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**2020**  
**BOULDER COUNTY**  
**FAIRBOOK**  
**July 31-August 9, 2020**

**4-H & FFA**  
**Livestock Shows**

The Boulder County Fair's mission is to celebrate both rural and urban heritage while cultivating an innovative future through education and leadership. With a tradition of showcasing the accomplishments and leadership of both 4-H and FFA youth and community members, we provide educational and entertaining opportunities for all attendees, meeting the interests and challenges of a changing world.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION AND RULES**

Cooperation – The Boulder County Fair Livestock Show and Rodeo is held in cooperation with the Boulder County Board of Commissioners, the Boulder County Fair Board and the Boulder County Office of Colorado State University Extension. The Boulder County Fair, Livestock Show and Rodeo does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, age, disability, sexual preference, veteran or marital status, or national origin in its policies and activities.

Responsibility - The Boulder County Fair, Livestock Show & Rodeo (BCF) Management will use all possible care to ensure the safety of animals, exhibits, exhibitors, and people attending the fair. The BCF Management or any individual assisting with the fair, will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage done to, occasioned by, or arising from any animal, or article on exhibition, or for any accident or injury to any person exhibiting, assisting with, or attending the fair. The exhibitors shall indemnify the Fair Management against all legal or other proceeding in regard hereto. The placing of any exhibits on the show grounds by any and all exhibitors shall signify his/her agreement to abide by this rule.

### **FAIRGROUND RULES**

1. Alcohol/Drug Restrictions – Pursuant to Colorado Statue 12-47-901(1)(h)(I), it is illegal to bring **any** outside alcoholic beverages into the BCF, including parking lots. Alcoholic beverages not purchased on the premises will be confiscated immediately and may result in fines and/or ejection from the premises. The presence or use of alcoholic beverages on the fairgrounds is prohibited except in designated areas.

Illegal drugs of any kind, including marijuana, are prohibited from the BCF, including parking lots. Any illegal drugs, including marijuana, will be confiscated and may result in fines and/or ejection from the premises.

2. Disorderly Conduct, Illegal Activity, Vandalism & Horseplay will not be tolerated. Violators will be escorted from the fairgrounds by security and may be prosecuted. No person shall engage in foul, obscene or abusive language or actions.

3. Motorized Vehicles - ATV's and golf carts will not be permitted without prior written permission from the BCF Board. Use of carts is restricted in the areas of the midway or in pedestrian travel areas during BCF hours of operation.

4. Leash Law: Boulder County and the City of Longmont require all dogs to be on a leash at all times on public property. For the safety of animals and people, dogs are not allowed in the poultry, rabbit, goat, or sheep areas and the indoor arena during horse events.

5. Unauthorized carrying or discharging firearms or weapons of any kind is not permitted. Unauthorized paintball, BB, pellet, air, blowguns, rocket slingshots, crossbows, martial arts weapons, fireworks and explosives are not allowed during the Fair.

6. Smoking is not permitted in county facilities or on county property and therefore adhered to by BCF.

7. Parking is not permitted in assigned fire lanes or where otherwise posted "No Parking." Violators may be ticketed and/or towed at owner's expense.

8. Camping is permitted only at the campgrounds. Dry camping ("exhibitors/spectators camping outside the campgrounds") will only be allowed when the campground is full or when prior approval is obtained from the Fair Board.

## **EXHIBITOR GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **ENTRIES**

1. **Eligibility** - Competition is open to all. 4-H and FFA Exhibitors must belong to a Boulder County 4-H or FFA Club.
2. **Entries** – **Prior entry is required in all departments. Entries open after May 1. Late entries will be accepted in the office only with a \$5.00 late fee. Postmark will determine entry date. Entries forms can be found at [bouldercountyfair.org](http://bouldercountyfair.org) and completed the online program, by fillable PDF and emailed, or printed and mailed, faxed or dropped off at the office.**

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**Entry deadline: Friday, June 26, 2020**

**Late entry deadline: Friday, July 10 (by office drop off only)**

### **JUDGING**

1. Judges will not award prizes to an unworthy exhibit. It is the intention of the department that no premium or distinction of any kind shall be given to any animal or article that is not deserving. This rule must be strictly adhered to whether there is competition or not. Exhibits that do not meet size requirements will not be considered for Champion or Reserve Champion.
2. Judges shall report to the superintendent any exhibitors who in any way, whether in person or by agents or servants, interfere with them during the adjudication or show any disrespect to them, whereupon **the superintendent shall at his/her discretion demand a proper apology from such exhibitor, or exclude exhibitors from further competition, and the board may withhold from such exhibitors any premiums that have been awarded them, and expel them from further exhibiting at the fair.**
3. The decision of the awarding judges shall be final, and no appeal will be considered.
4. Any exhibitor attempting to interfere with the judges during their adjudication will be promptly excluded from the competition.
5. In all cases not covered by these rules, the ruling of the superintendent of the department will apply.
6. The judge and superintendent of the department shall sign each award book immediately after all awards have been made in the class contained therein.
7. No person shall act as judge in any class in which he/she may be interested as a relative, agent, or employee of an exhibitor or otherwise; and if such case shall be presented, the superintendent of department may remove such interested judge, or substitute another judge temporarily.
8. The awards of such premiums at the show will be confined to entries named in the department.
9. The judge and the person acting as clerk to the judge must take special pains after making an award to see that it is properly entered in the award book.
10. The clerk at each show verifies the accuracy of the judge's book between pre-entries and actual entrants. The superintendent signs the book before premium money is awarded.

## GRIEVANCES, PROTESTS AND APPEALS

1. An “appeal” may be filed by 4-H / FFA and open class exhibitors to get clarifications regarding rules, policies, and judging procedures. The Division Superintendent or the entity (example the Junior Livestock Sale Committee, Horse Leaders Council, Livestock Advisory) would be responsible, as appropriate to handle all appeals;
2. If a protest is filed by 4-H / FFA members, open class exhibitor(s), or other individual(s); the following procedure will be followed. A “Protest Form” must be completed in writing and can be obtained at the Boulder County Fair, Livestock Show & Rodeo (BCF) Manager’s Office. A fee of \$150.00 in cash or certified check must accompany the protest form. The protest shall plainly state the cause of the protest and shall be delivered to the Fair Manager’s office prior to judging or within 1 (one) hour after the conclusion of the class judging. Judging will not be interrupted by a protest and judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. Once the championship judging begins, no protest will be accepted. The protest committee made up of the division superintendent and two fair board representatives will meet and act upon the filed protest. A decision will be given to the individual filing the protest within 24 hours of receiving the filed protest unless a thorough investigation by the protest committee takes longer, in which case the individual filing the protest will be notified. The fee(s) imposed the protest;
3. In the event an individual is not satisfied with the protest ruling by the protest committee, the exhibitor may appeal the protest resolution to the Protest Appeals Committee. This committee is made up of the Fair Board Executive Committee. A fee of \$200.00 in cash or certified check must accompany the appeal which shall be in writing, on an “Appeal Form” obtained at the Boulder County Fair, Livestock Show & Rodeo (BCF) Management Office. The appeal shall plainly state the matter being appealed and shall be delivered to the Fair Management Office not more than 8 (eight) hours after the protest resolution was announced. The decision of the Protest Appeals Committee is final. Compliance with the protest and appeal process is mandatory prior to seeking review in any other forum. The fee(s) imposed above shall be refunded if the matter is resolved in favor of the person bringing the protest appeal;
4. In addition to the fee(s) imposed for the process, an individual protesting that the use of illegal drugs were administered to an animal and ask for testing be administered will stand the cost of the testing if no residuals are identified. Often such tests can cost over \$1,000.00 for each substance chemical checked. If illegal substances are found the cost of the test will be charged against the exhibitor along with the other consequences under general rules number two “Alteration of Conformation and Structure, Prohibited Substances or Unethical Fitting”.

