

4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK RULES

GENERAL INFORMATION PER DEPARTMENTS

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1. YQCA Certification:

- 4-H & FFA Exhibitors enrolled in and exhibiting any food producing animal must obtain a Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA Certificate) All Department 33, 34, 35, 37, 38, 39, 40 and 41 exhibitors must have current Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Certification at the time of Tag Day. This certification can be completed online at <http://yqca.org> or classes offered. Please contact Kennewick Extension Office at (509) 735-3551. YQCA certification is required for 4-H & FFA exhibitors showing any of the animals listed below:
 - 33 Beef & 34 Dairy Cattle
 - 41 Swine
 - 40 Sheep
 - 35 Market & Dairy Goats
 - 39 Rabbits, Cavies & Pocket Pets
 - 38 Poultry & Waterfowl
 - 37 Pigeons, Game & Cage Birds

2. Market Animal Born dates

- 4-H & FFA 33 Beef & 34 Dairy Cattle
 - See department for born dates
- Department 35 4-H & FFA Goats
 - Market Animals After 10/01/2019 and owned by the exhibitor no later than 05/01/2020
- Department 40 4-H & FFA Sheep
 - Market Animals on or after 09/01/19 owned by the exhibitor no later than Fri., 5/15
- Department 41 4-H & FFA Swine
 - Market Animals Born between Prime - Feb 14th - March 8th (mid-March at the latest) owned by the exhibitor no later than Fri., 5/15/2020

3. TAG DAYS & Times

- ❖ Male animals must be altered before tag day

- ❖ If not registered before tag day you will not be allowed to tag/show at the fair.
 - ❖ ONE TRIP ACROSS THE SCALE
 - ❖ Out of State information:
 - Must present Out of State Certificate of Veterinary inspection from the state of origin at tag day. If this documentation is not available, the animal will not be tagged and cannot be shown at the fair. This is in accordance with WAC 16-54-101.
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=16-54-101>
 - **Department 33 4-H/FFA Beef**
 - Sat., 3/21 8am - 12pm
 - **Department 35 Goats, 40 Sheep**
 - Sat., 5/16 8am - 12pm
 - All Lambs and market Goats must have a required USDA or WSDA Scrapies Eradication flock ID Tag or registered tattoo. If registered tattoo, then animal must also have a number to identify each individual animal.
 - **Department 41 Swine**
 - Sat., 5/16 7am - 12pm at the Fairgrounds
 - NO Swine allowed on grounds
 - A full-face picture from the FRONT of the hog with the tag VISIBLE in the animal's RIGHT ear with legible tag number must be uploaded by Mon., 6/1. The link will be posted to the Fair's home page after tag day. If you have any questions, please contact the Fair Office (509)222-3749.
4. No animal may be removed or replaced with another animal without the consent of the Fair Board Member in charge of that department and only if replacement falls within the 4-H guidelines regarding regular care and management as listed below:
- Breeding Beef: 90 days
 - Cats: 60 days
 - Cavies: 45 days
 - Dairy (except Dairy Heifer Replacement): 90 days
 - Dairy Heifer Replacement: 60 days
 - Dogs: 60 days
 - Equine: 90 days
 - Goat: 60 days
 - Market Beef: 120 days
 - Rabbits and Poultry: 45 days
 - Sheep and Swine (Breeding and Market): 60 days

- **Animals raised by the 4-H member from birth or hatching are exempt from the minimum time periods.**

5. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

- <https://cms.agr.wa.gov/WSDAKentico/Documents/AnS/AnimalHealth/FairRequirements2020.pdf>
- A. **Individual health certificates on Washington animals are required for entry**
<https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/search?q=health+record>
- B. **The Fair veterinarian shall issue a blanket certificate covering all in-state entries to the Fair.**
- C. **No animal from a quarantined area or premises will be permitted to enter the Fair or show.**
- D. **Out-of-state animal entries must comply with the State of Washington import regulations WAC 16-54.**
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=16-5>
- E. **All out-of-state horses must have a negative Coggins test within twelve months prior to entry.**
- F. **Fair veterinarians will inspect all classes of livestock and poultry before they are exhibited.**
- G. **Fair veterinarians will reject any animal with infectious or contagious disease or ectoparasites. Ringworm, warts, pinkeye, strangles, contagious ecthyma, club lamb fungus, scabies, lice, mites, ticks and fleas fall into these categories.**
- H. **All heifers and cows exhibited at the Fair shall be officially vaccinated against brucellosis and bear a legible vaccination tattoo or shall be tested negative. This rule does not apply to dairy and beef calves born after 1/1/2020.**
- I. **Animals exhibiting disease symptoms during the course of the Fair shall be rejected by the Fair veterinarian and removed from the fairgrounds.**
- J. **It is strongly recommended, but not required, that cattle and horses be vaccinated in the current show year against respiratory diseases.**
- K. **All poultry, except waterfowl, shown at the Fair shall have originated from U.S. pullorum-typhoid clean or equivalent flocks or have had a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days of the Fair.**
- L. **The Fair veterinarian's professional decisions regarding the health status of an animal is FINAL.**
- M. **All sheep and goats must have official USDA National Scrapie Eradication Assigned Flock Identification tag or registered tattoo.**

N. Vet bills are the responsibility of the exhibitor.

6. WEIGH-IN TIMES Mon., 8/24 - Large Livestock

- Must bring health record and out of state paperwork to weigh-in.
- All animals to arrive Mon., 8/24 8 am - 8 pm. (Unless a set time is assigned for weigh-in)
- **Swine 7 am - 2 pm**
 - 240 lbs to 295 lbs
- **Steers 2 pm - 5 pm**
 - Over 1,050 lbs
- **Sheep & Goats 12 pm - 5 pm**
 - Sheep 110 lbs to 160 lbs
 - Goats 65 lbs to 125 lbs

7. HORSE CHECK-IN Mon., 8/24:

- ALL HORSES (Gaming, Production, Performance and Driving) must be vet checked before they enter the horse barn area. The vet check will take place between 2 and 6 pm Mon., Aug 24.
- A current copy of the signed and dated horse certificate MUST accompany the horse.
- No horses will be allowed to enter the fairgrounds prior to 2 pm or after 6 pm.

8. Small Livestock CHECK-IN Times

- All Poultry, Pigeons & Birds Mon., 8/24 10am - 8pm
- All Rabbits and pocket pets Mon., 8/24 10am - 6pm
 - Rabbits can be tattooed for a charge of \$1 per rabbit
- Cats 8/29 and dogs 8/27 day of event 7am

9. Barn set-up may begin Saturday 8/22 unless otherwise informed by superintendent. Must be completed Sunday 8/23.

10. Ribbons

- White ribbon animals will not be eligible to sell.

11. Dress Code:

- All clothing must be neat and clean. Check the 4-H & FFA Youth Rules Dress Code for more information.
- 4-H and FFA LIVESTOCK DRESS CODE
 - Exhibitors should be clean and neatly dressed in official FFA uniform or jeans or slacks with a short or long-sleeved shirt, blouse or T-Shirt. (T-Shirts must be plain, however, 4-H Club Name is acceptable).

- Clothing should not be revealing or offensive in nature. No bare midriffs. No low-cut tops or pants that reveal underwear. Any article of clothing that has rips, tears, or holes is unacceptable. If in doubt, *don't wear it*.
- The ruling of the Fair Board and Department Superintendents is **FINAL**. Non-compliance with this dress code will result in being excused from the show ring and loss of premiums.
- Close-toe shoes or boots are required while showing livestock and while in all livestock barns.

12. Fitting and Showing

- Exhibitors must enter and exhibit in Fitting and Showing to be eligible for any premium points.
- Exhibitors must receive a blue ribbon in Fitting and Showing to be eligible for the Championship Round. 4-H Junior, Intermediate, Senior and FFA Fitting and Showing Division Champions will compete in the **Large Animal Round Robin** in the Benton Franklin Fair Sale Barn at 6 p.m. Thu., 8/27, for the title of Grand Champion Showman.
 - In 4-H and FFA Large Animal Round Robin, each contestant will provide an animal for the following age division to show in the Large Animal Round Robin: 4-H Junior, 4-H Intermediate, 4-H Senior and FFA. Departments participating in this event include Dairy, Horse, Steer, Goat, Lamb and Swine.
 - Each exhibitor must show the animal they showed in Fitting and Showing.
 - Exhibitors must dress appropriately, as for Fitting and Showing.
 - Exhibit good sportsmanship.
 - Awards include Rosettes to First Place in Dairy, Horse, Steer, Goat, Lamb and Swine. Belt Buckles go to First Place winners in 4-H Junior, 4-H Intermediate, 4-H Senior, and FFA.

