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## Livestock E-Record Policy

1. All livestock, poultry and rabbit records must achieve a score of 70% or more to be eligible to show in that project or projects in the following year's Pueblo County Fair.
2. Your 2023 E-record score will be used for eligibility to show in the 2024 Pueblo County Fair. If a youth did not drop a project by the project add/drop date of March 1, 2024, the youth is still required to complete a record book to avoid a score of 0% to be eligible to enroll the following year in that project area.
3. Anyone with a learning disability should provide us with a letter from their school Special Education Teacher and special arrangements may be made to grade the e-record.
4. After the County Fair all livestock leaders need to provide scores for all livestock books to the CSU Extension office and then bring in the books nominated for best record (one for each age group— Junior, Intermediate, Senior). **Members must provide their Livestock e-records to their leaders on September 9, 2024. See General Rules, Rule 8.**

## Livestock Test Policy

Every youth must pass a livestock test for each species shown with a 60% or better **EACH YEAR**. Anyone with a learning disability should provide the Pueblo County Extension staff with a letter from their school Special Education Teacher. Contact the office and the appropriate arrangements will be made to take the test.

Two opportunities will be provided for testing on: May 9, 2024, and June 11, 2024. Questions will be taken from the 4-H manuals.

## Livestock Ribbons

1. All market, breeding, dairy and showmanship classes will be placed first through tenth place with ribbons for each place. Any place after tenth place will receive a participation ribbon.
2. Feeder and overweight classes will get ribbons based off their species department rules.
3. All market, breeding and dairy division champions will receive a single streamer champion and reserve champion ribbons. If there are no divisions, the first place in each class will be given a champion ribbon, and each second place will be given a reserve champion ribbon.
4. Overall grand and reserve grand champion market, breeding and dairy animals will receive rosette ribbons.
5. First place in each showmanship age group (junior, intermediate, senior) will also receive a grand champion ribbon and second place will receive a reserve grand champion ribbon.
6. Other class awards and ribbons may be given at the superintendent's/judge's discretion.

## General Livestock Rules for all 4-H and FFA Members

1. To be eligible to participate in the Pueblo County Fair in any livestock species, the youth must be active and in good standing 4-H and/or FFA members in the County of Pueblo and currently enrolled in the project prior to the March 1<sup>st</sup> add/drop project deadline. (See enrollment policies in the Pueblo County 4-H policies).
2. Only FFA members that follow 4-H age guidelines will be allowed to show at the Pueblo County Fair. No youth ages 5-7 will be allowed to exhibit animals in the 4-H and FFA Competitions. Youth ages 5-7 may participate in Open Class Pee Wee Shows.
3. Each 4-H/FFA member enrolled in beef, dairy, goat, sheep, swine, poultry, and rabbits, must have a Premises ID Number to exhibit at the Pueblo County Fair. Premises ID Numbers are due to CSUE no later than June 1, 2024. You must register with the Colorado Department of Agriculture to obtain a Premises ID Number. Those asking for exemptions must meet with the Fair Board and decisions will

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be made on a case-by-case basis. Random 4-H/FFA youth with Livestock projects may be scheduled to have a premise inspection on all livestock. If you are chosen, The Fair Board member/Fair Manager will make three attempts to do the inspection and failure to comply will result in not being able to show or sale at the Pueblo County Fair.

4. Scrapie surveillance pertaining to sheep and goats:  
Federal Law requires premise ear tag that lists their flock of origin and identification for the following:
  - a. All sheep and goats over 18 months
  - b. All sheep and goats that are sexually intact for show or exhibition.
  - c. All breeding sheep, breeding goats, and dairy goats regardless of age
5. Exhibitors are limited to no more than 5 entries in the market section of beef, sheep, goat, or swine.
6. Market beef, sheep, goats, and swine are required to be owned by the exhibitor and weighed and tagged at a scheduled weigh-in date. Swine will not be pre-weighed, but must be ear tagged, with the County Fair tag and must submit a nomination form and three required pictures in 4HOnline by the ownership/nomination deadline. Animals may be reassigned to members of the same immediate family provided that **written** notice is given to the Pueblo County Fair Board (via the Pueblo County Fair Manager) by the member's parent/guardian no later than July 1 at 5:00 p.m. Written notice **must** include the member's name and animal tag of the *current* owner and the member's name and animal tag of the *new* owner. Example: "Please change John Smith swine tag #800 to Jane Smith swine tag #800."
7. If an ear tag is lost between initial weigh-in and the County Fair, the lost ear tag number must be reported to **the Fair Manager** before fair weigh-in time. If lost ear tags are available, they should be taken as evidence of initial tagging. Animals with missing tags will be checked at weigh-in and another tag issued.
8. All livestock (beef, sheep, swine, goat, rabbit, and poultry including market, dairy, and breeding) members must attend a MANDATORY Colorado 4-H Meat Quality Assurance Workshop the first year they show livestock as a junior or intermediate 4-H member and again the first year they show as a Senior 4-H or FFA member. See Colorado's 4-H MQA Requirements on page 13 and 14 of the Colorado Youth Development Policies here: <http://co4h.colostate.edu/policy/4H-Policy-Handbook.pdf>
  - a. The Colorado 4-H MQA training must be completed prior to June 1 of the current 4-H year.
  - b. The Pueblo County Extension Office offers two Colorado 4-H MQA trainings prior to the Pueblo County Fair. If you are unable to attend one of these two trainings, you may attend the training of another county. Proof of attendance at another county's Colorado 4-H MQA training must be on file at the Pueblo County CSU Extension office by May 1 of the current 4-H year.
9. All male animals excluding rabbits & poultry participating in every species' market classes of the Pueblo County Fair must be fully castrated. Castration incisions must be healed by the time of the show. Any male animal that is considered Cryptorchid will not be allowed to participate. When purchasing market animals, you need to make sure your animal is not cryptorchid. The Pueblo County Fair officials will disqualify any cryptorchid animal from all awards, including premiums. The carcass may be condemned or sold at a discounted rate. Most breeders selling 4-H animals will guarantee their stock, but you should check when purchasing. Premiums will go back to the sale committee for final disposition.
  - a. Cryptorchid: A defect in the male animal when the testicle fails to descend through the inguinal ring and reside in the scrotum. During castration, if one testicle is missing, this is a likely reason. If detected early enough, it can be corrected by a veterinarian.

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10. All market livestock (beef, sheep, swine, goat) members will be required to sign a wholesome meat disclosure form to be submitted to the species Superintendent/FairBoard Member/Fair Manager immediately after County Fair weigh in for market animals. All animals are subject to be tested and any positive test will be a permanent ban from the County Fair.
11. Compliance with all Colorado laws prohibiting tampering with or drugging of livestock and/or sale of adulterated meat is mandatory for any 4-H/FFA member and/or family member enrolled in a 4-H/FFA animal project. If legal charges are brought against any member/family, the member/family will be suspended from participation in all Pueblo County Fair livestock activities pending resolution of those charges. Additionally, penalties may be implemented by the respective 4-H agent/FFA advisor.
12. All animals must be free of contagious or infectious diseases and in good condition. All cattle, sheep, goats, and swine MUST be inspected entering the fairgrounds at the designated gate assigned for the inspections by the FairBoard..
13. All animals on the fairgrounds will be subject to examination. Any animal suspected of any health concern will be brought to the species Superintendent/FairBoard Member/Fair Manager and an examination will be done by a veterinarian.

