



# 4-H Livestock, Equine & Small Animal Rules



## General

### Entries

1. All entries close on the dates published in the Adams County Fair Premium Book & FairEntry System
2. Appropriate entries must be submitted using FairEntry by the published deadline date.
3. 4-H Livestock and Horse Exhibitors must also submit a stall card online. Stalls may be assigned by the superintendent.

### Dress Code for Show and Sale

1. The following dress code is to be followed by all 4-H Livestock exhibitors while in the show and/or sale ring:
  - a. Closed-Toes shoes (Boots recommended if working with large livestock)
  - b. Clean Jeans, free of tears, rips or holes
  - c. A button down shirt, sleeves must cover shoulder.
  - d. Belt is recommended
  - e. No exposed mid-drift or skin and no exposed undergarments.
2. Deviations from the dress code will result in a request to change or you may not show or sell your animal. This dress code is not subject to personal interpretation. A superintendent, assistant superintendent, extension agent, or show ring management may deem clothing inappropriate. Review show division rules for any additional species-specific dress code requirements.

### Care of Livestock

1. Exhibitors are expected to help keep exhibit areas and barn common areas clean and attractive. All animals should be kept clean and in a presentable condition at all times.
2. While on the Adams County Fair Grounds all livestock must be cared for by their Exhibitor. Exhibitors may receive assistance from family members or other current and active Adams County 4-H members only.

### Feed and Bedding

1. All feed, feed equipment and bedding must be furnished by the exhibitor.
2. Exhibitors must feed, water, bed and otherwise care for their entries during the fair. Maintaining clean, safe, and healthy environments for animals throughout each day is expected of exhibitors.

### Stalling and Penning

1. All livestock and horse Exhibitors are responsible for turning in a stall card at time of entry.
2. All livestock and horse stalls and small animal cages will be assigned by the Department superintendent.
3. Failure to turn in a stall card for livestock or horse may result in inability to stall and show.
4. Fans are permitted but must be totally enclosed.
5. No exhibitor provided cooling systems permitted in livestock barns. (Swamp Coolers)
6. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning stalls completely as specified by department.

### Release Time

1. Release time for all Livestock exhibits is 3pm on the final day of the Fair (Sunday, Aug. 4) unless otherwise noted in department rules.
2. Families, exhibitors are not allowed to remove ANY animal prior to speaking with and getting release from the superintendent of their respective department. Removal of an animal prior to release time without approval from superintendent or 4-H agent will cause member to forfeit all animal premiums/awards and be ineligible to exhibit that species at the next year's fair.
3. If members have only tack remaining following Jr. Livestock Auction, it may be released with Superintendent approval.



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## Ethics

### Inhumane Treatment of Animals

1. Abuse of an animal in any form will not be tolerated. Electric prods will not be allowed to be used on any animal at anytime. Ice packs and ice water are not allowed (see "Animal Fitting" for further information). Any violation of this rule may result in immediate revocation of awards and possible disqualification with no recourse.

### Wholesome Meat Act

1. The Adams County Fair endorses and supports the USDA Wholesome Meat Act and insists exhibitors are in compliance. Exhibitors of all Market animal entries must certify their compliance with the 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.
  - a. An Adams County Market Animal Wholesome Meat Assurance Form, Packer Affidavit (Swine) and COOL forms must be submitted PRIOR to weighing market livestock in at designated weigh-in times.
  - b. All market animals entered must satisfy any and all antibiotic and feed additive withdrawal dates and be eligible for immediate slaughter.
  - c. Any animal exhibited is subject to a random drug tests and/or identification check(s).
  - d. Colorado Statute: 18-9-207 Regarding tampering or drugging of livestock must be followed and is fully enforceable.

### Drug Testing

1. All Grand and Reserve Grand Champion market animals may be drug tested immediately following their selection. Exhibitors are held responsible for the cost incurred for drug testing an animal if suspicious compounds are found. All premiums will be forfeited if illegal compounds are found. Any animal exhibited is subject to a random drug tests and/or identification check(s). Colorado Statute: 18-9-207; regarding tampering or drugging of livestock is fully enforceable.