13. Market Class

- Exhibitors must enter Market Class in order to sale at the Fair.

14. ALL BARNs: Failure to comply will result in loss of premium monies.

- Exhibitors are required to keep animals supplied with water, feed, and clean bedding from arrival until the animals leave the fairgrounds. Cleaning of pens & feeding of animals should be done no later than 8 am.
- Exhibitors who have outside help fitting their animal by others that are not currently enrolled in 4-H or FFA, including parents, will lose all premium monies and may be banned from future fairs.
- All clubs should have an educational display.
- NO Human food allowed in barns and tack areas.
- NO loitering, horseplay, water fights or sitting/climbing on the pens.
- Dress code must always be followed.
- NO private sales allowed at the Fair.

- Due to lack of space, tack areas will be assigned. No large items such as cabinets tables or chairs (unless approved by superintendent).
- All animal feed should be stored in a tightly sealed container. No tack stored on top or in pens.
- Animal and Human First Aid Kits are required.

15. Department Limitations:

- Entries limited to space available.
- **Department 33 Beef**
 - Blocking chutes to be put in designated area. Hair clipping and grooming equipment must be stored after use.
- **Department 34 Dairy Cattle**
 - Two (2) entries per class, per breed, per division and per exhibitor
- **Department 35 Goats**
 - One (1) market wether or doe goat per exhibitor. Does or wethers must be of dairy or meat breed. No Pygmy or Angora.
 - Pens are limited to a 6x6 area.
- **Breeding Stock: Goats**
 - Due to the high risk of Q-Fever shedding in goats near kidding time, does that are within 30 days before or after giving birth into the fair are not allowed.
 - All dairy goats must have a required USDA or WSDA Scrapie Eradication Flock ID Tag or registered Tattoo.
 - Goat(s) must be checked by the official Fair Veterinarian prior to unloading. The Fair veterinarian's professional decisions to the health status of an animal is FINAL.
 - Five (5) goats per exhibitor (no companions or goats not entered in the fair).
 - Chain collars are proper for showmanship.
- **Department 37 Pigeons & Birds**
 - Two (2) per division, per class; twelve (12) entries total per exhibitor
 - ABSOLUTELY NO BARN BIRDS
 - ALL Birds must be banded: young birds seamless 2019 bands; split bands must be entered as old birds
- **Department 38 Poultry**
 - Two (2) entries per variety, per age, per sex (i.e. 2 Rhode Island Red Cockerels, 2 Rhode Island Red Cocks, 2 Rhode Island Red Young Trio, etc.) Not to exceed 12 total entries. No limit on Division J, Eggs.
- **Department 39 Rabbits**