Any animal found showing evidence of infectious, contagious or communicable disease may be immediately isolated and the owner be required to seek the advice of a veterinarian at their own expense. Based upon the determination of the veterinarian, the animal in question will either be allowed to show in the fair or will be immediately removed from the fairgrounds.

  - A. Ringworm: Upon examination by a veterinarian, if the ringworm is red and inflamed, the animal will be sent home. The youth may complete the project even if the animal goes home by completing the e-record.
  - B. Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) - If there is confirmed VS in the county, health certificates will be required at County Fair, with 48 hours advanced notice. Check with the CSUE office or your veterinarian this summer to verify the VS status.
14. All bedding used during the Pueblo County Fair must be supplied by the exhibitor, no bedding will be available for purchase. No Straw will be permitted.
15. All livestock exhibitors must pay a \$5 per stall/pen/cage supplied including night stalls and tack stalls/pens, to be paid at check-in. All Poultry and Rabbits will be housed in standard state fair cages.
  - a. Arrangement for animals with special housing needs must be addressed with the department superintendent prior to the County Fair.
16. All livestock exhibits must have an identification sign displayed on or near all stalls or pens, including tack pens. Signs will be available. The Overall Livestock Superintendent/FairBoard designee will map stalls and youth will be responsible to sign name and emergency phone number to the appropriate stall(s) they are using and ensure the pens are cleaned following release of animal(s).
17. The livestock barns will open at 5:30 AM and be closed at 9:00 PM unless the Pueblo County FairBoard or a superintendent makes an exception. Exception is on the day of the Beef Show the barn will close 1 hour after the last class.
18. All animals must be individually owned by the exhibitor. Proof of ownership is interpreted as a bill of sale. Ownership papers must be presented at the time of weigh-in. If the animal was raised by the family, a signed statement by the owner of the mother cow or registration papers if it is registered will constitute proof. Exhibitors must provide full care and management for the majority of the time.

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19. Pueblo County Fair exhibitors will have 2 hours of access to the scale the night before the official weigh-in. Weight limits on market beef, sheep, goat, and swine will be adhered to. There will be no reweighs unless the superintendent deems that the scales were not working. If scale deemed not working, animal will immediately reweigh before returning to pen.
20. All market goats, cattle, swine, and sheep must be clipped and sheared prior to the start of the official weigh-in at County Fair. The Superintendent/FairBoard Member/Fair Manager can also require exhibitors to clean or dry any animals before weighing-in. Fine tune clipping will be allowed after weigh-in.
21. The department Superintendent/FairBoard Member/Fair Manager have the responsibility to divide market classes by weight.
22. If a superintendent has a family member who is a 4-H/FFA youth showing an animal in that species category, then the Overall Superintendent or approved FairBoard member/Fair Manager will assist in breaking classes after the County Fair weigh-ins are completed.
23. The Superintendent/Fair Board Member/Fair Manager may create a new class not listed in this premium book for any breed class if there are at least 5 entries of that breed. These new classes will be posted with the other classes at the time of that species' show.
24. The superintendent has the responsibility and authority to step in if safety problems occur. Any animal deemed unsafe by the respective superintendent can recommend removal from the Fairgrounds by order of the Fairboard/Fair Manager.
25. Only active Pueblo County 4-H and FFA members will be allowed to show another exhibitor's extra animals if the exhibitor has more than one animal in a particular class. No non - 4-H or FFA individuals can assist. 4-H/FFA members may ask another 4-H/FFA member to assist in showing their animal with proper notification to the Superintendent/FairBoard Member/Fair Manager if deemed necessary for the safety of the child. 4-H and FFA members are expected to show their own animals at the County Fair.
26. All exhibitors will be expected to perform upkeep of pens and stalls. Any exhibitor who does not feed, water, according to their species guidelines, and clean their animal pens in the livestock barns will receive (1) verbal warning, but if the problem is not corrected in a reasonable time, the exhibitor will be disqualified, meaning all ribbons and awards will be forfeited and the member will be ineligible to participate in the Showcase Sale.
27. Any complaints or concerns regarding the caretaking of livestock must be directed to the species Superintendent/FairBoard Member/Fair Manager. Under no circumstances should exhibitors feed, water or move another exhibitor's animal without the superintendent's approval. Any exhibitor caught tampering with another exhibitor's animal for any reason will be disqualified by the Superintendent/FairBoard Member/Fair Manager.
28. The following are termed unethical practices and any violation of the following rules will automatically result in disqualification with no recourse:
  - A. Doctoring, tranquilizing or injecting show animals or body "fill-ins" or the alteration, changing, defacing or any modification of the markings of show animals and the anatomical structure of an animal.
  - B. The removal, alteration, changing or purposely rearranging ear tags.
  - C. External applications of such things as liniments and blistering agents that would cause an edematous condition; use of ice packs or other refrigerants to alter the quality of finish of an animal.
  - D. Altering the natural color of the animal using any artificial coloring. However, products that match the animal's natural color may be used in the fitting process from the knees and hocks down and on the switch only. (For example, black products may be used on black- legged

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Steer/Heifer, red on a red-legged Steer/Heifer, and white on a white legged Steer/Heifer).

Any grooming material on any other part of the body not mentioned (artificial color evidenced by rubbing with a cloth or glove) will not be permitted.

- E. Adding an artificial tail head or tail fin, artificial poll, or any hair or hair-like substance.
- F. The showing of livestock of any ineligible age or showing unethically fitted livestock. Unethical fitting will be deemed to consist of any method which alters the natural conformation of any part of the animal's body.

- 29. Contestants must use their own animals in all showmanship classes.
- 30. All market livestock (beef, sheep, swine, goat, and poultry) breeding poultry, **breeding rabbits** and Round Robin eligible livestock must remain on the premises until the completion of the Showcase Sale. Lactating dairy animals, breeding cattle, breeding goats, breeding sheep, and pigeons/game birds will be released immediately following their show.
- 31. Meshed or plastic muzzles may be used on sheep and goats. The muzzle style must allow the animal to drink water.
- 32. Drenching will be allowed for the health and welfare of the animal at the exhibitor's risk. If you need help, contact your species superintendent for additional advice or information.
- 33. If an exhibitor would like to scratch an animal prior to the final drive, the exhibitor must inform the species superintendent within five minutes of the end of the last class of the show prior to the final drive (however, there is no time limit for medical reasons). The exhibitor who withdrew their animal will keep their ribbon for the class they completed. All others below the withdrawn animal in the class will move up for the purposes of the final drive.

## Live Ultrasound Contest

- 1. Sheep, swine, and goats that make weight are eligible for the live ultrasound evaluation contest. **Only animals that make weight will be ultrasound.**
- 2. Cost will be shared between Pueblo County and the exhibitor.
- 3. Data will be collected by ultrasound technicians on **Tuesday, July 16, 2024**, from 6:00 AM to 12:00 noon in the barns. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to bring swine, goats, and sheep to the ultrasound.
- 4. Ultrasound evaluation results and contest awards will be given during the **Mandatory Showcase Sale meeting at 9:00am on Friday, July 19, 2024.**
- 5. **Market beef will be judged by a separate carcass contest or ultrasound if available.**

## 4-H Supreme Livestock Champion Exhibitor

- 1. The Supreme Livestock Champion Exhibitors will be announced at the Pueblo County 4-H Achievement Night.
- 2. Supreme Livestock Champion will be selected from a combined placing in four categories: written test (first test score only, must score 80 or higher to qualify); highest e-record score (must receive score of 80% or higher to qualify); placing in the showmanship class; and the placing of the animal in its show ring class.
- 3. The Supreme Livestock Champion Exhibitor will include a separate age division for Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors.
- 4. It is not mandatory that members participate in the Supreme Livestock Champion Exhibitor Contest.

