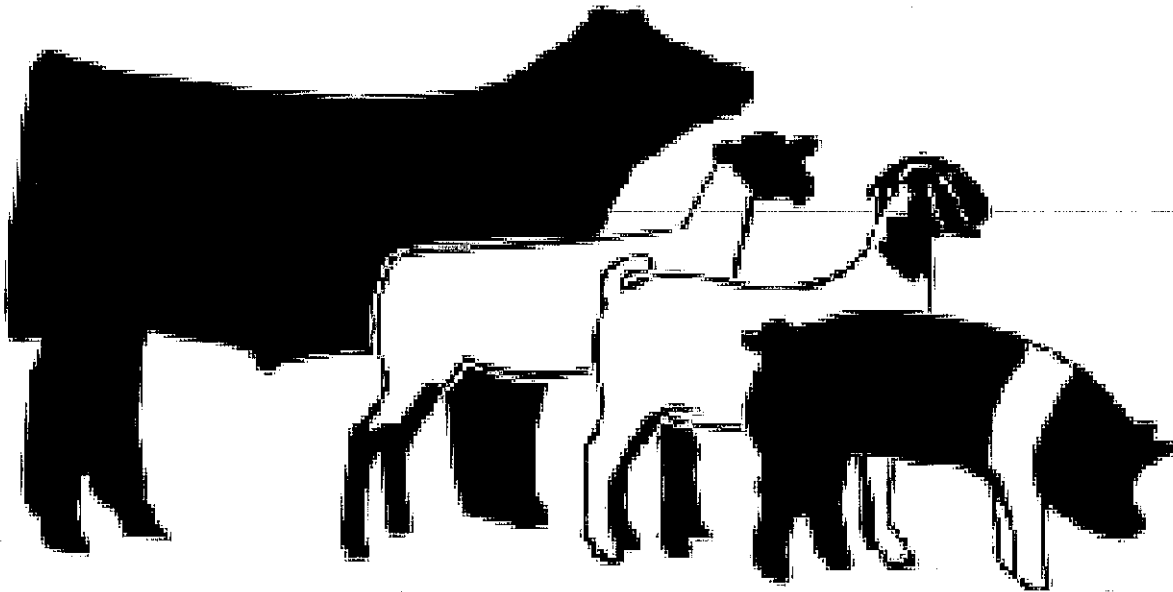


4-H Youth Livestock



Fergus/Petroleum County Policy Handbook

Fergus/Petroleum 4-H Livestock Committee

Objectives

- To educate youth and adults for living in a global and ever-changing world by using the resources of: MSU Fergus County Extension, the Land Grant University (MSU), and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
- To encourage 4-H members to learn as much as they can about livestock while developing their leadership skills.
- To promote and develop good sportsmanship in all aspects of the program.

The Livestock Committee shall:

1. Develop and carry out educational programs for members enrolled in livestock projects.
2. Develop and carry out policy and guidelines for the livestock program to function under.
 - a. Approve all policy developed by livestock sub-committees
3. Develop an annual budget.
4. Preside over the county 4-H Livestock Program as deemed necessary.
5. Work cooperatively with the 4-H Small Animal and Horse Committees to coordinate fair activities.

Members of the Committee shall include:

1. Adult and Teen Leaders from each 4-H Club.
2. Independent Leaders
3. Livestock Superintendents: Beef/Dairy, Sheep/Goat, Swine
4. Jr. Livestock Sale Coordinator
5. Livestock Judging Coach
6. County Agricultural Extension Agent- or a representative from the Extension Office

Officers

Chair

- Presides of all Livestock Committee meetings
- Works with Extension Staff and Leaders Council
- Calls special meetings as necessary
- Appoints committees to facilitate workings of the Livestock Committee

Vice Chair

- Presides over meetings in the absence of the Chair
- Notifies leaders of special meetings or workshops
- Notifies Extension Office staff and/or Leaders Council of special meetings or workshops.
- Serves as chair of all sub-committees

Secretary

- Takes minutes at Livestock Committee meetings, e-mail to the Extension Office to be posted to the website within one week after the meetings
- Takes care of correspondence for the committee

Ag Extension Agent (or Extension Office representative)

- Be a facilitator to the Livestock Committee.
- Be responsible for getting any complaints received in the Extension Office to the committee in a timely manner.
- Be the liaison between the 4-H Center for Youth Development and the Livestock Committee.
- Provide guidance and assurance that all activities and project work are in compliance with state and county guidelines.
- Provide guidance and assurance that all committee work is compliant with the values of 4-H Youth Development and that education is the primary objective of all activities.

