



## General Livestock Rules

### These apply to both Junior Market and Open Livestock Shows

- *Entries close on the last business day of July.*
  - *Entry Fees: \$10.00 per head for all species.*
  - *\$2.00 per head additional for County Bred Steer, Lamb and Goat Shows.*
  - *\$2.00 per head additional for Showmanship.*
  - *Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, Best of Breed and 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Places will be awarded in each Department.*
1. New Mexico Livestock Board Regulations and all General Rules and Regulations will apply. Some Departments have additional rules.
  2. All Market Livestock **must** be on the Fairgrounds by **6:00 pm on Tuesday of the Fair**. Livestock can be brought to the Fairgrounds at the times shown on the Calendar of Events and the Delivery Times for Exhibit shown in this book. These are the only times the New Mexico Department of Agriculture and the New Mexico Livestock Inspectors will be available. All animals must remain on the Fairgrounds until released by the Superintendents.
  3. Classifier and Judges decisions are **final**.
  4. Classes will be determined by the Superintendents. Steers will be classed by hip height and will be weighed for sale and packer purposes only. Swine and lambs will be classified by the exhibitor at check-in, subject to the classifier's approval. Lambs and swine will be shown by breed and classed by weight. Lambs and swine will show at the discretion of the classifier. Market goats will be classed by weight. **There will be no top weight for classification purposes.**
  5. All animals entered in the market classes will be officially weighed on Tuesday evening of the Fair. Animals must meet the minimum weight or will be ineligible to show at the Fair. **There will be no re-weighs.** Minimum Weights will be:
    - a. Steers - 900 lbs.
    - b. Lambs - 80 lbs. (Southdowns minimum is 70 lbs.)
    - c. Swine - 180 lbs.
    - d. Cabritos - 60 lbs
  6. County-Bred animals shall include qualified Market Steers, Goats, and Lambs that have been **bred, born and raised** in Otero County. Awards will be presented to the winning exhibitors and breeders in the County-Bred Steer, Lamb and Goat Shows. For the County-Bred Steer, Lamb, and Goat Shows, exhibitors will pay the \$2.00 fee to show one animal. They may register all their county-bred steers, lambs, and goats, but will select only one prior to entering the ring for the show.
  7. **Eligibility:**
    - a. The Junior Market Livestock Show is open to any bona fide Otero county FFA or 4-H

member currently in good standing with their FFA Chapter and 4-H Club and meet the age requirement for their organization.

b. The Open Livestock Show is open to any resident of Otero County.

#### 8. Ownership & Verification:

a. Animals must be owned by and in the possession of the exhibitor by the following deadlines for each specie:

(1) Steers – Last beef tag day of the current year.

(2) Heifers – Last beef tag day of the current year.

(3) Lambs, Cabritos, Swine and Stewer Rabbit – Last small animal tag day of the current year.

(4) 4-H/FFA Broiler Pen – Last small animal tag day of the current year.

b. At the time of verification the following must be provided:

(1) A copy of a valid bill of sale for all purchased animals.

(2) A copy of a proof of birth for all heifers.

(3) A copy of ear notch papers for all swine.

(4) A copy of receipt from bird purchase.

c. Animals properly tagged and entered in the Otero County Fair in one exhibitor's name may be shown by another **sibling** in the immediate family, provided:

(1) both exhibitors reside at the same address and the animals have been fed and care for by the family,

(2) the substitute sibling must have at least one entry in the Otero County Fair of the same species, and

(3) the animal must meet all eligibility requirements.

(4) The deadline of any change in exhibitors **must** be made by the last business day of August. The exhibitor of record must notify the Fair Office of any exhibitor change. The Fair Office **will not** accept any changes after the deadline.

9. All 4-H and FFA exhibitor's entries **MUST** be completed online by midnight of August 15, 2018. **NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.** Exhibitors will be required to pre-register for showmanship by the August 15th online deadline. Exhibitors must have an animal entered in each species they wish to enter for showmanship. Exhibitors will pay \$2.00 per species for showmanship when completing the online entry.

10. Delivery and removal of Livestock will be in accordance with the Calendar of Events and Delivery Times for Exhibits shown in this book.

11. All animals must be in good physical condition and coats must be clean and groomed.

a. All animals entered in the Junior Market Livestock Show, and Open Shows will be reviewed by a committee appointed by, and including, the Superintendent.

b. Inferior animals, or others not complying with all stated rules, will be eliminated and must be removed from the Fairgrounds at the discretion of the Superintendents.

c. If available, a licensed veterinarian will examine the animal and notify the superintendent if it needs to be released for medical reasons. If a veterinarian is not available, i.e., at night or cannot be reached, the animal will be observed by any superintendent, as well as any member(s) of the Junior Livestock Committee or Fair Board that are available, to decide on medical release of the animal.

d. If an animal becomes sick or injured, a licensed veterinarian must be consulted, deem any treatment necessary, and administer any medications. Any livestock superintendent or Fair Board member must be present during the consultation and administration of medications.