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5. Each 4-H member who is showing more than one animal will be allowed to take the top score or best score regardless of species. Top scores may involve different species in different categories. The following species: Market Beef, Breeding Heifers, Market Swine, Market Lamb, Breeding Sheep, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Fiber Goats, Market Goats, Breeding Market Goats, Breeding and Market Rabbits, Breeding and Market Poultry, will be included in the Supreme Champion Exhibitor contest. Feeder classes will not be counted.
6. Only livestock shown at County Fair will be included.
7. Scoring will be based on the following system and the winner will have the highest combined score:
  - A. Written Test: Must take the current year's test to qualify. Score will turn into points, i.e., 88% = 88 points Total Points Possible: 100
  - B. Record Book: Record Books will be turned in by contestants for review by committee or designated judge. Only the initial record book score will be used. Percentage will turn into Points, ie. 85% = 85 total points, Possible: 100
  - C. Showmanship: Points will be based on placing as follows.

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Below 10
Points	100	97	94	91	88	85	82	79	76	73	65
  - D. Live Placing: Points will be based on placing as follows.

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Below 10
Points	100	97	94	91	88	85	82	79	76	73	65
  - E. Tie Breaker: If a tie occurs, oral interviews will be used to break the tie.
  - F. No extra points will be given for Round Robin winners, Grand Champions or Reserve Champions.

## 4-H & FFA Herdsmanship Award Contest

Objective: To award those exhibitors who take pride in the ownership and showing of their livestock projects and who provide an exemplary demonstration of animal herdsmanhip, animal safety and animal environment. This award will go above and beyond the expected normal upkeep according to Livestock Rule #26 and does not replace Rule #26 under the section "General Livestock Rules for All 4-H and FFA Members".

1. Herdsmanship, which insures a safe and healthy environment for the 4-H/FFA livestock projects, is an important part of the 4-H/FFA livestock experience. The work and effort involved in maintaining the livestock's' environment while at the Pueblo County Fair demonstrates the dedication of a 4-H/FFA member to his or her livestock and represents a positive image of the livestock industry to the public and community.
2. Market Beef, Market Goat, Market Sheep and Market Swine project exhibits are eligible and will be observed several times daily during the periods that the projects are required to be housed on the show grounds. Each 4-H/FFA exhibitor will receive a daily average score in each species and awards will be given based on the final accumulated score average. Herdsmanship duties are the responsibility of the 4-H/FFA exhibitors rather than the parents, club leaders, or superintendents.
3. Scoring Guidelines
  - A. Exhibitor(s) Name Sign and Herdsmanship Number Card in place and clearly identifying stall/pen area.

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- 1) Exhibitor Name Cards are **the** exhibitors responsibility and a fair rule. (Livestock Rules **#16**)
  - 2) Herdsmanship number cards will be provided. Siblings/family who house species together can be considered one exhibitor.
  - 3) Exhibitor responsibility to secure **all** cards to pen/stall area.
- B. Animals clean at all times with stalls and pens showing evidence of having been tended to during the day.
- 1) **Stalls/pens and alley area in front of stalls/pens must show evidence of daily cleaning.**
  - 2) **Tack, equipment, grooming, and supply area is/are clean and neatly arranged and stored when not in use.**
  - 3) **Cords and grooming equipment are not cluttering the alley.**
- C. Animals adequately cared for with proper **feed/water**, proper bedding and adequate feeding equipment.
- 1) Animals safely penned and properly housed with blankets, muzzles, feed/water equipment safe and secure in pen/stall area.
- D. Courtesy, Responsibility, and Conduct
- 1) Proper showmanship (courtesy and conduct) at all times and in all places while interacting with the community, **Pueblo County Fair staff/volunteers** and other exhibitors.
  - 2) 4-H/FFA exhibitors are doing the herdsmanship
1. Non-essential equipment or materials is permissible if complying with fair guidelines and rules for showing but is NOT encouraged and NOR will it be considered in the Herdsmanship scoring. Herdsmanship begins at the time of arrival and ends when livestock projects are released from the fair grounds. The barns (stalls/pens) may be checked at any time between **6:00** AM and barn closing.
  2. Scoring
    - A. Judges will score in one species at a time and that can happen between **6:00** AM and barn closing.
    - B. There will be several judges throughout the week.
    - C. A spreadsheet will be kept with score by herdsman number.
    - D. There will be a daily score of up to 20 points. There will be four evaluated categories with each being worth 5 points. Judges may use ½ (.5) point scoring but nothing else.
  3. Awards
    - A. **4 Champions Market Beef, Market Goat, Market Sheep Market Swine will be awarded.** Winners will be announced during the Showcase Sale awards ceremony.

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## BEEF DEPARTMENT

**Ownership Date:** Market March 10, 2024, Breeding March 10, 2024

**Initial Market Beef Tag-in:** March 10, 2024, at 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

**County Fair Entry Due (Breeding):** June 1, 2024

**Final Weigh-in:** July 16, 2024, from 8:00-9:00 AM

**Stalling:** All beef projects, including breeding beef, and bred and owned, must be in place by 9:00 AM on July 16, 2024

**Judging:** July 17, 2024, at 5:00 PM

**Minimum Market Weight:** 1,000 pounds

**Final E-Record Due:** September 9, 2024. See General Fair Rule 8 (must score 70% or better to exhibit livestock at the 2025 County Fair)

### General Beef Rules

1. Ownership papers must be shown on all Market Beef at the time of initial weigh-in to Fair Board member/Fair Manager.
2. All Market Beef needs to be haltered and led by a person to and from the scale at the initial weigh-in. Failure to make an attempt could result in not accepting your nomination for the Pueblo County Fair. All beef must be halter broke and be able to be led into the scale by the exhibitor for weigh-in at County fair. If the situation becomes unsafe, it will be at the Superintendent/FairBoard Member/Fair Manager discretion as to how to handle the specific situation.
3. Judging for the Feeder Beef and Market Beef will be after the Breeding classes.
4. All beef must be tied and cross-tied with a safety rope/neck rope. No day penning of market beef animals will be allowed. Breeding beef can be day penned.
5. Night penning will be allowed, and pens will be assigned by the beef superintendent.
6. All market steers must be dehorned by initial weigh-in.

### Beef Showmanship

1. Showmanship is voluntary for all eligible beef exhibitors. Exhibitors must enter showmanship classes prior to the start of the first showmanship class. The Superintendent will announce and have the sign-up sheet available prior to the start of the showmanship classes.
2. Showmanship class order will be determined by the Superintendent, prior to the start of the showmanship classes. The order of the showmanship classes will be posted and announced prior to the start of the classes.
3. All breeding beef, feeder beef and market beef exhibitors are eligible for beef showmanship.
4. There will be one junior, one intermediate and one senior showmanship class for all beef exhibitors.
5. The Champion and Reserve Champion Beef Showman in all classes will compete in the Round Robin Contest.
6. Contestants must use their own animals in all showmanship classes per rule #25 in the "General Livestock Rules".