## EXHIBIT RELEASE

1. **No exhibit shall be released until 5:00 p.m. Monday, August 10 except livestock.** All exhibits in the Exhibit Building must be picked up between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The Fair management won’t be responsible for exhibits left after exhibit release. Removal of any exhibit before the designated time will cause the forfeiture of award money.
2. **Livestock-No tack may be removed until the conclusion of the Livestock sale and in coordination with the Department Supervisor. Water, feed for the following day, and bedding is to stay in place for remaining livestock.**
3. **Animals will be released only during each departments designated release time. See specific departments for the release time.** Livestock sold in the Jr. Market Livestock Sale and released by the Jr. Market Livestock Committee President are exempt. Birds sold in the Poultry Sale are exempt and will be released at the time of sale.

- a. Release will be permitted by the Department Superintendent after review of stalls, pens, cages, and tie racks. These areas must be cleaned to the satisfaction of the superintendent and fairgrounds staff.
- b. Failure to comply with this requirement may bar said exhibitor from future participation and/or any premiums, which may have been awarded.

## ***4-H/FFA JUNIOR EXHIBIT RULES***

### **EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY**

1. Only members in good standing and actively enrolled in Boulder County 4-H, St. Vrain Valley FFA, or Boulder Valley FFA, and who have carried out and completed all required project work to date, are eligible to exhibit and show in 4-H/FFA Junior Fair classes.
2. Age Limits: To compete, 4-H members must have turned 8 before January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year and be less than 19 as of January 1 of the current year. St. Vrain FFA members must follow FFA age requirement guidelines and follow all FFA requirements. To compete, FFA members must be eligible for and enrolled in St. Vrain Valley FFA during the school year ending in May of the current year, AND be less than 19 as of January 1 of the current year.
3. Cloverbud: Cloverbud 4-H members (ages 5–7) may exhibit in areas specifically created for them at the fair. They may be recognized for their participation, but not awarded placement ribbons or premiums. Cloverbuds may not participate in competitive events. All proposed exhibits for Cloverbud 4-H members must be approved by the Extension Office before they can be labeled for Cloverbud participation. Cloverbud members may not sell in the Junior Market Livestock Sale.

### **EXHIBIT ELIGIBILITY**

1. Ownership. All Junior Livestock entries must be the property of, and be shown by, the eligible exhibitor. All animals shown must have been fed and cared for by the 4-H member or FFA student exhibiting in their regularly conducted project. Crops and gardens exhibits must have been taken from a field or garden grown by and the property of the exhibitor. Ownership of animals must be in the 4-H club member or FFA exhibitor's individual name prior to the Last Friday of April of the year exhibited, except for market projects which must be owned by market nomination for each species, and except the Lease-An-Animal exhibitors which have a signed lease contract in the Extension Office.

## **JUNIOR EXHIBITOR LIVESTOCK AND ANIMAL DIVISION RULES**

“Livestock” – refers to the following species; beef, dairy, goat, poultry, rabbit, cavy, sheep, and swine.

### **ANIMAL TREATMENT**

1. The Boulder County Fair, (BCF) is organized and operated exclusively for educational purposes, and sponsors, produces and presents exhibitions of livestock, livestock products and the like for children, adults, and the public. These exhibitions educate the livestock industry, participants of the BCF, general public in better breeding, feeding and care of livestock. BCF arranges for the judging and presentation of premiums and prizes, and the like, in continuation of such exhibitions and/or shows.
2. COLORADO REVISED STATUTES: All exhibitors further agree to abide by all the rules of the Colorado Revised Statutes in regard to livestock shows, exhibitions, and sales. In particular, Section 18-9-207 as it refers to the tampering, drugging, and misrepresentation of animals.
3. The Boulder County Fair and 4-H program adheres to the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) National Code of Show Ring Ethics. Each Livestock exhibitor indicates by turning in entries that they have read the code and will abide by these guidelines.

### **IAFE NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS**

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the “IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics”, fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

- a. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
- b. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
- c. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
- d. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood or other substances from the

animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates in the animals entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

- e. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, or appearance, except the external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
- f. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
- g. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
- h. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
- i. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
- j. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an

animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.

- k. The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

**4. The superintendent of each department and the official animal rights spokesperson for the fair, if in agreement, have the authority to disqualify exhibitors for inhuman treatment of animals at the Boulder County Fair, Livestock Show & Rodeo (BCF).**

5. Inhuman Treatment of Animals. Abuse of animal(s) in any form will not be allowed. No electric prods will be allowed to be used on any animal at any time. Any violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification with no recourse.

6. Alteration of Conformation and Structure by Prohibited Substance or Unethical Fitting. Prohibited Substance and/or Unethical Fitting defined as: The injection of internal or external administration of any product or material, whether gas, solid, or liquid, to an animal for the purpose of enhancing or transforming the true conformation, configuration, color, breed, condition or age or by making the animal appear more sound than otherwise would appear; the administration, use or application of any drug or feed additive affecting the central nervous system; the administration of diuretics for cosmetic purposes, tissue manipulation, removal, surgical attachment or otherwise to change, conceal, enhance, or transform the true conformation or configuration of the animal; attaching to the hide foreign objects including hair or hair substitutes, cloth or fiber for the purpose of deception. Any physical or physiological attempt to alter the natural musculature or weight by use of injections or ingested material not conducive to the continued health or marketability of bovine, sheep, or swine carcasses or for deception. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification with no recourse and be subject to other sanctions; and the use of artificial tail head, tail fin, poll, use of hair or hair-like substance, cloth or fiber, ineligible age, illegal substitution of animal(s), violates these rules and will result in immediate disqualification with no recourse. Every participant in consideration of their entry being accepted by BCF specifically represents that no animal entered therein by the participant is misrepresented in any way, except for trimming feet or blocking of hair. Every participant agrees to submit the entry for any inspection deemed appropriate by BCF, and further specifically agrees that the conclusion reached by BCF as to whether such animal(s) is in violation of prohibited substance and/or unethical fitting practice shall be final and conclusive without recourse against BCF. Every participant, by entering the animals for exhibition, thereby releases BCF from all claims or demands whatsoever arising from any cause or happening in connection with the inspection of any such animal(s) or any ruling or action taken by reason of the conclusion by BCF under terms of this rule.