### Fitting of Animal

1. All 4-H exhibitors named as owner will accept and acknowledge responsibility for the custody, care and feeding of their animal(s). 4-H exhibitors are expected to have prepared their own project animal for exhibition. While on the Adams County Fairgrounds, it is expected that animals exhibited in any 4-H show are to be handled, fitted, dressed, washed, groomed, and shown for show competition by the junior exhibitor. Experienced and older 4-H exhibitors are encouraged to provide support for young exhibitors. If needed, assistance may only be provided by immediate family members. 4-H member must be at animals side, learning and helping. If 'unique circumstances' exist, it is encouraged that exhibitors and families contact the Extension Office prior to the arrival of exhibits on the fairgrounds. Professional Fitters and/or breeders are not allowed to assist in the fitting and show preparation of any Junior Livestock Project while on the Adams County Fairgrounds.
2. Unethically Fitted Livestock: The following are termed unethical practices:
  - a. The alteration, changing, defacing or any modification of the marking of animals;
  - b. The removal, alteration, changing or purposely damaging ear tags;
  - c. The use of ice packs, towels immersed in ice water, or other refrigerants to alter the quality of the finish of an animal;
  - d. Changing the color of hair at any point, spot, or area on the animal's body;
  - e. The use of any grooming material that allows color to rub off;
  - f. Adding an artificial tail head or tail fin, artificial poll, or adding any hair like substance;
  - g. Showing an animal of ineligible age;
  - h. The use of tubes or stomach pumps is strictly prohibited. Drenching for hydration purposes is allowed using drench guns which allow the animal to swallow. Superintendent, Co-Superintendent, or Specialist must notified before drenching and present during. One of the above will provide water, electrolytes, and drench gun.
  - i. No injections of any type without a vet and Specialist present.



## Exhibitor Eligibility

### Project Requirements

1. Members who intend to exhibit their animals at the Adams County Fair must complete the following to remain eligible for fair entry and exhibition:
  - a. Enroll in respective project(s) by April 1 deadline of current 4-H year.
  - b. All members in the following projects MUST attend CSU Meat Quality Assurance Training (MQA) annually: beef, sheep, goat, swine, poultry, rabbit.
  - c. Complete and file an Animal Care and Housing Form (Primary Care) on 4HOnline (leased animals and animals not housed at member's home must turn form into Extension Office).
  - d. Market animals must be tagged at mandatory Adams County Tag-in day.
  - e. ID all animals in 4HOnline by project specific deadline of current 4-H year (see species Department for dates).
  - f. Attend Animal Record Book Interviews and present an up-to-date E-Record Book.
  - g. Enter fair classes online by entry deadline (see species Department for dates).
  - h. Complete and turn in E-Record Book by the Friday before Labor Day to the Extension Office.
2. Other species-specific or Fair class-specific requirements may exist. Review all respective Department and Class rules for full eligibility rules.

### Record Books

1. All 4-H Livestock, Horse and Small Animal Division Exhibitors must attend a pre-fair interview at which time they must present an up-to-date record book to be eligible to show at the Adams County Fair.
  - a. If the record book is determined to not be up-to-date, the member must present an up-to-date record book by the start of the Adams County Fair, 4:30pm the day of the 4-H Fashion Revue.
  - b. Refer to the "Record Book" Class under respective species Department for details on which Record book is required for each species.
2. Members must complete and turn in (by deadline) a record book for each species in which they exhibit at Fair. If a record book is not completed for each species exhibited, the member will forfeit premiums and be ineligible to exhibit that species at the next year's Fair (County or State Fair).

### Meat Quality Assurance

1. Each exhibitor entering an animal in a market or breeding livestock class (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits Departments) is required to complete training by June 1 and be in compliance of the Colorado State University Youth Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) program, as conducted by Extension or Agricultural Education Instructors, each year they intend to exhibit the above animals/species at the Adams County Fair.
2. Failure to complete this requirement will exclude the project member from showing and/or selling at the Adams County Fair.



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## Animal Eligibility

### Health Inspections/Veterinary Checks

1. All animals are subject to a health inspection upon their arrival at the Adams County Fairgrounds for exhibition. Animals must be inspected by a designated person(s) prior to their being unloaded onto the grounds. If animals are found to be unhealthy, have a communicable disease or other ailment they may be excused from exhibition and sent home. This is at the discretion of the inspecting personnel, extension staff and other designated agents.
2. Health Inspection requirements for each species are as follows:
  - a. Small Animals: All rabbits, cavies and poultry will be inspected upon their arrival at the Adams County Fair during their designated arrival times (see Department info). Cats and dogs must have proven vaccinations through the use of their 4-H E-Records.
  - b. Horse: Members may prove the health of their horses by presenting a health certificate (issued by veterinarian within 7 days of arrival date) for all horses to be exhibited to the show office upon their arrival, or arrive at designated inspections times as stated in the Horse Premium Book section.
  - c. Livestock (beef, sheep, goats, swine, llama/alpaca): All livestock MUST arrive during designated health inspection times to arrive and receive a health check free of cost. Please refer to individual Premium Book Departments for specific arrival times for all species.