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## Breeding Beef

1. All bulls shown in these classes except junior bull calves must be registered with an association, unless it is a crossbreed, in the exhibitor's name and the papers must be produced upon entry.
2. Junior bull calves must be from registered sire and dam.
3. No bull classes for bulls born prior to January 1, 2023. Double ties are required for all yearling bulls.
4. Age Classifications are as follows:
  - Junior Heifer Calf - calved since January 2024
  - Senior Heifer Calf - calved between September - December 2023
  - Summer Yearling Heifer - calved between May - August 2023
  - Spring Yearling Heifer - calved between March and April 2023
  - Junior Yearling Heifer - calved between January and February 2023
  - Senior Yearling Heifer - calved September- December 2022
5. Entries in the cow/calf class can compete as individuals.
6. The Superintendent/FairBoard Member/Fair Manager will set up the Breeding Classes as he/she deems appropriate.

## Feeder Beef

1. There will be separate classes set up for steers or heifers and divided as follows (based on weigh in at Pueblo County Fair):
  - Spring Calf Class - under 450 pounds and still nursing.
  - Weanling Class - 450-700 pounds
  - Feeder Class - 700-999 pounds
2. These classes may be divided at the superintendent's discretion.
3. These animals will be judged as prospective market animals.
4. Per the discretion of the Superintendent/FairBoard Member/Fair Manager, participation ribbons may be given.
5. All Feeder Beef will be ineligible for the market beef classes, market beef overall Grand/Reserve Grand champion, Showcase Sale-for not making the minimum market weight of 1,000 lbs.
6. The record book should include both cow and calf for the Spring Calf Class. The cow does not have to be halter broke. The calf should be halter broke and trimmed. They are encouraged to show in showmanship. The cow nursing an exhibited calf does not have to be owned by the exhibitor.

## Market Beef

1. The Superintendent/FairBoard Member/Fair Manager will divide classes by weight after the weigh-in. There will be a market heifer class if five heifers are registered. The Superintendent/FairBoard Member/Fair Manager can divide at their discretion.
2. Animals must weigh a minimum of 1,000 pounds (no maximum weight). Animals weighing less than 1,000 lbs. will be shown as feeder beef. Any market beef animal weighing less than the 1,000-pound minimum will be ineligible for showing in any market class, overall market beef Grand and Reserve Grand Champion, Showcase Sale. See section "Feeder Beef" for eligibility and requirements of

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feeder beef.

3. All market beef must be under two years of age.
4. A champion and reserve champion in each weight class will be awarded if exhibit merits. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion steers and heifers will be shown in the same classes.

Miniature Beef all breeds – Only measurements taken at fair check-in will be accepted on miniature beef. Hip height must be 48” or less and minimum of 400 pounds. Market Beef must be declared at weigh-in on **March 10, 2024**, to be Miniature or not – this declaration cannot be changed at a later date.

## **Bred and Owned Beef(Not Approved)**

**Judging:** **July 17, 2024**, after Beef Showmanship

- 1) The Bred and Owned division is a voluntary class for those exhibitors who have bred their own projects and will exhibit them in the breeding or market divisions at the Pueblo County Fair.
  - a) Exhibition in the Bred and Owned division has no bearing or placement on the Showcase Sale.
- 2) Exhibitors must show their own animals.
- 3) **Breeding heifers and market beef will show in different divisions** and class breaks will be to the superintendent’s discretion, depending on numbers.
- 4) All Market Beef must be declared as Bred and Owned at initial Market weigh-in on **March 10, 2024**.
  - a. All Bred and Owned Breeding Beef must be declared to the Superintendent on the same day as weigh-in, the Superintendent will be in contact with Breeding Beef exhibitors, day of weigh-in on **March 10**.
- 5) During check-in at the Pueblo County Fair, the superintendent will sign those declared exhibitors/animals up for the Bred and Owned division.
- 6) **All registered animals must provide breed association paperwork and all commercial animals must complete the provided form at initial weigh-in.**

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- 7) The Bred and Owned division is a voluntary class for those exhibitors who have bred their own projects and will exhibit them in the breeding or market divisions at the Pueblo County Fair.
  - a) Exhibition in the Bred and Owned division has no bearing or placement on the Showcase Sale.
- 8) Exhibitors must show their own animals.
- 9) **Breeding animals and market animals will show separate, unless entry numbers are low. Classes are superintendents’ discretion.**
- 10) All Market and Breeding Beef must be declared as Bred and Owned at initial Market weigh-in on **March 10, 2024**.
- 11) During check-in at the Pueblo County Fair, the superintendent will sign those declared exhibitors/animals up for the Bred and Owned division.
- 12) **Exhibitors in the bred-and-owned categories must be the breeder (immediate family) and the first and continuous owner (immediate family) of the animal entered. "Breeder" is defined as the recorded owner of the dam at the time of service. "First Owner" is defined as the recorded owner of the dam at the time the calf is born. "Continuous Owner" is defined as the recorded owner of the animal without history of transfer.**

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## DAIRY DEPARTMENT

**Ownership Date:** May 1, 2024

**County Fair Entry Due:** June 1, 2024

**Check-in:** Monday, July 15, 2024, at 8:00 AM

**Judging:** Monday, July 15, 2024, at 9:00 AM in the livestock pavilion

**Final E-Record Due:** September 9, 2024. See General Fair Rule 8 (must score 70% or better to exhibit livestock at the 2025 County Fair)

### General Dairy Rules

1. Ownership and registration papers, if registered, must be shown on all dairy animals at the time of entry. Only original registration will be acceptable.
2. There will be a Champion and Reserve Champion junior and senior in each breed and an Overall Grand and Reserve Grand Champion if merited.
3. Producing cows may be kept at a dairy. Youth will be expected to visit the dairy during each month and make a one-page report. Youth will be expected to care for mature cows during dry period.
4. Age Classifications are as follows for all breeds:

#### Junior Females

Junior Heifer Calf - born between January 1, 2024-April 30, 2024

Senior Heifer Calf - born between September 1, 2023-December 31, 2023

Junior Yearling Heifer - born after February 28, 2023, and before September 1, 2023

Senior Yearling Heifer - born after August 31, 2022, and before March 1, 2023

(Senior Yearlings in milk must show in two-year-old class)

#### Senior Females

Two-Year Old - born after August 31, 2021, and before September 1, 2022

Three-Year Old - born after August 31, 2020, and before September 1, 2021

Four-Year Old - born after August 31, 2019, and before September 1, 2020

Aged Cow - five years old and over, born before September 1, 2018

#### Groups

Best three females - bred and owned by exhibitor, limit one entry.

Produce of dam - 2 animals from above classes, the produce of one cow, limit one entry

### Dairy Classes

	Ayrshire	Holstein	Shorthorn	Other Breeds	Brown Swiss	Guernsey	Jersey
Jr Heifer Calf	1	11	21	31	41	51	61
Sr Heifer Calf	2	12	22	32	42	52	62
Jr Yearling	3	13	23	33	43	53	63
Sr Yearling	4	14	24	34	44	54	64
Cow (2 y/o)	5	15	25	35	45	55	65
Cow (3 y/o)	6	16	26	36	46	56	66
Cow (4 y/o)	7	17	27	37	47	57	67
Aged Cow	8	18	28	38	48	58	68
Best 3 Females	9	19	29	39	49	59	69
Produce of Dam	10	20	30	40	50	60	70

### Supreme Champion Dairy

1. To be selected by the judge according to the following rules of the Colorado Dairy Youth Foundation.

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2. The superintendent will select qualifying animals from each breed during the selection of the breed champion lineups. By determining the placing in the lineup the animal that meets the following criteria:  
Note: Animals must have won first or second in an individual class.
  - A. The female selected must be registered or identified by a breed association in the individual name of the youth owner.
  - B. The female selected must be bred by the individual owner or have been purchased with ownership transferred to the individual's name prior to the animal's first birthday (12 months of age).
  - C. The animal selected cannot have previously won the same award at this show. The winner will be selected by the dairy cattle judge, in consultation with the dairy cattle superintendent, who will certify that requirements are met. If no animal meets the qualifications or no animal is considered worthy of the award, it will not be presented, and award money returned to the Colorado Dairy Youth Foundation.