Voting – to be eligible to vote, committee members must be enrolled in a 4-H Livestock Project or be an enrolled 4-H Livestock Leader.

Quorum – A quorum will consist of those members present at a Livestock Committee Meeting.

4-H Livestock Project Members Policy

Project Completion

4-H Members are expected to complete the seven required activities per year in their workbooks. After a member has completed all three workbooks they will enroll in Independent Study for that animal, and complete a project outline that must be turned into the Extension Office by April 15.

PLUS

4-H Members must complete Animal Project Record Forms. Recording a minimum of three goals each year, completing What I Did-What I Learned, Value of Animals Purchased/Owned, Sales Record, Feed Records, Health Care Chart, Expenses Other Than Feed, and Project Summary. Market Projects also complete Market Animal Growth Record. Breeding Projects also complete Production Records.

**When enrolling, all Livestock Project Members must complete an Animal Project Release form.

Livestock Ownership/Possession

Market Project Animals

The 4-H or FFA Member must be the primary caregiver of their market animals at the time of the weigh and tag deadline and continue through fair.

Breeding Project Animals

The 4-H or FFA Member must be the primary caregiver of their breeding project animals by May 1 and continue through the fair.

Central Montana Fair- General Rules and Regulations for Livestock Exhibitors

- Pre-fair Interview Day is the Tuesday before fair week.
- Central Montana Fair is always the last full week of July. Livestock check in is on Tuesday.
- All exhibitors and a parent are expected to help with either set up (Monday of fair week) or cleanup (Saturday afternoon of fair week) in the Livestock Pavilion.

General Entry Information

Market Classes – two entries per lot

Breeding Classes – one entry per lot (unless otherwise specified in the current Fair Book)

Showmanship Classes – Enter by age on October 1 of current 4-H Year, Junior (8 to 11) Intermediate (12 to 13), Senior (14 and older). Must show your own project animal that was shown in a market or breeding class.

No Cross Entries – entering the same animal in two classes, with the exception of: showmanship, bred and owned, and replacement market heifers.

1. This show is open to 4-H Club members and FFA Chapter members. 4-H members must be from Fergus County or a county adjacent to Fergus County. FFA members must be from a chapter in Fergus County or a county adjacent to Fergus County.
2. All Fergus/Petroleum 4-H entries will be made on 4-H/Youth enrollment computer reports supplied by the Fergus County Extension Office to Fergus County 4-H club organizational leaders, FFA Chapter Advisors, and all County Extension Offices. Forms will be available May 1. FFA members must have their FFA Advisors signature on their form, verifying your entries corresponding with your FFA SAE. 4-Hers from counties other than Fergus or Petroleum must have their county agent's signature on their form, verifying project enrollment that corresponds with entries.
3. Send entry blanks to Fergus Co. Extension Office, 712 W. Main, Lewistown, Montana 59457, or bring them to the Fergus County Extension Office. Entry deadline, June 1.
4. No entry fee is required in this department if received by June 1. (\$5.00 per member late fee will be charged for any entry received June 2 to June 15. **No entries will be accepted after June 15**)

All entries must be made in the member's own name and be approved by their local club leader. Counties surrounding Fergus County must have their County Extension Agent's signature on the entries verifying project enrollment. 4-H Members are required to be enrolled in the project to show in that class. FFA members must have their advisors signature on their entry form verifying entries reflect SAE. Date of Current Quality Assurance Certification must also be attached for all livestock exhibitors.

6. All exhibits will be judged on the Danish group system of placing. The group will be designated by colored ribbons. First group-blue; second group-red; third group-white. If no exhibit in a lot merits a blue ribbon, none will be given. Medallions can only be awarded to blue ribbon entries. 1st and 2nd place ranking will be indicated, from blue ribbons, in showmanship classes in order to provide a delegate and alternate for Round Robin in each species. Exhibits will be awarded premium money as follows: \$.75 white, \$1.00 red, \$1.50 blue and \$2.00 Grand Champion. 4-H Premiums will be paid in cash from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm, Saturday of fair, in the Livestock Pavilion, or you may pick them up during business hours at the fairgrounds office before August 15.
7. Work done in school, FFA, FCCLA, or other organizations can be used to fulfill 4-H project requirements. FFA entries must be consistent with the member's FFA SAE.