### Animal Health Requirements

1. Each exhibitor is responsible for having their animals properly immunized prior to the fair.
2. All breeding animals, market animals and horses must be seen by a local veterinarian. Those showing signs of infectious, contagious, or communicable disease may be immediately withdrawn from the fair and may require removal from the premises. The decision of the veterinarian will be final. All animals on the grounds are subject to re-examination by veterinarians at any time during the fair.
3. If a market animal becomes sick after it has arrived at the Adams County Fairgrounds, the owner of the animal (or parent, superintendent, or Extension Agent) must contact a licensed veterinarian for treatment of that animal. If the veterinarian diagnosis is that the illness is not a contagious or communicable disease, it may remain on grounds and be exhibited under the approval of the veterinarian. If the animal needs medication the veterinarian will take full responsibility for the animal's treatment. If the animal is in the Junior Market Sale and the withdrawal time exceeds the slaughter time of that species, the youth must take the animal home and then slaughter the animal after the withdrawal time has been fulfilled.
4. Animals with active lesions of ringworm with resulting loss of hair or wool, or multiple warts easily visible without close examination will not be permitted to exhibit. (See Goats/Sheep health requirements below for more info)
5. Beef: It is recommended that all female beef be vaccinated for Brucellosis.
6. Horse: Horses are recommended to be immunized for Influenza, Rhinopneumonitis, Sleeping Sickness, and West Nile Virus.
7. Poultry/Rabbits/Cavies: Poultry, rabbits and cavies must be free of disease and/or parasites to show, or they will be disqualified.
8. Goats/Sheep: All sheep/goats should have a Federal Scrapie ID Tag in ear for Fair admittance. No sheep or goats will be allowed to enter the Fairgrounds without a Federal Scrapie ID Tag in their ear. All market sheep and goats must have a Federal Scrapie ID Tag in their ear by spring tag in. All breeding sheep and goats must have a Federal Scrapie ID Tag in their ear by animal ID deadline in 4HOnline. Registered goats with an ear tattoo number that corresponds with a copy of the registration papers can be used in place of the Scrapie ID tag. Registered goats with a microchip number that corresponds with a copy of registraion papers can be used in place of the Scrapie ID tag. The exhibitor is responsible for providing a functional microchip reader upon animal check in for registration number verification. Dairy goats under the age of 6 months may have a scrapies tag attached to their collar in leu of tattoo. Market lambs and sheep must be sheared at the time of the vet check to allow visible inspections for ringworm etc.



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## Animal Health Requirements Cont.

9. Cats: Cats must have current vaccinations of Rabies and FVRCP by May 1 deadline. Cat health certificates must be completed in 4-H Online ([www.co.4honline.com](http://www.co.4honline.com)) by May 1, of the current year. Rabies vaccination must have been given by a veterinarian only. Vaccinations must still be current at show time.
10. Dogs: Dogs must have proof of annual Rabies and Parvo Virus vaccination certificate issued within 1 year of show date. A copy of this certificate must be available for the superintendent. It is recommended that dogs be vaccinated for Canine Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parainfluenza, Corona Virus and Kennel Cough. Dog health certificates must be completed in 4-H Online ([www.co.4honline.com](http://www.co.4honline.com)) by May 1, of the current year. Vaccinations must still be current at show time.
11. All animals will be inspected upon their arrival at the Adams County fairgrounds. Those not meeting the requirements stated above may be disqualified from competition and are to be removed from the fairgrounds as determined by the Veterinarian and with consultation with the Extension Agent.
12. Pregnant Animals
  - a. Exhibitors with cattle, swine, ewes and does that are close to calving, farrowing, lambing or kidding are strongly advised to leave those animals at home. If those animals calve, farrow, lamb or kid while at the show, they will be isolated and/or possibly asked to leave the grounds.

## Market Animal Weight Requirements

1. All market animals must be present at the designated species weigh-in at Fair. Animals must be clean and tags clearly visible. Weight declared is official weight of animal. If requested by exhibitor, animal may be backed off scale, scale cleaned and animal re-weighed immediately. There will be no re-weighs once the animal has crossed the scale.