- Eight animals total which includes pocket pets, covies, and up to two (2) market Rabbits. Barn is limited to the first 400 animals entered.
- NO does with litters, except educational exhibits. Check with superintendent before Fair if interested
- **Department 40 Sheep 4-H/FFA & Breeding Stock**
 - Pens are limited to a 5x5 area
 - Market lambs must be slick shorn within ten (10) days of weigh-in at fair.
 - Due to the high risk of Q-Fever shedding in sheep near lambing time, ewes that are 30 days before or after giving birth into the fair will not be allowed.
 - DO NOT tag your breeding sheep as a market lamb. Sheep must currently be owned by exhibitor for Breeding Purposes Only. Breeding stock will be tracked by the Scrappies Tag which is required on all sheep. If the animal has been tagged for market it cannot be entered in a breeding stock class.
 - No private scales or stands will be allowed at or near the Benton Franklin Sheep barn.
- **Department 41 Swine**
 - Only animal approved wash products may be used
 - Market Stock will deduct the fee for pork Promotions from the exhibitor's check.
 - No self-waterers allowed in pen and no buckets or pans left unattended.
 - Anyone showing horses and swine, changes to classes need to be completed at the horse barn per the 4-H Extension Office.
 - Hog welfare will be monitored, and exhibitors will be disqualified if they fail to provide adequate care for their animals.
 - Display boards hung above pig pen must be four (4) feet per pen in length. Displays hang Ten (10) feet high, allowing six (6) feet off ground clearance. No solid fabric or covered display boards will be allowed. It prohibits air flow in the barn.
 - If placed on corner four (4) foot kickboards are required for gate and six (6) foot for side of pen. Pens are five (5) feet wide by six (6) feet deep.
 - Hogs may have their tails and ears clipped but not required. Body hair must be a minimum of 3 / 4 inch. If hogs are found to be body sheared,

clipped or oiled upon arrival to the Fair/Show Ring, they will be sent home immediately and exhibitor's premiums forfeited.

16. HORN POLICY: Goats

- All goats must be dehorned and healed or naturally polled. Regrowth horn scurs not to exceed one (1) inch in length may be permitted at the discretion of the Superintendent.

17. Additional information:

- Please see information board in barns regarding classes, time changes, barn meetings and other activities.

18. Market Animals

- No market animal will be allowed across the scale until checked by the Fair Veterinarian. The Veterinarians professional decisions to the health status of the animal are FINAL.
- Animals not allowed in stalls until after checked by vet, Health Certificate is complete and has crossed the scale.
- A backup animal is allowed, but only one market animal will be permitted to be displayed, shown and sold at Fair.
- Exhibitors whose animals don't meet the minimum requirements for the Market Class must take their animal home.

19. Fair Week:

- All exhibitors must sign-up for barn duty.
- Pens must be cleaned by 8 am unless otherwise told by 4-H/FFA leader.
- All exhibitors shall furnish necessary feed, grain, troughs, and water buckets for their animals and provide for their care. Bedding will be available for purchase or you may bring your own. Shavings will be the only form of bedding allowed except for goats. All livestock exhibitors will be subject to a \$7 bedding disposal fee, which includes one bag of shavings or bale of straw (goats).
- Exhibitors must always tend to their stock. Every exhibitor will be solely responsible for any loss, injury of, damage to, caused by or arising from any animal exhibited, and shall indemnify the management against all legal or other proceedings. Unruly animals will be removed from the grounds at the discretion of the Livestock Superintendents and Fair Board.

20. Exhibitors are required to show in both Fitting and Showing Class and Market Class in order to participate in the Market Stock Sale.

- Animals exhibited in any youth division must be owned or leased-(Dairy, Breeding & Horses only), shown, fitted, and cared for by the exhibitor, and

entered in his or her name. Animals registered in the family name but not listed with the County Extension Office or with the FFA instructor by 5/31 will not be eligible to show in the 4-H and FFA Divisions.

21. See information boards at barns for times and class lineups. Schedules and times are subject to changes.

22. Round Robin

- **Large Animal Round Robin** - Thur., 8/27 at 6 pm Dairy, Horse, Steer, Goat, Sheep and Swine.
- **4-H Junior, Intermediate, Senior and FFA**
 - Each contestant must show the animal they showed in Fitting and Showing.
 - Exhibitors must dress appropriately, as for Fitting and Showing.
 - Exhibit good sportsmanship
- **Small Animal Round Robin** - Wed., 8/26 at 5 pm Rabbit (no novice) and Chickens, Pigeons & Birds

23. **CLASSES and Judging:** Market animals will be judged/shown in weight classes