**Showmanship Round Robin: Members that win their age division of showmanship in horse, beef, sheep, swine or goat are qualified to participate in the small or large animal round robin- showing their own species then rotating to show all the other small or large animals. If the grand champion in an age group does not want to participate, they must notify their superintendent, immediately following the class, so the reserve champion can take their place. If you qualify for a round robin with more than one species you must notify superintendents which species you want to show.*

8. ALL Animal projects will be interviewed on the Tuesday before fair week. You are required to bring complete and up-to-date records and workbooks for interview. FFA members must have up to date FFA SAE records. Exhibitors who fail to complete their interviews will not be allowed to exhibit or sell their project animals. Appointments for "absentee

interviews" must be made with the Extension Office (406-535-3919) and completed prior to the Friday before interviews. No parents are allowed at interview judging.

**Every animal exhibitor must check in when arriving with their animals and pick up their exhibitor packet. Along with your show number, other important information that should be reviewed carefully is in the packet. You only receive one show number that you will use to show all animal species you bring to the fair.*

9. **ALL livestock exhibitors must attend the livestock exhibitors meeting** on check in day at the fair. Parents are encouraged to attend also. (Tuesday, 4:00 PM in the Pavilion).
10. All members enrolled in a market livestock project must have current Quality Assurance Certification, renewed every three years. Entries will not be accepted from exhibitors without certification.
11. All beef and horses crossing a county line need to have a brand inspection before transport.

DATES OF CLOSING ENTRIES

Entry blanks for 4-H and FFA livestock exhibits must be in the Fergus County Extension Office by June 1.

ENTRY FORMS

4-H/Youth entry forms, from your Extension Office or FFA Advisor, must be used. Do not use entry forms in the fair book to enter the 4-H/Youth Division.

Address all entries to:
Fergus County Extension Office
712 W. Main
Lewistown, Montana 59457
Phone 406-535-3919

ANIMAL TREATMENT

1. The Montana 4-H and FFA programs recommend that animals be handled in a proper and ethical manner in accordance with accepted modern animal husbandry and scientific practices. In addition, adequate care, including watering feeding and comfort should be appropriately provided to all animals. Any individual treating an animal in any other manner may be asked to leave the grounds. Report any cases of animal neglect to your superintendent.
2. Exhibitors, their parents, leaders and instructors have a serious responsibility to follow animal health practices that are approved by the industry and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, to assure the meat customers are receiving wholesome food. Health aids and other approved products should be used with care, according to prescribed practices, only when needed, and in the correct amounts.
3. The Montana 4-H and FFA programs require that market animals meet the Food and drug Administration regulations governing management and safety practices. Approved withdrawal times from health aids and growth stimulants must be followed. Animals that have not met these standards will not be allowed to sell during any authorized, fair-related sale. Members must carefully read all feed labels, especially those with any kind of additive, and follow the instructions exactly.
4. Exhibitors should seek competent professional advice if medical situations arise which are beyond their capabilities.

RETURN OF EXHIBITS- Fair Checkout

All exhibitors must be responsible for the return of their animal exhibits. **No exhibits/animals are to be moved until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday of the Fair.** Permission for early release must be obtained from the superintendent of the Livestock Department and the Extension Agent. Depending on transportation arrangements and weather conditions, some market animals may be held longer, check with the superintendent. **Early removal of livestock without permission will result in the member not being allowed to enter livestock in the Central Montana Fair the following year.**

4-H HERDSMANSHIP COMPETITION

1. The club that maintains its areas in the best herdsmanship manner throughout the 4-H barns will be recognized on the Herdsmanship Plaque. The winner will be announced at Market Sale. The award for the pavilion is presented by the Livestock Committee, and the award for the Small Animal Barn is presented by the Small Animal Committee.
2. Competitions apply to all of the following classes of animals: sheep, goats, beef, and dairy, swine in the pavilion, rabbits and poultry in the small animal barn.
3. Judging will be done daily on the following criteria:
 - A. Neatness/Cleanliness of stalls and alleys (15 pts)
 - B. Care and grooming of animals (15 pts)
 - C. Herdsman's business-like attitude and cooperation (20 pts)
 - D. Care of equipment (20 pts)
 - E. Courtesy to visitors (20 pts)
 - F. Promptness in showing and other comments (20 pts)

For the safety of both exhibitors and visitors- alleys must be kept clean and clear at all times. Hoses must be coiled up at the hydrant after use- double check that water is shut off. Equipment and chairs kept in the storage stalls. Clean up manure immediately and muddy spots should be covered with clean sawdust.