### **Dairy Showmanship**

1. All dairy exhibitors are eligible.
2. Showmanship is voluntary for all eligible dairy exhibitors. Exhibitors must enter showmanship classes prior to the start of the first showmanship class. The Superintendent will announce and have the sign-up sheet available prior to the start of the showmanship classes.
3. Separate junior, intermediate and senior showmanship classes will be held with the top two receiving champion and reserve champion.
4. The top two juniors, top two intermediate, and top two seniors will compete in the Round Robin Contest representing the Dairy Department.
5. Contestants must use their own animals in all showmanship classes.

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## SHEEP DEPARTMENT

**Ownership/Initial Market Sheep Tag-in:** May 2, 2024

**County Fair Entry Due (Breeding):** June 1, 2024

**Final Weigh-in:** July 16, 2024, 7:30 - 9:00 AM

**Stalling:** All sheep projects, including breeding sheep, must be in place by 9:00 AM on July 18, 2023

**Judging:** July 18, 2024, 8:00 AM

**Minimum Market Weight:** 100 pounds except for Southdowns: 85 pounds

**Final E-Record Due:** September 9, 2024. See General Fair Rule 8 (must score 70% or better to exhibit livestock at the 2025 County Fair)

All sheep will be penned in the small animal barn. All pens must be wired securely for overnight security.

### Breeding Sheep

1. Rams one year and over must be registered with an association unless it is a crossbreed in the name of the exhibitor and papers presented at the time of entry.
2. Rams under one year must be eligible for registration.
3. There will be classes for each of the following breeds (see table below) with a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Male and Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Female in each breed if merited.
4. Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons can be awarded in any class if merited. The pairs class is not eligible for Grand or Reserve Grand Champion.
5. Age classifications are as follows:
  - Spring Ram or Ewe Lamb - born on or after February 1, 2024
  - Winter Ram or Ewe Lamb - born December 2023 through January 2024
  - Fall Ram or Ewe Lamb - born September 2023 through November, 20223
  - Ram or Ewe - one year and under two, born September 2022 through August 2023

### Classes

	Whiteface	Hampshire	Suffolk	Southdown	Crossbreed	Other
Spring Ram or Ewe Lamb	1	5	9	13	17	21
Winter Ram or Ewe Lamb	2	6	10	14	18	22
Fall Ram or Ewe Lamb	3	7	11	15	19	23
Ram/Ewe, 1 YR and under	4	8	12	16	20	24

### Class 25 - Bred and Owned Class

- a. Any pair of lambs (under 1 either sex or both)
- b. Sheep bred by family and owned by family
- c. All breeds owned and shown by one or two exhibitors

### Market Sheep

1. Market lambs must be carrying all milk teeth in place. Lambs showing either or both of the first pair of permanent incisors will be disqualified.
2. Halters can be used by Junior exhibitors (4-H age 8-10) if they are deemed needed by the superintendent for the safe handling of the animal by the youth.
3. Purebred, grade or crossbred wether or ewe lambs not entered in the breeding classes may compete in the market classes.
4. Male animals having one or both testicles contained in the body cavity are not eligible to show in

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these classes.

5. Animals shown in individual classes may also be exhibited in the pen class.
6. Sheep may not be weighed in wearing halters or blankets and must have less than ¼ inch of wool on the body.
7. Sheep will be divided by weight at the discretion of the **Superintendent/FairBoard Member/Fair Manager**. Champion and Reserve Champion lambs will be picked from each weight division if merited. These lambs will compete for the Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb.
8. A feeder class will be set up for lambs weighing less than 100 pounds or less than 85 pounds for Southdowns. These will be non-grading and not eligible for showing in championship classes or the sale. These lambs will be taken home at the completion of the fair. They will receive participation ribbons.

## **Sheep Showmanship**

1. All sheep exhibitors, feeder, market or breeding, are eligible for showmanship.
2. Showmanship is voluntary for all eligible sheep exhibitors. Exhibitors must enter showmanship classes prior to the start of the first showmanship class. The Superintendent will announce and have the signup sheet available prior to the start of the showmanship classes.
3. A separate junior, intermediate and senior contest will be held with the top two exhibitors receiving champion and reserve champion.
4. The top two juniors, two top intermediate, and two top seniors will go to the Round Robin Contest.
5. Contestants must use their own animals in all showmanship classes.

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## SWINE DEPARTMENT

### **Ownership Date/Ear Notch Nomination Cards Due: May 3, 2024**

No Late Nomination Cards will be accepted. Market Swine must be tagged with County Fair ear tag by May 3, 2024.

**Weigh-in:** July 16, 2024, 6:00-7:30 AM

**Judging:** July 17, 2024, 8:00 AM

**Minimum Market Weight:** 220 pounds

**Maximum Market Weight:** 310 pounds

**Final E-Record Due:** September 9, 2024. See General Fair Rule 8 (must score 70% or better to exhibit livestock at the 2025 County Fair)

Ownership papers must be available to be shown to the Superintendent at the time of entry.

Due to bio-security concerns, the Pueblo County Fair will not have a Breeding Swine show.

### **Market Swine**

1. Market swine must be farrowed after **December 1, 2023**. All Swine must be ear tagged and ear notched. Exhibitors are required to fill out nomination cards and bill of sales and turn into CSUE by **May 3, 2024**.
2. Swine no longer need to be pseudorabies tested. HOWEVER, the exhibitor must provide proof of premises of origin (including name, address and phone number of seller on the bill of sale) at the time the swine ear notch card is turned in.
3. Barrows and gilts will be eligible for market classes. Animals will be judged on conformation and finish.
4. Swine to be sold at the sale must be shown in one of the market swine classes.
5. Swine will be divided into classes by weight at the discretion of the superintendent. Animals not meeting weight requirements may be shown in a feeder or overweight class.
6. Champion and Reserve Champion will be picked in each weight division if merited.
7. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion market swine will be picked from the Champion and Reserve Champion in each weight division if merited.
8. Market hog must have a minimum of ½ inch of hair from the neck to the back excluding the tail and the belly. **No adhesives, dyes, or oils may be used, only water-based products.**

### **Feeder/Overweight Swine**

1. A feeder class(es) and overweight class(es) may be set up for swine weighing less than 220 pounds or more than 310 pounds.
2. Feeder/overweight swine will be non-grading and not eligible for showing in any market class, championship class, ultrasound contest or the Showcase Sale.
3. Per the discretion of the superintendent feeder/overweight swine will be given participation ribbons instead of placing ribbons.