7. Consequences for Alteration of Conformation and Structure by Prohibited Substance or Unethical Fitting. In the event any such animal(s) is declared to be in violation of prohibited

substance or unethical fitting as aforesaid, BCF may disqualify and impose such penalties in addition to those other penalties prescribed by law.

- a. Permanently bar such animal(s) from competition at the BCF;
  - b. May bar the participant from entering such animal(s), the participant's family representative or agents or any or all of them from any further participation in the BCF;
  - c. Submit name and address of participant and action taken against participant to other cooperating Livestock Exhibitions, Shows and Sales affecting eligibility;
  - d. Release to the media such actions;
  - e. In the event any award(s), banner(s), premium(s), prize(s), ribbon(s), and/or trophy(s) shall have been awarded by BCF Sponsor(s) to animal(s) exhibited in violation of these rules, the participant of such animal(s) will, upon demand of BCF, immediately return to BCF all award(s), banner(s), premium(s), prize(s), ribbon(s) and/or trophy(s) awarded to such disqualified animal(s);
  - f. Participant will be liable to BCF and shall indemnify and hold BCF harmless from all damages, including but not limited to all expenses and costs for blood, tissue, urine, hide and/or carcass sampling and testing. BCF management labor and expense(s), consultant legal and court cost(s) incurred as a result of violations of BCF rules and regulations.
8. Conduct. Any false representation, interference or unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of any participant will be dealt with by BCF according to the equities of the case. If any participant interferes in any way with the judges or shows disrespect to them, or to the show, the BCF may withhold from such participant any premium monies that may have been awarded or take any other steps deemed desirable.
9. Prohibited Substance, Drug Testing, Sabotage, Tampering, Inhumane Treatment. BCF reserves the right to question the alteration of any animal's physical or physiological structure. As a condition of participation in the BCF, participant agrees to submit to BCF, at their discretion, any animal so entered for immediate testing. Test(s) may include, but not be limited to blood, tissue and urine. Participant(s) further agree that the conclusions reached by BCF shall be final, without recourse against BCF.
10. Lesions, Fungus, and Disease. Any animal that exhibits visible signs of dermatitis, lesions, and/or fungus (ringworm), will immediately be removed from BCF grounds.

#### **FITTING AND GROOMING OF ANIMALS**

1. Junior Livestock entries must be cared for by the Junior Exhibitors of this show. Junior exhibitors are expected to have prepared their own project animal for exhibition. Junior exhibitors may receive mentoring and assistance, providing they are in attendance and participating at all times when assistance is given.
2. Exhibitor Statement: "The superintendents ask for your cooperation in minimizing the use of adult assistance in preparing animals for show at the fair. We understand the younger exhibitors will probably need some assistance. Helping an exhibitor in such a way that he/she is learning the techniques of properly preparing an exhibit is an important part of the total project experience. When an adult lends this assistance to the process, then it becomes a contest among adults, and we have lost the teaching and learning aspect of junior exhibits. Since this is a Junior Show, the goal of the superintendents is to direct the fair in such a way that it is a positive learning experience for our young exhibitors."

3. Boulder County requires that only Boulder County 4-H or St. Vrain Valley and Boulder Valley FFA members enrolled in the Boulder County 4-H & FFA programs can help each other. In addition their own immediate parents, stepparents, brothers, sisters or half-brothers or half-sisters, or legal guardian, living under the same roof, may assist the Boulder County 4-H or FFA youth with fitting, caring for and/or handling junior livestock that is deemed necessary by the head superintendent of that species. Superintendents have the responsibility to determine that said help and/or assistance is educational/demonstrational and youth is present if and when the adult is assisting with the livestock exhibit.
4. The species superintendent has the right to disqualify a junior exhibitor for infraction and abuse of this rule. Any exception/modification to this rule must be approved by the species superintendent ahead of time.
5. Should multiple exhibit and/or multiple specie conflicts occur, prohibiting the Junior Exhibitor from being present for a period of time, it is the responsibility of the Junior Exhibitor to notify the 4-H Staff or the Superintendent of the conflict, prior to the occurrence.
6. Failure to follow fitting rules may result in ineligibility to show or sale livestock at the Boulder County Fair.
7. Warnings. Under Colorado Law, it is a crime to sabotage or tamper with, administer growth stimulation drug(s) to substitute unauthorized animal(s) for exhibition livestock, pursuant to Section 18-9-207, Colorado Revised Statutes. Penalties include up to eighteen (18) months in prison or a fine up to one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) dollars and the name and photograph of any convicted person(s) to be made available for publication in newspapers and trade journals. Under Colorado Law, a llama professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in llama activities resulting from the inherent risks of llama activities, pursuant to Section 13-21-119, Colorado Horse Statutes.
8. If drug or other chemical residues are found in tissue of carcasses of animals sold through sale or sales connected with the Boulder County Fair, said show and the Boulder County Fair Junior Market Livestock Sale Committee will not be liable or responsible for condition of carcass or sale price of animal. Exhibitor forfeits all rights to the sale price.
9. The Boulder County Fair and Boulder County Quality Animal Program endorse and support the USDA Wholesome Meat Act, the Meat Quality Assurance Program and insist exhibitors are in compliance. Exhibitors of all market animals (beef, dairy, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, swine) must certify their compliance with manufacturer's pre-market withdrawal periods specified for any and all medications, drugs, pesticides, or feed additives administered. The use of any non-approved chemical or improper use of approved chemicals is strictly prohibited.
10. **A completed and signed Certificate of Statement of Disclosure (USDA Wholesome Meat Act form) will be required at the time of weigh-in at the Fair.** The certificate must be signed by a parent, junior exhibitor and the Boulder County 4-H/ St Vrain Valley FFA leader and must be turned in to the Superintendent at the time of weigh-in. No junior market animal will be allowed to show without this certification form properly filled out and signed. If drug or other chemical residues are found in tissue or carcasses of animals at time of or following slaughter, or if there is any evidence of tampering, the exhibitor forfeits all rights to the sale price.
11. **If a carcass is condemned for any reason, including illicit drug use and/or non-compliance of drug withdrawal times, the exhibitor will receive no payment.** The Boulder County Fair also endorses and supports the use of sound management practices in the care and feeding of all

project animals. All exhibitors of Dairy, Dairy Goat, Sheep, Beef, Swine, Poultry, Cavy, and Rabbit project animals must submit a “Certification and Statement of Disclosure” form at time of weigh in. A complete copy of the “Wholesome Meat Animal Assurance” program is available from the Extension Office.