FITTING, SHOWING & Animal Care

1. Only 4-H and FFA members will be permitted to care for, fit and show their animals. Other 4-H and FFA members may be of assistance to members. **Minimal** assistance will be allowed by parents and other adults.

Abuse of rules will be dealt with in the following manner:

- 1st Offense: Warning (warnings will be reported to and recorded by the Extension Agent in the 4-H/FFA Livestock Office at the Fairgrounds). Warnings will be issued by the Extension Agent or the Livestock Superintendents.
- 2nd Offense: Violator will be asked to leave the barn (violator is the person doing the work for the 4-H or FFA member).
- 3rd Offense: Mandatory dismissal of the 4-H or FFA member from further showing and forfeiture of awards for this fair.

- A1. **Safety has priority over all rules concerning 4-H members and animals.**

Livestock entries from each club or chapter will be exhibited together.

3. Each member will be responsible for cleanliness of area occupied by their animals.

4. Tack boxes and equipment are to be kept only in designated areas.
5. Exhibitor numbers must be worn while exhibiting animals in any class of the Central Montana Junior Livestock Show.
Exceptions due to special circumstances regarding the showing and selling of 4-H and FFA project animals must be approved in advance by the 4-H Livestock Committee.

Dress Code for Showing Livestock – Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Goats, Swine

Long pants with no holes or fringing, a long-sleeved shirt with a collar, and hard shoes to protect members from being stepped on by their animals. Neat and clean. Official FFA dress is considered appropriate for FFA members.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK MARKET SALE REQUIREMENTS

1. An exhibitor **may sell one market animal** at the sale. All Grand and Reserve Champion Market Steers, Lambs, Swine and Replacement Heifers must sell at the livestock sale even if the same person owns more than one champion animal. Market Goats are not required to sell. ***Pink slips with your Market Animal Numbers will be enclosed in your exhibitor's packet and must be turned into 4-H Livestock Office in the Pavilion by 6:00 PM Wednesday indicating the market animal you will sell. Failure to indicate your animal by this deadline will result in being placed at the end of the sale for that species.*
2. Members have to be present at sale or their animal cannot sell.
3. No white ribbon animals will be sold.
4. **Maximum sale pay weights:** Market Beef – 1450 lbs., Market Lambs – 150 lbs., Market Hogs – 300 lbs., and Market Goats – 120 lbs. **Minimum sale weights:** Market Beef – 1100 lbs., Market Lambs – 100 lbs., Market Hogs – 230 lbs., and Market Goats – 70 lbs.
5. Sale animals must be **4-H ear tagged and weighed by deadline:** Beef – January 15th, Replacement Sale Heifers – January 15th, Swine – April 15th, and Sheep & Goat – May 15th. Special 4-H Ear Tags are provided by the Extension Office. Weights must be recorded in the Extension Office. A photo must be taken showing the 4-H tag in the ear and submitted along with weight to the Extension Office. All animals must have the tag in their ear to cross the scale. **All sheep and goats must have a scrapie tag.**
6. Check-in weight will be the sale weight.
7. The Livestock Committee decides what percentage members will be assessed from sale of stock to cover expenses and operations.
8. **Market Beef Exhibitors and Replacement Sale Heifers** must have a **bill of sale** showing proof of ownership. This must be presented to the Beef Superintendent at check-in time at the fair. Remember- all livestock crossing a county line, needs a brand inspection before transport.
9. Dress Code for sale: Members must be dressed appropriately for the Market Sale to show respect for the buyers and represent 4-H and FFA well in the public. Minimum requirements are long pants with no holes or fringing, a long-sleeved shirt with a collar and hard shoes to protect members from being stepped on by their animals. Official FFA dress is considered appropriate.
10. If a member wins grand or reserve in a goat, poultry, and/or rabbit market class and also has a lamb, hog, steer or heifer, they may choose to sell the large animal instead of the goat/small animal. They may not sell both a goat/small animal and a large animal.

General/Public Parking

Public parking will be available through Gate #2 (by the Draft Horse Statue) and Gate #3. Those attending shows in the pavilion will be able to park closest to the pavilion by entering Gate #3 and using the parking lot on the east side of the small animal barn. Handicap/Sr. Citizen parking on the east side of the pavilion may be accessed through Gate #5.