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## **Swine Showmanship**

1. All swine exhibitors are eligible, including feeder and market swine.
2. Showmanship is voluntary for all eligible swine exhibitors. Exhibitors must enter showmanship classes prior to the start of the first showmanship class. The Superintendent will announce and have the signup sheet available prior to the start of the showmanship classes.
3. A separate junior, intermediate and senior contest will be held with the top two from each age division receiving Champion and Reserve Champion.
4. The top two for the junior, intermediate, and senior contests will go to the Round Robin Contest.
5. Contestants must use their own animals in all showmanship classes.

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## GOAT DEPARTMENT

### Dairy Goat

**Ownership Date:** May 1, 2024

**County Fair Entry Due:** June 1, 2024

**Check-In:** July 15, 2024, 8:00 AM

**Judging:** July 15, 2024, 9:00 AM

**Final E-Record Due:** September 9, 2024. See General Fair Rule 8 (must score 70% or better to exhibit livestock at the 2025 County Fair)

### Dairy Goat General Rules

1. The Superintendent will assign pens in the swine barn.
2. If merited, the judge may give a champion and reserve champion in each class and a grand champion and reserve grand champion overall.
3. Ownership papers must be available to be shown to the superintendent at the time of entry at the fairgrounds.
4. Dairy goats with natural horns will be disqualified. All dairy goats are to be dehorned.
5. Dairy goats are to be shown with a collar or show chain.
6. Age classification (superintendent to break classes into breeds.)
  - Junior Kid – April 1, 2024 – July 30, 2024
  - Senior Kid - December 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024
  - Junior Yearling - August 1, 2023, to November 30, 2023
  - Senior Yearling - Non-Milking - August 1, 2022, to July 31, 2023
  - Does 1 year and under 2 - Milking – July 1, 2022, or After
  - Does 2 years and under 3 – July 1, 2021, to August 1, 2022
  - Does 3 years and under 4 – July 1, 2020, to August 1, 2021
  - Does 4 years and under 5 – July 1, 2019, to August 1, 2020
  - Does 5 years and over- July 1, 2019, and Prior

Best Udder

Dam and Produce (1 doe in milk and kid under 3 months)

Dairy Herd (3 does in milk owned by the same exhibitor)

### Fiber Goat

**County Fair Entry Due:** June 1, 2024

**Check-in:** July 15, 2024, 8:00 AM

**Judging:** July 15, 2024, following Dairy Goat judging

**Final E-Record Due:** September 9, 2024. See General Fair Rule 8 (must score 70% or better to exhibit livestock at the 2025 County Fair)

### General Fiber Goat Rules:

1. Exhibitors must be enrolled in the fiber goat project in Pueblo County.
2. Does and wethers only are eligible to show. No bucks allowed.
3. No more than one ounce (1 oz.) fleece sample (brushed, combed or sheared) to be provided in a plastic bag and available at the time of class for presentation to the judge.

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4. Exhibitors will be allowed to use halters with a lead no longer than 18 inches or can use a collar in the show ring.
5. Fiber goats are required to remain on the grounds until 1:00 p.m. Saturday.

## Market Goat

**Ownership Date/Initial Tag-In:** May 2, 2024

**Final Weigh-In:** July 16, 2024 7:30-9:00 AM

**Judging:** July 18, 2024, 12:00 Noon.

**Minimum Weight:** 60 pounds

**Final E-Record Due:** September 9, 2024. See General Fair Rule 8 (must score 70% or better to exhibit livestock at the 2025 County Fair)

## General Market Goat Rules

1. Exhibitors must be enrolled in the market goat project in Pueblo County.
2. Market wether or doe must weigh 60 or more pounds. Any market goat weighing under 60 pounds is ineligible for the Pueblo County Showcase Sale.
3. Exhibitors are permitted to weigh in goats with neck chains but blankets must be removed.
4. Feeder Class will be any goat weighing under 60 pounds.
5. Market goats must be carrying all milk teeth in normal positions. Goats showing either or both of the first pair of permanent incisors will be disqualified.
6. No paint, powder or any artificial coloring may be used on goats. Clear adhesive only may be used on goat legs for show only and all adhesive must be removed immediately after the final drive of the market goat show.
7. Any goat having any external parasites will be disqualified and removed from the grounds.
8. Goats entered in market classes may not be shown in any other class.
9. Recommendation: Classes will be split evenly based on weight and number of animals entered (must have three animals per class to have market goats split into individual classes).
10. Exhibitors will be required to have horns tipped blunt on all market goats before arrival at fairgrounds. If horned, Market Goats must have horns tipped (not less than the diameter of a dime at the end) Tipping of horns is not allowed on the grounds. Exhibitors will receive one verbal warning at the initial weigh-in. Any species superintendent can deem horns unsafe.
11. All market goats must be shown with a collar, chain, or an approved show halter. Species superintendents reserve the right to approve extreme collars or halters.
12. The qualified market goats will have the option to sell in the Pueblo County Showcase Sale.
13. All goats must be slick shorn (with no indication of blocking) to the skin above the knee and hock joints, excluding the tail switch before official weigh-in.

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## Breeding Market Goat

**County Fair Entry Due:** June 1, 2024

**Check-In:** July 16, 2024, in place by 9:00 AM

**Judging:** July 18, 2024, after-market goat judging

**Final E-Record Due:** September 9, 2024. See General Fair Rule 8 (must score 70% or better to exhibit livestock at the 2025 County Fair)

## Breeding Market Goat Rules

1. Exhibitors must be enrolled in the breeding market goat project.
2. Entries must be tagged or tattooed.
3. Birth dates, as listed on the entry, will be used to determine the class divisions.
4. All goats must be broke to lead. At the discretion of the judge and the superintendent, goats may be let loose in the ring as a function of judging. Heelers will not be allowed in any classes.
5. Only does are allowed on the grounds. No animals will be allowed on the grounds unless a class is provided for them, and the animal is regularly entered in that class. No exceptions.
6. Scrapie surveillance pertaining to sheep and goats:  
Federal Law requires premise ear tag that lists their flock of origin and identification for the following:
  - A. All sheep and goats over 18 months.
  - B. All sheep and goats that are sexually intact for show or exhibition.
  - C. All breeding sheep and breeding dairy goats regardless of age.All Boer Goats will be required to have individual identification for Scrapie premises ID tag.
7. Exhibitors will be required to have horns tipped blunt before arrival at fairgrounds.
8. All breeding market goats must be blocked not shorn.
9. All breeding market goats must be shown with a collar or chain.
10. In all breeding market goat classes, bracing will be allowed; however, the front feet of the goat must remain on the show ring floor while being shown.
11. Showmanship will be combined with market goat showmanship.
12. Goats entered in breeding classes may not be shown in any other class.
13. Age classification
  - Doe kids - under 6 months
  - Doe kids - 6 – 12 months
  - Yearling Does - 12 – 24 months
  - Senior Does - 24 – 36 months
  - Senior Does - 36 months and older

## Goat Showmanship

1. There will be two divisions of goat showmanship: Dairy/Fiber and Market/Breeding.
2. Showmanship is voluntary for all eligible goat exhibitors. Exhibitors must enter showmanship classes prior to the start of the first showmanship class. The Superintendent will announce and have the sign up

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sheet available prior to the start of the showmanship classes.

3. In each division, a separate junior, intermediate and senior contest will be held with the top two juniors, top two intermediates and top two seniors going to the Round Robin Contest.
4. Champion and Reserve Champion may be awarded if merited.
5. Contestants must use their own animals in all showmanship classes.