#### **FEED AND CARE:**

1. All Junior exhibitors in whose name the entered animal is owned, and entry accepted and acknowledged, are responsible for the custody, care and feeding of their animal(s).
2. Exhibitors must furnish their own feed, feeding equipment, and bedding and must care for their own animals and exhibits. Water hoses will not be furnished at the wash racks. Exhibitors are asked to bring their own hoses.
3. Stalls and alleyways must be kept clean at all times. Stalls and pens must be cleaned each day and all refuse matter disposed of properly – as directed by one of the Livestock Team members.
4. Exhibitors must feed, water and bed, and otherwise care for the entries during the Fair. Exhibitors are expected to help keep exhibit areas, grooming areas, and barn perimeters clean and attractive. All animals and other exhibits should be kept clean and in a presentable condition at all times. The Head Superintendent for each Livestock Department and the 4-H Livestock Extension Agent reserve the right to feed and water neglected animals. Any animal found in neglect of feed, water, and/or care may be dismissed from the grounds and the exhibitor may be scratched in all entered classes with all premiums and awards forfeited.
5. Failure to observe feed and care rules may result in forfeiting premium money, immediate dismissal from the Fair, and may result in ineligibility to show the following year.
6. Barn A & B pen areas will be closed daily, to the public and exhibitors, from 9:30 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Barn A building will also be closed from 9 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. This is being done for the safety, and welfare of the livestock, and exhibitors while at the fair.

#### **HEALTH REGULATIONS:**

1. All animals to show or exhibit must be present at their appropriate animal health inspection times (if provided by that department) before being allowed into barns or stalls/pens. See individual departments for Animal Health Inspection time. **There is no charge for animal health inspections.**
2. Any livestock originating from a premise under quarantine for any disease will be barred from entry.
3. All exhibitors who have entered any of the Jr. Livestock shows agree to submit their animal for exam and/or testing that is deemed appropriate by the Boulder County Fair officials, Extension Agents, or State Animal Health Officials.
4. Random exams, testing, and sampling may be done at any time, providing it does not interfere with a livestock show for that particular animal in which the exhibitor has made entry. Owners will be informed prior to any exams, tests, or sampling that is done.
5. Veterinarians will inspect Junior Livestock entries at animal health inspections and monitor the general health of animals daily during the fair for visible signs of infection or contagious diseases. Entries found to be showing signs of an infectious or contagious disease may not be allowed to show and may be sent home. The Fair Veterinarian’s decision will be final. If an animal presents signs of illness after the judging has been completed, the premiums will still be paid and awarded.
6. The superintendent in charge has the right to call for the services of a veterinarian in the

treatment of a sick animal if the exhibitor is not available. **Any veterinary fees are the responsibility of the exhibitor.**

7. Only a licensed practicing veterinarian, with a livestock superintendent or owner/exhibitor present, may administer antibiotics and or sulfonamides to any animal, including tubing an animal for bloating, while it is on the fairgrounds property.
8. Veterinarian Needs: The exhibitor should contact their own veterinarian should the need arise.

#### **EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY**

1. Meat Quality Assurance Training - Each exhibitor entering a livestock project (excluding horse, cat and dog) is required to complete training and be in compliance of the Colorado State University Youth Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) program, as conducted by Extension or Agricultural Education Instructors.
  - a. Junior exhibitors must complete MQA training prior to the first time they exhibit a livestock project and repeat the training the year following their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday. Check with the Extension Office for MQA training dates and locations.
  - b. **A parent/guardian signature is required on the acceptance form that is completed at the beginning of the training and a completed test sheet must be turned in at the end.**
  - c. Deadline for the taking the MQA program is 45 days prior to the first day of the Boulder County Fair.
  - d. Failure to complete this requirement will exclude the project member from showing and/or selling at the Boulder County Fair.
2. Record Books - **All members who exhibit animal projects (dog, horse, and livestock) at the Boulder County Fair or State or National Shows (Ex: Colorado State Fair, National Western Stock Show) must turn in a completed record book for that species in order to be eligible to exhibit that species in next year's fair. Completed 4-H record books for each species and project exhibited must be submitted to the Boulder County Extension Office no later than the second Friday in September and completed FFA record books must be submitted to the FFA Advisor by the last Friday in September.**
  - a. All Boulder County record books for dog, horse, livestock projects entering into fair are to be reviewed by their FFA Advisor or Boulder County 4-H club or project leader by the first week of July. Record books should be up to date and as complete as possible. Leaders will notify the Extension Office of any members who do not have up to date record books.
  - b. Final 4-H record books will need to be in a prong-like record book cover. No three-ring binders. 4-H branded record book covers are available at the Extension Office while supplies last. Prong-like binders can be purchased at any office store as well.
  - c. Exhibitors whose records are not up to date will not be eligible to show in the current year's Boulder County Fair.
  - d. If a member is ineligible to show a species in one organization (4-H or FFA), they are ineligible to show the species in another organization (4-H or FFA.)
3. Premise Identification - All entrants for livestock exhibited in 4- H/FFA breed or market competitions, including horses, shall provide a premises registration number. Rabbit, Cavy and dog entrants are excluded.

Premises ID is one component of the National Animal Identification System (NAIS). For NAIS's purposes, a premises is defined as a location or site where livestock and poultry are born,

handled, housed, managed, marketed, processed, or exhibited. Premises ID is critical to rapid detection and evaluation of the scope of animal disease outbreaks and in improving emergency response efficiency. A Premises ID is not the same as a Scrapie ID (there is no ear tag associated with Premises ID). A Premises ID is always seven digits made up of both numbers and letters. If your 4-H project animal is housed/boarded somewhere other than your property, the Premises ID would need to be obtained from/through the landowner where your animals are housed. It is simple and free to obtain a Premises ID. You can register online at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/aganimals/traceability> or call 1-303-869-9130

4. Final decision for eligibility will be determined by the Boulder County 4-H Extension Agent and the St. Vrain Valley and Boulder Valley FFA Advisor.

## **ANIMAL ELIGIBILITY**

1. **Ownership** - All livestock entries must be the property of the eligible exhibitor. Each exhibitor must have valid written evidence of his or her ownership indicating sole ownership prior to the species identification date, which shall include brand inspection, bill of sale, affidavit, registration certificate or other written proof satisfactory to the superintendent. All papers must be available for inspection. Ownership of the animals must be established before animal is nominated and tagged.
  - a. **Ownership deadline** for all species is April 24th with the exception of market beef, market goat, poultry, rabbit, market sheep and market swine, which must be owned by the species designated county market nomination (ID) date. Check with the Extension Office for nomination dates. When an animal is born after April 24, the mother must be owned by April 24<sup>th</sup> unless other department rules are designated.
  - b. Non-Market animals (Dairy Cattle, Breeding Beef, Dog, Horse, Llama/Alpaca, Dairy Goats, Breeding Goats, Utility Goats, Fiber Goats, Breeding Sheep, Cavy) entered in the Boulder County Fair must have been previously identified by the last Friday in April (April 24th) of the current year using the species Animal Identification Form and uploaded on 4-HOnline enrollment or through their FFA advisor. This form must be on file at the Boulder County Extension Office by the posted deadlines each year (last Friday in April). By submitting this form, the member is declaring they have ownership of the animal and are providing primary care of their project or is an official Lease-An-Animal 4-H project. (Excludes Rabbit, Poultry)
  - c. All animals will be listed and registered to a specific exhibitor. Siblings must specify ownership of specific animals. For example, steer 101 cannot be listed as John's steer and later transferred to his sister, Mary. No changes will be allowed in ownership after the nomination date.
  - d. **Lease-An-Animal (LAA) participants**, who have a valid, signed lease agreement accepted and filed in the Extension Office, are exempt from all ownership rules. All LAA entries must be leased, as designated on lease agreement, and shown by the eligible exhibitor.
  - e. **Inspection** - At any time during the project year, each exhibitor, including catch-a-calf participants, agrees to provide for inspection by the Fair Board, or its designated representative, his or her exhibits and evidence of ownership and location.
  - f. The act of entering an animal in the County Fair is the giving consent by the Junior Exhibitor for show management to obtain retinal images on any animal, at any time, and for any reason during Fair and Fair management may take action deemed appropriate based on the results of the retinal images.