- Exhibitors who arrive late to their Fitting and Showing Class and/or Market Class will NOT be allowed to participate in the Market Stock Sale.
- **Department's 33 4-H & FFA Beef, 35 4-H & FFA Goats, 40 4-H & FFA Sheep & 41 4-H & FFA Swine**
 - Market Classes begin at 9 am Tue., 8/25
 - Fitting and Showing beginning at 9 am Wed., 8/26
 - Market Stock Sale Fri., 8/29 time varies by species.
- **Department 34 4-H & FFA Dairy Cattle**
 - Portable milking machine.
 - If milking machine is needed please contact Superintendent.
 - Department 3 Open Dairy David Cleavenger (509) 554-6361
 - Department 34 4-H/FFA Dairy Cattle Laurel Knight (509) 531-6133
 - Fitting and Showing Thur., 8/27 at 9 am.
 - Breeding Classes to follow Fitting and Showing.
- **Department 37 4-H & FFA Pigeons & Birds**
 - Market class varies with judge availability.
 - Pigeon Judging will take place Tue., 8/25
 - Fitting & Showing to follow after department 38; time may change.
 - Feather Auction Fri., 12 pm (subject to change)

- **Department 38 4-H & FFA Poultry**
 - Market class varies with judge availability.
 - Fitting & Showing Tue., 4 pm.
 - Feather Auction Fri., 12 pm (subject to change).
- **Department 39 4-H & FFA Rabbits**
 - Rabbit Market Class Tue., 8 am.
 - Pocket Pet Market Class Wed., 8 am.
 - Rabbit judging contest Thur., 8:30 am.
 - Rabbit Sale Fri., 12 pm (subject to change).
- **Department 42 4-H, FFA & Open Class Dogs & 60 4-H, FFA & Open Class Cats**
 - Classes begin at 8am

24. Additional information

- Cage and stall fees are waived for 4-H and FFA exhibitors.
- 4-H and FFA stall cards can be picked up at Fair Office or from Barn Superintendent.
- **Department 42 4-H, FFA & Open Class Dogs**
 - All dogs must be kept on a leash, except during competition.
 - No dog shall be left unattended. Dogs are not allowed outside the immediate vicinity of the dog show area.
 - Any dog causing problems will be disqualified and excused from the fairgrounds.
 - Bitches in season must wear doggy britches at all times while at the Fair, except when caged or while in the exercise area. They may not show in obedience class.
 - ONLY out-of-state animals must have official health certificates showing freedom from infection or communicable disease within 30 days. Dogs MUST be vaccinated against rabies, distemper, infection hepatitis, parainfluenza and parvo virus. Any dog without proof of vaccinations will be excused from the grounds. NO EXCEPTIONS.
 - Dogs may not be entered in obedience/rally classes in which they have completed AKC Titles. AKC rules will be the guide, but not the absolute. No dogs under 6 months of age may be exhibited.
 - Baiting will be allowed in Fitting and Showing. At no time will an exhibitor be allowed to bait his or her dog in an obedience class.
 - The youth show will be judged on the Danish system.
 - No prong, electronic or other harsh collars will be allowed on show grounds.

25. All animals entered in registered breeding departments must be recognized with registration papers from the respective breed associations and be registered in that association herd book. Animals must bear legible identification as required by the breed association. Registration papers must be available for inspection with the exception as follows:
 - a. Cattle - under six months of age
 - b. Sheep - lambs under one year of age. Must show lamb teeth, bear Scrappies Flock Identification, or ear notch.
26. Proof of registration, names and/or numbers of sire and dam will be required of all animals qualifying under rules 25 a & b above.
27. Temporary transfers or sales to make competition are forbidden.
28. Cows and bulls over 38 months of age must show proof of birth of living calf within 12 months of date of show.
29. For safety reasons, all bulls over six months of age must have nose rings or tongs when out of their stalls.
30. "For Sale" Signs are not allowed.
31. Exhibitors must keep their animals, barn area, and grooming area clean or premium monies will be forfeited.
32. Exhibitor must clean out pens/stalls at the end of the Fair unless prior arrangements have been made with the Fair. Failure to do so will result in premium monies forfeited. Disposal bunkers will be in designated areas.
33. Any exhibitor not abiding by the rules set forth may be restricted from showing at future fairs.
34. Exhibitors found to be using abusive practices and/or drugs on animals will be banned permanently from the Fair. The Fair will notify all fairs in Washington State of its decision.
35. All exhibitors will be required to sign a release form regarding their birds' current health before their fowl will be allowed in the building.