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## RABBIT DEPARTMENT

**Meat Pen (Doe) Ownership:** April 1, 2024

**County Fair Entry:** June 1, 2024 – in FairEntry with specific information including BREED, VARIETY, CLASS, SEX, AND TATOO NUMBER ON ALL RABBITS ENTERED

**Initial Weigh-in of Meat Pen:** June 27, 2024, 5:00- 7:00 PM at the Home of Jessica Storm Rabbit Superintendent (719-948-0131)

**Check-In:** July 16, 2024, 8:00 to 9:00 A.M.

**Judging:** July 16, 2024, 9:30 A.M.

**Minimum Weight:** 3.5 pounds

**Maximum Weight:** 5.5 pounds

**Final E-Record Due:** September 9, 2024. See General Fair Rule 8 (must score 70% or better to exhibit livestock at the 2025 County Fair)

### General Rules

1. If you have questions about entries, contact Jessica Storm at 719-948-0131.
2. A limit of six entries per breed per exhibitor will be allowed for the show. A Meat Pen will count as one entry.
3. Meat Pens shall consist of three rabbits, all the same breed and variety. Meat Pen does not necessarily have to come from the same litter. Age limit - ten weeks. **MINIMUM** weight 3.5 pounds each. **MAXIMUM** weight 5.5 pounds each. Ideal weight five pounds. All rabbits must be weighed in the presence of the judge.
4. A 4-H member must own a doe by April 1st.
5. Meat pens may not be purchased. The 4-H member must have one or more does to breed and must kindle the meat pen. It is not necessary to own the buck. The doe can be bred to someone else's buck (of the same breed).
6. A youth must be enrolled in the rabbit project by appropriate enrollment deadlines and cannot just enroll in the Market Rabbit portion of the rabbit project without enrolling in the Breeding Rabbit project.
7. Youth in the market rabbit project are required to participate in the breeding rabbit project, including enrolling in the project and completing a breeding rabbit e-record; however, participants are encouraged, not required, to show their breeding rabbits at County Fair.
8. Showmanship will be mandatory. The hands- on showmanship must be taken every year to receive showmanship awards.
9. No baby rabbits allowed.
10. Classes are A.R.B.A. recognized breeds. Rabbit is to be the correct weight and sex.
11. Tattoo ear number is to be in the left ear. Each Rabbit must have a permanent earmark prior to the date of the show. The superintendent has the duty of turning down an entry not earmarked and has the duty of turning down and removing any sick animals from the barn.

### Classes

#### Market Classes for Commercial Breeds

Meat Pen (Pen of 3 rabbits)

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Single Fryer – This class is only open to youth who started with a full pen at weigh-in, but lost rabbits prior to the show.

## **Breeding Classes**

4 Classes (Fancy Breeds)

Junior - 6 months or under  
Senior - Over 6 months

6 Classes (Commercial Breeds)

Pre-Junior - Under 3 months-not over 5½ lbs.  
Junior - Over 3 months to 6 months  
Intermediate - 6 months to 8 months  
Senior - Over 8 months

## **Fur Class**

Rabbit must be shown in the regular breed class in order to enter this class.

## **Companion Rabbit Class**

This class will only be open to youth who are enrolled in the 4-H Companion Animal Project. This project is open to mixed breed rabbits as well. Entries will be evaluated based on the health of the rabbit and the knowledge of the exhibitor. These exhibitors do not need to attend MQA. It is required that these exhibitors also participate in showmanship **as well as take a test**. Companion rabbits will be released at the end of their show.

## **Rabbit Showmanship**

1. This class will include animal care and conditioning, proper handling of rabbit, examining a rabbit and rabbit knowledge. 100 points on handling and knowledge.
2. Showmanship is **MANDATORY** except for seniors who have been named Grand Champion in previous years.  
Showmanship is mandatory unless you have graded out in your age division. Grading out consists of 1<sup>st</sup> place and a score of 90 or above.
3. A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Junior, Intermediate and Senior Showman will be chosen. A trophy and a rosette ribbon will be awarded to the Grand Champion and the Reserve Grand Champion. Contestants must use their own animals in all showmanship classes.

## **Meat Pens**

A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be chosen and awarded a Rosette Ribbon.

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**Poultry Rules will be determined based on results of the continued limitations of the HPAI Flu.**

## POULTRY DEPARTMENT

**Ownership Date:** See rules for specific requirements

**County Fair Entries Due:** June 1, 2024

**Scale Use:** Exhibitors can weigh their birds on the official scale prior to 9:00am on the day of the show. After 9:00am, official weigh-in will begin and use of the scale for anything other than the official weigh-in will result in disqualification.

**Check-in/Weigh-in:** July 16, 2024, Noon to 1:00 P.M.

**Poultry Judging:** July 16, 2024, 2:00 P.M.

**Showmanship:** Immediately following the poultry judging

**Final E-Record Due:** September 9, 2024. See General Fair Rule 8 (must score 70% or better to exhibit livestock at the 2025 County Fair)

### General Poultry Rules:

1. The poultry show is open to 4-H and FFA members of Pueblo County, who are currently enrolled in a poultry project.
2. Superintendents will be on the premises Monday evening July 15, 2024, between 5:30 PM and 7:00 PM for early check-in (if preferred). If you need an alternative check-in, please contact the Poultry superintendent. Please do not place your bird into a cage until you have signed in and received your check-in paperwork. Once birds are officially weighed in, no changes can be made.
3. Cages will be assigned by the Superintendent.
4. Feed cans, water cans, and bedding will be available during check-in. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to put these items into their assigned cage(s). Bedding will be provided at check-in; however, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to provide additional shavings throughout the week to clean their own cage. This is especially important for those with meat pens and waterfowl.
5. Exhibitors may store feed and supplies under the cages; however, poultry barn personnel will not be held responsible for any missing items. Exhibitor's using another exhibitor's feed or supplies, without permission, are in violation of the 4-H Code of Ethics, and can be removed from the barn.
6. Superintendents and clerks will arrange cages and fans and these must remain where they are placed.
7. Any bird showing evidence of disease will need to be removed from the fairgrounds immediately.
8. For all divisions of chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, guineas and pigeons, all birds must be identified by numbered leg bands, upon check-in. Bands may be purchased from the Superintendent or the extension office and will be available the day of check-in.
9. All 4-H /FFA members entering any poultry class must participate in showmanship.
10. Exhibitors are expected to keep their cages clean. For those showing market pens and waterfowl, it is required that the cages be completely cleaned daily. **All coops requiring attention will be tagged and the exhibitor will have until closing the next day to have the cage cleaned.** If the problem is not corrected, the exhibitor may be disqualified.
11. All exhibitors will be required to work a maintenance shift in the poultry barn during the County Fair to help water ALL OF THE EXHIBITS along with rake the walkways, pick up trash and answer questions any visitors to the barn may have. These will be 1-hour shifts and they will be assigned to exhibitors, upon check-in.

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12. Poultry entered into the Pueblo County Fair are required to stay on the premises until the Showcase Sale. Pens must be cleaned, food and water cans placed back into bags and cages broken down. All shavings and trash must be disposed of. Failure to properly clean your area may result in disqualification of exhibitor.
13. Exhibitors will be allowed to place sale advertisements for their birds on or above their exhibits after judging is completed. This must include Exhibitors name and phone number. The Superintendents will not be responsible for any transactions.