2. Animal Death/Quarantine Hardship Rule - Hardship allowances for project animal death or quarantine are at the discretion of the Superintendent and must be cleared by the Extension Agent/FFA Advisor and may not be the same for every department. See Department Superintendent if animal death occurs.
  - a. Hardship is limited to showmanship classes only.
  - b. Exhibitor must provide proof of death/quarantine and may only show another exhibitor's eligible project animal.
  - c. ~~Member will be eligible for class awards but not eligible for Round Robin.~~
3. Animal Care and Housing Forms - All animal exhibitors (livestock, horse and dog) are required to fill out and turn in, with proper signatures, an Animal Care and Housing Form for all animal projects in which they are enrolled. If individuals keep their animals at their home, this information is completed in 4-H Online when you enroll. For those animals not kept at home, a hard copy form must be completed. **Forms are due to the Extension Office no later than the first Friday in May.** Failure to complete and comply with this requirement will exclude the project member from showing and/or selling at the Boulder County Fair.
4. Market Livestock Nomination - Each market animal must be identified by ear tag and retinal scan (beef, goat, sheep); ear tag, ear notches and hair sample (swine); leg band (poultry); or tattoo and hair sample (rabbit). Check with the Extension Office for nomination dates.
  - a. There are no make-up dates for market livestock nominations. Exhibitors may make arrangements for another family to bring your animals.
  - b. Animals missing ear tags will be retagged upon arrival at the Boulder County Fair. Other forms of identification on file (i.e. retinal scan, ear notches, hair DNA, sex, breed, etc.) will be used to verify the animal identity prior to exhibiting.
5. USDA Wholesome Meat Act - The United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act applies to the sale of market livestock sold during the Boulder County Fair as follows:
  - a. Animals must be in good health and carcasses free of drug or chemical residues.
  - b. Antibiotics and sulfonamides have required withdrawal periods.
  - c. Drug label directions for use and withdrawal periods must be followed.
  - d. If drug or other chemical residues are found in tissue of carcasses, the entire carcass may be condemned.
  6. Participants in the Pee Wee showmanship in the different livestock departments are to utilize 4-H/FFA animals that are already on the grounds. No outside animals will be allowed.

## ENTRIES

1. All entries close the date published under the General Exhibitor Rules. Appropriate on-line or paper entry forms must be fully submitted to the Boulder County Fair Office or postmarked by this published deadline.
2. See the Department 100, Junior Horse show for entry deadlines and guidelines.
3. No livestock will be permitted to return to stock trailers, trucks, or parking areas following check-in. Horses and dogs are excluded.
4. Stalls/pens may be assigned by the superintendent. Check with department superintendent for further information.
5. Substitutions - In the event a member's project animal dies or is injured, substitutions are allowed

only with animals that were previously identified by the member during each species nomination/identification period.

## **EXHIBITING**

1. All exhibitors, by making entry to the Boulder County Fair Junior Livestock shows, agree to abide by the Boulder County Fair General Rules, 4-H/FFA General Rules, the rules of each department(s) entered and the code of conduct of 4-H and FFA.
2. Exhibitors must also follow the Colorado 4-H Dress Code while exhibiting and representing 4-H with their projects. FFA members also must follow the Colorado 4-H Dress Code unless wearing official dress.
3. Animals not entered in regularly scheduled classes will not be permitted on the grounds.
4. Underweight/Overweight Animals - Overweight animals will be shown in Overweight classes. Underweight animals will be shown in underweight classes. Underweight and overweight animals are not eligible for Champion or Reserve Champion classes or for the Junior Livestock Sale but may be used in showmanship classes. See species department for weight limits and if overweight/underweight classes are available.
5. Class Calls - All exhibitors will be given three (3) calls prior to the start of each class. The class will commence when the ring steward signals the judge, and no additional exhibitors will be admitted. Failure to show animals when class is called will not justify a class recall.
6. Conflicting Classes - In the event that an exhibitor is needed in two different livestock show rings, the exhibitor must notify both superintendents to work out scheduling. Superintendents will try to adjust judging schedule to accommodate but will not hold the show for an exhibitor.
7. Control of Animal - Any livestock deemed uncontrollable by the superintendent will be excused from the show ring or the fairgrounds depending on the severity of the situation.
  - a. All exhibitors must control and show their own animal.
  - b. In the event an exhibitor has more than one animal in a class, another Boulder County 4-H or St. Vrain Valley/Boulder Valley FFA member may show it for them.
  - c. In the event, a younger Boulder County 4-H or St. Vrain Valley/Boulder Valley FFA member feels uncomfortable showing their animal they may have an older Boulder County 4-H or St. Vrain Valley/Boulder Valley FFA member assist them.
8. Combining/Splitting Classes - It is not the intention of the Boulder County Fair to create classes for each individual animal. A class should have at least three entries to make up a competitive class. When there are less than three entries in a class, the superintendent may allow individual entries to be judged or may combine classes at his/her discretion. Large classes may also be split into smaller classes.
9. Champion/Reserve Champion Selection - All animals that are breed, weight, age or class champions or reserve champions must return to show ring and be judged in the picking of the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion. Failure to do so results in all premium money and prizes being forfeited along with the right to sell any animal in the Junior Market Livestock Sale.
10. Awards & Premiums - Ribbons and premiums will be given to winners in each class as awarded. No awards will be made to an unworthy animal or other exhibit. If classes are not filled, placing will be made according to the merits of the entries as the judge sees it. Trophies may be awarded

based on availability. The decisions of the judge shall be final.