Beef:	Min = 1000lbs	Max = n/a
Goat:	Min = 50lbs	Max = 125lbs
Sheep:	Min = 100lbs	Max = n/a
Swine:	Min = 220lbs	Max = 290lbs
Turkey:	Min(Hen) = 10lbs   (Tom) = 12lbs	Max = 30 lbs.
Meat Rabbit:	Min = 3lbs	Max = 5.5lbs
Meat Pen Poultry:	Min = 4lbs	Max = 11lbs

\*no more than 1/2lb weight difference between each bird in pen

2. Heavyweight animals will be shown in heavyweight classes.
3. Underweight animals will be shown in the feeder classes.
4. Feeder and Heavyweight animals are not eligible for Champion/Reserve Champion or for the Junior Livestock Sale (as indicated by weights in the Jr. Market Livestock Sale Rules)
5. Feeder and Heavyweight animals may be used in showmanship.
6. A single animal cannot be shown as both a market animal and a breeding animal. An animal is officially a market animal after it crosses the scale at the County Fair weigh-in.
7. Market goats and lambs must have milk teeth; baby teeth must be intact at the time of processing. This may be verified by superintendent or judge as deemed necessary.

## Ownership/Identification Requirements

1. 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, or registration certificates as may be appropriate to the species. Except members in the recognized 'lease an animal (LAA)' program. All papers must be available for inspection.
2. Each animal entered in a market class shall be identified by an ear tag and ear notches or retinal scans. If ear tags are required and a tag is lost, the Superintendent or Extension Office must be contacted immediately. The ear tag will then be replaced. If livestock arrives at the fair with no ear tag, without prior notification to Superintendent or Extension staff, it may be subject to disqualification.



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## Ownership/Identification Requirements Cont.

3. Ownership Deadlines- 4-H Livestock and Small animal projects must be owned by and be under the exhibitors name as specified below. The official ownership is the date on the receipt of sale and possession, unless the animal was bred by the exhibitor, then it is the day the animal was born. All market animals, must be owned by the designated tag-in date for that species.
  - a. Beef: Market – Owned by County Tag-in (1st Saturday in March), ID in 4HOnline by June 1
  - b. Swine: Market – Owned, tagged, and ID on 4HOnline by May 1
  - c. Sheep: Market – Owned by County Tag-in (last weekend of April), ID in 4HOnline by June 1
  - d. Goats: Market - Owned by County Tag-in (last weekend of April), ID in 4HOnline by June 1
  - e. Poultry – Owned and ID on 4HOnline by June 15
  - f. Llama/Alpaca – Owned/leased and ID on 4HOnline by June 1
  - g. Horse - Owned/leased and ID on 4HOnline by May 1
  - h. Dog – Owned and ID on 4HOnline by May 1
  - i. Cat - Owned and ID on 4HOnline by May 1
  - j. Rabbit – Owned and ID on 4HOnline by May 1
  - k. Rabbit: Meat Doe – Owned and ID on 4HOnline by April 1
  - l. Cat, Cavy & Pocket Pet: Owned and ID on 4HOnline by June 1
  - m. ALL BREEDING LIVESTOCK OWNED BY JUNE 1st (& ID on 4HOnline)
4. At any time during the project year, each exhibitor agrees to provide ownership documents for inspection by the Extension Office, species superintendent or their designee(s).
5. Primary Care Forms are now required to be sent to Extension Office for filing.
6. All project animals intended for exhibition at the Adams County Fair MUST be entered in 4-H Online no later than deadline date listed above. Animals not entered in the 4-H Online system WILL NOT be eligible for exhibition.
7. To be eligible to show at the Adams County Fair, all market animals must be identified on a designated identification day.
8. Animals not entered in regularly scheduled classes will not be permitted on the grounds without prior Extension Staff approval.
9. All Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market beef, sheep and goats will have their microchips read to verify animal identity. Any exhibitor found to be substituting animals intended for exhibition at the Adams County Fair could immediately forfeit any and all premiums accrued at the current fair. This may be grounds for disqualification from the current year's fair and from future membership in Adams County 4-H and/or Colorado 4-H.
10. Sharing of project animals is not permitted except in the horse project.

## General/Show

1. Failure to show animals when class is called will not justify a class recall.
2. Once observed by the judge in its respective class, any market entry that qualifies for further competition must continue to exhibit in the show.
3. Animals must be shown by the exhibitor. If the exhibitor has a conflict of another fair class or multiple animals in one class another Adams County 4-H member may show the animal with prior notification and Superintendent approval (with the exception of Showmanship which allows no exhibitor substitutions).
4. In Showmanship classes, members must compete with an animal identified under their own name. Exceptions may be considered by 4-H Specialist in cases of hardship such as death of an animal. An animal will not be permitted to show in multiple showmanship classes.
5. Any livestock deemed uncontrollable by the consulting Extension Specialist will be excused from the show ring or the fairgrounds depending on the severity of the situation.
6. All showmanship animals must be eligible for another class.
7. Superintendent will break down classes, with final approval from the Extension Specialist. The Superintendent reserves the right to combine or cancel classes or breeds in which less than three (3) are entered, also to add a new breed or class where there are three (3) or more entries to warrant the addition.