## Classification:

1. Poultry can be entered in one class only. For example: a pullet in a trio class cannot be entered as a single pullet, as well.
2. There shall be no substitution of birds after check-in, unless approved by the Superintendent.
3. No birds less than 4 months old are allowed to be shown, **with the exception of the poultry market pens**. Proof of age may be requested. Exceptions may be accepted if unforeseen circumstances are encountered and is approved by the superintendent.
4. Market production chickens must be between 56 and 70 days old at time of show. Therefore, they must be hatched or purchased/delivered between **May 7 - May 21, 2024**.
5. Market production turkey hens are recommended to be at least 14 weeks old at time of show and toms should be at least 18 weeks old at time of show.
6. All birds must be raised by the exhibitor.

## Entries:

1. Only 7 entries total may be entered by any exhibitor. The limits are as follows:
  - Chicken: limit of 3 entries (Market pen is limited to 2 pens – total)
  - Breeding trio: limit of 2 per class
  - Market chicken trio: limit of 2 trios
  - Turkey: limit of 3 turkeys (market is limited to 2)
  - Ducks: limit of 3 ducks
  - Geese: limit of 3 geese
  - Pigeons & Game Birds: limit of 3 birds total per exhibitor
  - Guineas: limit of 3 guineas
2. Prior to removing any poultry, poultry must be checked out with the superintendent. The cages must be cleaned, including removal of feeders and waterers.

## Classes:

### Market Chicken

1. A group of 3 (trio) constitutes a market pen. The breed should be a fast developing broad breasted meat type chicken, such as the Jumbo Cornish Cross.
2. Since the birds will be judged as a pen of three, they should be as uniform as possible within the pen (same breed, age and size, any sex)
3. No exhibitor may show more than 2 entries.
4. Meat bird weights (weights are for each individual bird) are as follows:

**Class 1** Fryer meat pen – 4lbs. – 6lbs.  
**Class 2** Broiler meat pen – 6.1 lbs. – 10 lbs.

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These will be determined at check-in.

Important! Make sure that your pens do not include a mixture of fryers and broilers. All 3 chickens in the trio must be in the same class to avoid disqualification.

## Market Turkey

**Class 3 Market Turkey Hen**

**Class 4 Market Turkey Tom**

1. A market turkey pen consists of one bird of either the Broad Breasted Bronze or the Broad Breasted White breeds.
2. There shall be a limit of 3 entries for turkeys (2 market)
3. Turkey can be either sex and must weigh between 14 lbs. – 30lbs., live weight.

## Pueblo County Showcase Sale

1. The 4-H/FFA member must document with the superintendent the pen that will sell and must take selected pen to the Livestock Pavilion for pictures following the poultry show.
2. An Overall Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market Poultry will be selected from the Class 1: Market Fryer, Class 2: Market Broiler, Class 3: Market Turkey Hen, Class 4: Market Turkey Tom; and must be sold at the 4-H auction, with the proceeds going to the exhibitor.

## Breeding Poultry

**Class 5 Large/Standard Chicken Breeds - Single**

**Class 6 Large/Standard Chicken Breeds – Trio (1 male, 2 females, same breed)**

**Class 7 Large/Standard Chicken Breeds – Pen of 3 (laying females)**

**Class 8 Bantam Chicken Breeds - Single**

**Class 9 Bantam Chicken Breeds – Trio (1male, 2 females, same breed)**

**Class 10 Turkeys - Single**

**Class 11 Ducks - Single**

**Class 12 Ducks – Pair (1 male, 1 female, same breed)**

**Class 13 Geese – Single**

**Class 14 Geese – Pair (1 male, 1 female, same breed)**

**Class 15 Pigeons – Single**

**Class 16 Guinea Fowl - Single**

**Class 17 Barnyard Breed - Single (fowl that may not fit into another class, such as cross-breeds)**

## Mandatory Showmanship:

The purpose of 4-H and FFA Poultry Showmanship is to teach youth about courtesy, good grooming, poise, confidence and a better knowledge of poultry. The youth should be prepared to discuss the breed of bird they are showing and should have worked with their bird enough, that they will be comfortable handling the bird and answering questions with the judge.

1. All exhibitors will be automatically entered into showmanship.
2. Showmanship is an important component of the project.
3. Failure or refusal to participate in showmanship will result in disqualification of exhibitor.
4. A schedule will be posted at check-in.
5. All ages are determined as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the prior year.

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**Junior class:** exhibitors ages 8 – 10 years old

**Intermediate class:** exhibitors ages 11 – 13 years old

**Senior class:** exhibitors ages 14 and older

6. Proper show attire is as follows: neat, clean, long pants, long-sleeved shirt, no open-toed shoes, no hats.

**Judging:**

1. The decision of the judge is final.
2. Only clerks and show officials will be allowed in the aisle during judging.

Awards ceremony will follow show.

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## OVERALL ROUND ROBIN LIVESTOCK SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

**Clinic:** July 19, 2024, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Judges Orientation:** July 20, 2024, 7:30 a.m.

**Contest:** July 20, 2024, 8:00 a.m. Livestock Pavilion

1. Members may win Overall Grand Champion Junior Showman, Overall Grand Champion Intermediate Showman, and Overall Grand Champion Senior Showman in the Round Robin Contest.
2. All exhibitors will receive certificates of merit in addition to the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Showmen receiving buckles.
3. Members may win overall grand champion in junior or intermediate classes as many times as merited.
4. Overall Grand Champion Senior Showman has the option to become a junior superintendent of the contest the following year and will be ineligible to compete that year. After skipping a year, they are eligible to compete, if still 4-H age.
5. The Round Robin High Point Winner is eligible to participate in the Colorado State Fair Master Showman Contest. If the High Point Winner is unavailable, the next highest placing will be eligible.
6. Judging will be accomplished by using appropriate score cards for each animal shown. Judges will rank exhibitors 1-14, with the lowest score winning. Example: 1st = 1 point, 2nd= 2 points, 3rd=3 points, etc.
7. Exhibitors winning the right to compete in the Round Robin should get a specific instruction booklet from the Round Robin Superintendents with the details of the contest.

### Contest Rules

1. The Round Robin Showmanship Contest will be divided into three shows: junior, intermediate, and senior.
2. Each show will consist of showmen as picked from the following departments: Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Dairy/Fiber Goats, Meat/Breeding Goats, Horses, Sheep, Swine and Dog.
3. Each of the named departments will be responsible for conducting their respective junior, intermediate, and senior showmanship contests prior to the Round Robin Contest.
4. Any competitor winning a position in the Round Robin who has additional livestock to be shown will declare his/her preference if (s)he wins in two departments.
5. Contestants must use the same animal that won the species showmanship contest in the Round Robin with the exceptions outlined below.
6. All necessary safety precautions will be taken to maximize the well-being of all participants. If any animal is considered a threat to the safety of the showman and/or the spectators, the Round Robin superintendent is to be notified and the following rules will prevail:
  - a. If any animal is considered a threat at the time of showing, the owner will show the animal initially for proper cleanliness, grooming, clipping, and condition of the animal and proper dress and appearance of the showman. At the end of this phase of competition, a substitute animal will be brought in for the remainder of the show.

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- b. If an animal is deemed unruly by the superintendent or judge, a substitute animal should be brought in immediately. In the event that an animal is substituted halfway through the competition, the youth that showed previously will have an opportunity to be judged again using the new animal.
  
- c. A substitute animal will be selected by the Round Robin Superintendent, the Round Robin Judge from the respective department, and a third person so designated by the Extension personnel.