11. Animal Disqualified - Should any animal awarded a cash prize be disqualified, the animals gaining the lower prize shall graduate up into the higher positions next in order above them, if, in the opinion of the judge, these animals are worthy of such prizes. If the Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion animal(s) are disqualified, no further advancement or replacement of animal(s) will be made. All award(s), banner(s), premium(s), prize(s), ribbon(s), and/or trophy(s) will be forfeit and returned.
12. Premiums - payouts will be awarded as follows unless stated otherwise in a specific department. Additional awards and premiums may be given as sponsorship and donations are available at time of judging.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
\$5.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00

**OUT-OF-COUNTY FAIRS, SHOWS, AND EXHIBITIONS ENTRIES:**

1. Members planning on exhibiting animals at any national or regional shows such as the Colorado State Fair, Ak-Sar-Ben, American Royal, National Western Stock Show, or any others, must know and adhere to the entry deadlines for those individual shows, fairs or exhibitions.
2. Each fair, show or exhibition has specific nomination, entry forms deadlines, and specific requirements for that event. It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to find out these specific dates and requirements.
3. If the out-of-county fair, show or exhibition, (i.e. Colorado State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben) require a Boulder County Fair livestock ear tag, you must complete the Boulder County Fair tag-in process for that species of animal on the set animal nomination date.
4. Club leaders or FFA Advisors will need to collect the DNA samples prior to the nomination date of the out-of-county fair and submit the DNA samples back to the Extension Office by the species deadline set by that show.
5. No animal sold in the Boulder County Fair Jr. Market Sale is eligible to enter or compete at the Colorado State Fair.

## **JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE RULES**

Chairman: Dan Lisco

Vice-Chairman: Brande Charnoff

Secretary: Jennifer Musick

Treasurer: Janet Irvine

Extension Consultant: Brenda Kwang

1. **The Junior Livestock Sale** will be held in the Indoor Arena, Saturday August 10, 2020 starting at 2:00 p.m., following the noon BBQ. Livestock sold in the sale must have been shown in their respective **market animal class or DHR (Dairy Heifer Replacement) class** at that particular Boulder County Fair's 4-H/FFA livestock show.
2. The Sale committee reserves the right to limit livestock numbers for the sale. Up to 10 meat pens of rabbits and 10 pens of poultry would be allowed. This would be 8 pens plus the Grand Champions & Reserve Grand Champions.
3. Photos of the sale animal with the exhibitor are required for the sale. The price for pictures will be deducted from the check (Two 4" x 6" photos). Additional pictures may be ordered privately.
4. There will also be a 5.5% commission deducted for operating expenses on sale prices only - not on "add-on sums."
5. Sale order—Champions and Reserve Champions of all species will sell first in this order: **Beef, Dairy, Swine, Turkeys, Goats, Rabbits, Lambs, and Poultry**. Then **General Sale** order will be **Goats, Rabbits, Lambs, Turkeys, Beef, Poultry, Swine, and Dairy** will sell. Junior exhibitors will randomly draw for their own sale position per species. (updated 2020)
6. **Failure of an exhibitor to submit a hand-delivered thank you letter to the Boulder County Extension Office by the second Friday in September will result in a \$100.00 fee being deducted from the member's check.**
7. Any exhibitor withdrawing an animal from sale after being designated on the sale intent form will forfeit sale privileges for the following year.
8. All animals will be inspected by the respective Livestock Superintendent for that department and a sale committee member who is not associated with that species to assure quality is adequate, the sale committee reserves the right not to allow that animal to sell.
9. Sale Intent Forms are due back to each respective Livestock Superintendent no later than Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, (times and details to be determined by each Livestock Superintendent). Failure to return the Sale Intent Form on time will result in the exhibitor not selling his/her animal.
10. The entering, marketing, presentation and sale of all entries in the Boulder County Livestock Sale will be the responsibility of the exhibitor. Under no circumstances will the management of the Boulder County Fair, the Junior Livestock Sale Committee, the Boulder County Extension Office, or any individual assisting with the fair be held responsible for the marketing of the animals. Exhibitors selling an animal must turn the Sale Intent Form into their Livestock Superintendent by the deadline or the member will not be allowed to sell through the Junior Livestock Sale.
11. **Drug Testing:** If drug testing is ordered by a regulatory agency, an additional fee will be assessed to the exhibitor, if the test is positive. Fee costs will then be paid directly by the exhibitor or deducted from the Junior Market Livestock Sale check if sufficient funds exist.
12. **Payment will be made to the Exhibitor when:** An original "thank you letter" addressed to each buyer (if there are multiple buyers) is hand-delivered to the Extension Office when checks

become available, but no later than the second Friday in September (with postage, and return address on envelope). Checks will not be released until an original thank you note is turned into the Extension Office. DRH (Dairy Replacement Heifers) exhibitors must also turn in a completed record book. NOTE: Buyer names and addresses will be available from Extension Office 10 days from the sale.

13. Minimum sale requirements:

- a. All market animals must be tagged in at spring tagging dates.
- b. All animals must have been shown in a Boulder County Fair Jr. Market class or the DHR class and shown by said exhibitor.
- c. All animals must meet sale-quality requirements.
- d. All animals must meet Boulder County Fair Market Animal or DHR requirements to be eligible for the sale (see market class & dairy class for details).
- e. The appointed Photographer must take a photo of the sale animal with the exhibitor dressed in Showmanship attire by Friday A.M.
- f. Beef: Members must bring brand inspection papers to the fair for Brand Inspector's use.
- g. Dairy: brand papers and (if the heifer is registered) the current owner (exhibitor) will also have registration paper and the transfer documents signed and ready for buyer. All must accompany the heifer at the sale.
- h. All market ewe lambs and market does must have a Scrapie flock ID tag present for sale.

14. An exhibitor may sell only one animal in the sale, with the exception that all Grand and Reserve Grand Champions must be sold. An exception to that would be exhibitors with the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Rabbit, Poultry and Turkey. Those individuals have the option of selling a beef, dairy, lamb, hog, or goat in addition to their Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Rabbit, Poultry, or Turkey.

15. All animals that meet sale quality regulations are eligible to sell in the sale. If more than one animal owned by one exhibitor meets quality regulations, the exhibitor must select the animal that he/she wishes to sell in the sale.

16. The exhibitor must be present in the sale ring at the time his/her animal is being sold.

17. Male market animals must be castrated or banded prior to the first weigh-in date in the spring. Owners will refund sale money to the buyer if their animals are found to have testicles in the body cavity at the time of processing. Poultry market chickens and market turkeys are exempt from this requirement for health and safety reasons.

18. 4-H and FFA exhibitors or a family member must remain at fair grounds until all exhibitors' animals are loaded to leave the fair grounds. This is to include animals not in the sale leaving for packing plants on alternative transportation not provided by animal owner.

19. All Wholesome Meat Assurance Act rules and regulations must be adhered to. See Jr. Exhibitor Livestock and Animal General Rules under USDA Wholesome Meat Act.

20. All animals entered in this sale will be clearly marked to indicate they have been shown and sold at the 2020 Boulder County Fair. The Boulder County Junior Market Livestock Sale Committee reserves the right to mark animals before or after the sale in any manner they desire.

21. No animal sold in the Boulder County Fair Junior livestock market sale is eligible for any market classes at the Colorado State Fair.

22. Buy backs on resale animals by original exhibitor will only be allowed within one hour of the sale ending.

23. No sale animals will be allowed to leave the fairgrounds without a proper check out with the species sale committee designee and/or Superintendent.
24. Any non-show material(s) on animals not allowed in the show ring, are not allowed in the sale ring, e.g. glitter or decorations on all species. Show awards are allowed in the sale ring, e.g., ribbons and banners.

## DEPARTMENT 900 - JUNIOR RABBITS

Superintendent: Tammy Muller  
Assistant Superintendents: TBD  
Extension Consultant: Brenda Kwang

Show Information	Exhibit Building
Rabbit Member Written Test:	Thursday, July 30, 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Rabbit Exhibitor Move-In (Tack only no animals)	Thursday, July 30, 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Mandatory family/member meeting:	Friday, July 31, 3:00 p.m. after check in
Animal Health Inspection:	Friday, July 31, Noon – 2:00 p.m.
Market Weigh In:	Friday, July 31, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Showmanship:	Saturday, August 1, Noon
Market Judging	Saturday, August 1, 3:00 p.m.
Breeding Judging	Sunday, August 2, 9:00 a.m.
Dress-A-Bunny:	Sunday, August 2, 3:30 p.m.
Pee-Wee Showmanship:	Sunday, August 2, 4:00 p.m.
	Awards: Monday, August 3, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Release/Barn Clean Breeding Rabbits:	Monday, August 3, Noon

This department is subject to all BCF General Rules, General Exhibitor Rules and all Junior Exhibitor Livestock and Animal Division Rules in addition to those listed for the department.

### GENERAL:

1. **No dogs are allowed in the rabbit area.**
2. Market Rabbit and Breeding Rabbit record books will be checked by Superintendents during check in time. Record Books must be up to date in order for Exhibitor to participate in all shows. **No animal will be allowed on the Fairgrounds if not listed in the exhibitor's record book.**
3. All rabbits are subject to be vet observed before being allowed in rabbit area and cages. There is no charge for health inspection.
4. Exhibitors must provide all supplies for their rabbit(s) *including shavings*. Exhibitors are responsible for caring for their own rabbit(s) and/or equipment, and cleaning of their cages and surrounding areas daily. Exhibitors will be fined \$5.00 per cage for unclean areas upon conclusion of the fair.
5. No rabbits less than 8 weeks of age are allowed at fair. Do not bring newborn rabbits to the fair just to be with their doe.
6. *Maximum number of Rabbits per large cage: 3 and Regular Cage: 1*
7. *Barn Watch is a requirement for all families to help prevent injuries and to reduce the potential theft of rabbits.*

### ELIGIBILITY:

1. Only exhibitors enrolled in a 4-H or FFA Rabbit project (Market/Breeding Rabbit and Pet Rabbit) are eligible to enter Junior Rabbit classes (Department 900).
2. All breeding and market rabbits must be owned by the exhibitor on or before May 1st of the exhibiting year. In the case of rabbits born after May 1st, the kindling doe must have been owned by the exhibitor on or before May 1st of the exhibiting year, and the kindling does records must appear in the exhibitor's record book.
3. **All rabbits must have permanent tattoo in left ear. (*Marker is not allowed and could result in disqualification from competition*).**
4. Rabbits cannot be brought in and sold unless entered and shown in the respective class.

**CLASSIFICATION:**

1. **This is not an ARBA sanctioned show, but will be judged to ARBA standards at judges' discretion.**
2. Order of judging class will be determined by judge and posted near the judging table.
3. At the decision of the Superintendents, like classes (breeds) will be combined for judging, making comparable size classes. Order of the judging will be posted near the judging tables.

**REGULATIONS:**

1. Each exhibitor is allowed a maximum of 25 breeding rabbits. If the exhibitor is showing in the Market classes, that exhibitor is allowed an additional 8 market rabbits.
2. **Each Exhibitor is allowed Breeding - 3 entries per class, Market -2 entries per class.**
3. **Exhibitors are allowed 2 entries per class in the fur class.**
4. Exhibitors will not be allowed to leave the rabbit area with rabbits before the checkout time. All cages and area must be clean before obtaining an initialized release slip from the Superintendents at the show ring before they can leave the building. Exhibitors found leaving early with their rabbits will have all premiums withheld and run the risk of not being allowed to show the following year. We will not be held responsible for any rabbits left after 1:00PM on check-out day. (In the event an exhibitor sells a rabbit, the same rules apply to the new owner, and the exhibitor will be held responsible).

**PREMIUMS:**

Premiums will be paid by check and/or cash and will either be available for pick up or mailed out after the Fair. Superintendents have the right to use their discretion to hold or refuse prize money. Premiums will also be paid for fur classes.

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
\$3.00	\$2.50	\$2.00	\$1.50	\$1.00

**ENTRY:**

Enter by Department and Class Number. Match up Breed Type and Age/Gender to determine class number. For example, an exhibitor wanting to show a 5 month old California Doe would enter Department 900, Class 11.

Include the tattoo in the correct column.

All rabbits must be pre-entered on the 4hOnline Fair Entry. Please be sure to list the number of cages you will need on the rabbit entry. Because of limited cage space, please do not allow a cage for supplies.

**All MARKET rabbits MUST be brought to the ID Day (this day will be in July, watch the Gazette for the exact date).**

**You will have to enter your rabbits on the 4hOnline Fair Entry before the ID Day. You will have to add an ID: Use the Exhibitors' initials.**

**Example: John Doe has 10 market rabbits, he will use the following format: JD1, JD2, JD3, JD4, JD5, JD6, JD7, JD8, JD9, and JD10. If you have a family member with the same initials then use the following format: Jane Doe has 10 market rabbits : 1JD, 2JD, 3JD, 4JD, 5JD, 6JD, 7JD, 8JD, 9JD, 10JD.**

**All BREEDING rabbits must have a tattoo in the left ear. If your rabbit does not have a tattoo when you do your pre-entry on 4HOnline Fair Entry you need to assign your rabbit a tattoo number and then get that same number tattooed on the left ear of your rabbit.**

**RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP:** Open to all rabbit breeds and projects.

- Appearance is important: White shirt or white judging coat, blue jeans, close-toed shoes, and no hats.
- Overall knowledge of rabbits, especially the exhibitor's own, is important.
- Proper rabbit handling is also important.
- The resource used for rabbit showmanship is the Ohio Rabbit project manual.
- The Champion and Reserve Champion Rabbit Showman within each age division will be eligible to compete in the Small Animal Round Robin. See Department 999 Small Animal Contest for complete rules.

**CLASS #:**

1. Junior Exhibitor (youth ages 8 – 10 yrs.)
2. Intermediate Exhibitor (youth 11 – 13 yrs.)
3. Senior Exhibitor (youth ages 14 – 18 yrs.)

**MARKET RABBIT CLASSES:** Only exhibitors enrolled the Market Rabbit Project are eligible to enter classes 4 and 5.

**CLASS #:**

4. MARKET PEN

Market pens shall consist of three rabbits all the same breed and variety. Rabbits cannot be over 69 days old (**Must be born on or AFTER May 25 of current year**) - minimum weight is 3.5 pounds each. Maximum weight is 5.5 pounds each.

5. MARKET ROASTER

A Roaster rabbit must be under 6 months of age (**Must be born on or AFTER February 2 of current year**). Minimum weight is 5.5 pounds. Maximum weight is 9 pounds.

## BREEDING RABBIT CLASSES:

Only exhibitors enrolled in the 4-H or FFA Breeding Rabbit project are eligible to enter into classes 6 – 237.

<u>LARGE PUREBREDS</u>  CLASS #	Californian							New Zealand	Palomino	Satin	Any Other Large Purebred
Senior Buck (Over 8 months)	6							69	78	87	96
Senior Doe (Over 8 months)	7							70	79	88	97
Intermediate Buck (6 to 8 months)	8							71	80	89	98
Intermediate Doe (6 to 8 months)	9							72	81	90	99
Junior Buck (3 to 6 months)	10							73	82	91	100
Junior Doe (3 to 6 months)	11							74	83	92	101
Pre-Junior Buck (Under 3 months)	12							75	84	93	102
Pre-Junior Doe (Under 3 months)	13							76	85	94	103
Fur	14							77	86	95	104

\**Other Large Purebreds* include American, Giant Angora, Beveren, Champagne D'Argent, Crème D'Argent, English Lop, Silver Fox, Checkered Gaint, American Chinchilla, Cinnamon, Flemish Gaint, Hotot, French Lop

<b><u>SMALL PUREBREDS</u></b>  <b>CLASS #</b>	Any Other Small Purebred Wool Class		English Angora	French Angora	Satin Angora		Dutch	Dwarf Hotot	English Spot	Florida White	Harlequin	Havana	Himalayan
Senior Buck (Over 6 months)	105		115	120	125		135	140	145	150	155	160	165
Senior Doe (Over 6 months)	106		116	121	126		136	141	146	151	156	161	166
Junior Buck (Under 6 months)	107		117	122	127		137	142	147	152	157	162	167
Junior Doe (Under 6 months)	108		118	123	128		138	143	148	153	158	163	168
Fur	109		119	124	129		139	144	149	154	159	164	169

<b><u>SMALL PUREBREDS</u></b>  <b>CLASS #</b>	Holland Lop (Broken)	Holland Lop (Solid)	Jersey Woolly	Lion Head	Lop, Mini (Broken)	Lop, Mini (Solid)	Mini Rex	Netherland Dwarf	Polish	Rex	Silver Marten	Any Other Small Purebred
Senior Buck (Over 6 months)	170	175	180	185	190	195	200	205	210	215	220	225
Senior Doe (Over 6 months)	171	176	181	186	191	196	201	206	211	216	221	226
Junior Buck (Under 6 months)	172	177	182	187	192	197	202	207	212	217	222	227
Junior Doe (Under 6 months)	173	178	183	188	193	198	203	208	213	218	223	228
Fur	174	179	184	189	194	199	204	209	214	219	224	229

\*Any Other Small Purebred Wool Class includes American Fussy Lop, English Angora, French Angora, Satin Angora: *Any Other Small Purebred* includes American Sable, Belgian Hare, Britannia Petite, Lilac, Rhinelander, Silver, Tan, **Standard Chincilla**

**ANY CROSSBRED:** Only exhibitors enrolled in the 4-H or FFA Breeding Rabbit project are eligible to enter into classes 230 – 237.

(Any rabbit of mixed breeding, will be judged on meat quality)

**CLASS #:**

- 230. Senior Buck (Over 8 months)
- 231. Senior Doe (Over 8 months)
- 232. Intermediate Buck (6 to 8 months)
- 233. Intermediate Doe (6 to 8 months)
- 234. Junior Buck (3 to 6 months)
- 235. Junior Doe (3 to 6 months)
- 236. Pre-Junior Buck (Under 3 months)
- 237. Pre-Junior Doe (Under 3 months)

**Companion Class:** Only exhibitors enrolled in the 4-H Pet Rabbit project are eligible to enter into classes 238 - 241.

(Any rabbit that is raised only as a pet *and spay or neutered*, will be awarded a participation ribbon)

**CLASS #:**

- ~~238.~~ *Companion* Senior Buck (Over 6 months)
- 239. *Companion* Senior Doe (Over 6 months)
- 240. *Companion* Junior Buck (Under 6 months)
- 241. *Companion* Junior Doe (Under 6 months)

**Judges Choice FUR Project: The Judges Choice will be entered in the Product Sale.**

**SPECIAL CONTESTS/AWARDS:**

**4-H/FFA Rabbit Herdsman:** Herdsman awards potentially will be given to the top outstanding 4-H/FFA club and/or top outstanding individual in junior, intermediate, and senior age divisions.

- The herdsman award is to encourage neatness, showmanship, attention to show requirements, and all around efficiency on the part of the junior exhibitor and/or club.
- Herdsmanship is the responsibility of the exhibitor and the exhibitor only! No other help is allowed.
- The selection of the winning club and/or individuals will be made by a committee only.
- Criteria for the awards are as follows, but are not limited to:
  - Sportsmanship
  - Cleanliness of cages, animals and surrounding areas
  - Promptness in responding to announcements

- Respect to other exhibitors, spectators and judges
- Regularity of feeding and watering
- Respect and care of fair facilities

4-H/FFA Rabbit Education Poster Contest: Entries are due at rabbit check-in.

Rules:

- Poster suggested size is 22" x 28"
- The contents may include any information regarding rabbits that would be educational to the viewer of the poster; such as diseases, how to care for a rabbit, how to judge a rabbit, how to show a rabbit, etc. The purpose is to provide a learning experience.
- Entries must be labeled ON THE BACK with:
  - Exhibitor's name
  - Age (as of Jan 1 of current year)
  - 4-H/FFA club
- Age divisions will be Senior, Intermediate, and Junior
- Cloverbuds may enter also, and will receive a participation ribbon.
- Ribbons will be given for places 1st through 3rd.

4-H/FFA Rabbit Photo Contest: Entries are due at time of rabbit check-in.

Rules:

- Photo may be any size, preferably matted with no glass.
- Photo must be of at least one rabbit, in any setting.
- Photo must have been taken by the youth exhibiting the photo.
- Photo must have been taken within the last year (including last year's fair).
- Entries must be labeled ON THE BACK with:
  - Exhibitor's name
  - Age (as of Jan 1 of current year)
  - 4-H/FFA Club
- Age divisions will be Senior, Intermediate, and Junior
- Cloverbuds may enter also, and will receive a participation ribbon
- Ribbons will be given for places 1st through 3rd.

Dress-A-Bunny Contest: Open to all exhibitors, 4-H/FFA. Sign-up will be during rabbit check-in. The contest will consist of rabbits in costume. The costumes can be funny, serious, educational, etc. Rabbits must be entered in the fair to be in the contest. The Judge and Superintendents decision is final.

Pee-Wee Showmanship: Open to all youth, age 7 and under. Sign-up will be *in Barn A*. Rabbits will be provided and youth will experience rabbit showmanship in a hands-on setting. Pee-Wee Showmanship will follow the 4-H/FFA Dress-A-Bunny Contest.