- e. No medicated animal will be sold in the Junior Livestock Sale or by private treaty if it does not meet USDA withdrawal requirements by the start time of the Junior Livestock Sale.
- 12. All market animals will arrive at the Fair clipped/sheared in order to enter the fair. No body clipping will be allowed on the fairgrounds but exhibitors will be allowed to do touch ups to prepare their animals. There will be no animal clipping in the wash racks.
- 14. The horns of market goats will be no longer than 2 inches and must be tipped for safety purposes.
- 15. Fans will be allowed in the steer barn; however, the fans must be off the ground and attached securely to a tie rack or fan cage. Electrical cords must not be a safety hazard. Fans will be turned off on the day of the show and remain off until the conclusion of the steer show.
- 16. All exhibitors must check with the Livestock Superintendents upon arrival.
- 17. In accordance with the New Mexico Livestock Board Regulations:
  - a. All Market Steers must bear the registered brand of the exhibitor; **or** they must be fire branded with the letters “4H” to the left jaw, or “A” for FFA to the right jaw; **or** if they bear the New Mexico brand of the breeder, they must be accompanied by a written statement giving permission to feed, show and sell the steer under the brand of the breeder.
  - b. All Breeding Heifers must bear a registered brand. All Market Lambs and Market Goats must be ear tattooed in the left ear with “4-H” or in the right ear with “A” for FFA.
  - c. All Market Swine must be ear notched.
- 18. Exhibitors considering obtaining out-of-state swine should contact the Livestock Inspector prior to purchase to determine testing requirements.
- 19. The Otero County Fair Association (OFCA) reserves the right to conduct random drug testing.

## **20. Gender Requirements**

### **a. Market Livestock**

- (1) Calves – steers only
- (2) Lambs – wethers and ewes
- (3) Swine – barrows and gilts
- (4) Goats – doelings and wethers

### **b. Open Livestock – no requirements except as noted in specific departments.**

- (1) Calves – heifers or breeding cattle
- (2) Lambs and Goats – no requirement

### **c. All doelings and ewes must have a scrapies tag or tattoo to enter the fairgrounds.**

21. Livestock will **NOT** be eligible to be shown in both the Junior Livestock Show and the Open Show, but may be used for Pee Wee Showmanship.
22. All exhibitors must display an exhibitor card or other identifying item.
23. If livestock is not properly cared for, necessary items will be supplied and charged to the exhibitor. Abuse of any livestock or animal on the Fairground premises will not be tolerated. Premium money or sale price apply toward expenses incurred. The Fair Board reserves the right to refuse entry to any exhibitor who fails to give proper care to his or her animal, or who participates in the abuse of any animal.
24. The following are termed **Unethical Practices**:
  - a. Animals that have been given any form of intoxicating beverage, tranquilizer, substance or other drug affecting mood or attitude prior to judging.
  - b. Use of any substance administered internally or used externally to alter the appearance or conformation of an animal for exhibition. This includes the use of graphite, powders, dyes, hemp, false tail heads, glued-on hair, or hair-like substances, or other similar substances externally, steroids, growth stimulants, diuretic, or artificial filling internally. Judges are requested to report to the Superintendent or Fair Board any animal upon which a surgical operation has been performed to improve their “show” appearance, except dehorning, including surgical dehorning by a licensed veterinarian.
  - c. The use of any chemical or compound that is not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for use in meat producing animals, and the illegal use of approved chemicals or compounds is prohibited. Unapproved is deemed to mean not approved by the FDA and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals. If an animal passes all USDA test but fails any FDA testing for the presence of drugs or other chemicals, the animal will be condemned by the Fair Board and not allowed for consumption.
25. A current Junior Livestock exhibitor’s parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters, or any New Mexico 4-H Leader, County Agent or Agricultural Education Teacher may offer instruction and assistance to the exhibitor in preparing his/her animal. Advice and demonstration may be given by individuals other than the above named to those who are fitting the animal, but it is the responsibility of the above named to actually fit the animal.
26. Exhibitors must be present and actively involved during the Fair. Any exhibitor, or a member of his or her family, found guilty of any practice deemed unethical by the Fair Board or Superintendents will result in the exhibitor’s forfeiture of all premium and sale money, if any, over the packer’s bid. Treatment deemed inhumane by the Fair Board or the Superintendents will result in the immediate release of an exhibitor and his exhibits from the Fairgrounds. The owner of the animal will be barred from future participation until such time as reinstatement is made by the Fair Board.
27. Only exhibitors and officials will be allowed in the show ring while animals are being judged. All animals must be shown by their owner, both in the judging arena and the sale ring. No exceptions will be made unless the owner has a valid reason acceptable to the Superintendents or Fair Board. If an exhibitor has more than one entry in a class, an additional qualified livestock exhibitor may be used in the show. Failure to comply with the above will result in forfeiting premium, sale, add-on, or packer monies, if any.

28. There shall be a dress code for exhibitors when showing an animal, in a show or in the sale, and when assisting with the bidders' supper to include:

- a. Clean and neat jeans or slacks; no shorts,
- b. Shirt with a collar and sleeves, with the tail tucked in; no T-shirts or tank tops,
- c. Hard soled shoes or boots; no sandals.
- d. Costumes of any type will **NOT** be allowed.

In addition, exhibitors must follow the 4-H or FFA dress codes throughout the entire week of the Otero County Fair and during other fair related activities (examples of other fair related activities: visits to potential livestock sale buyers', tag days, etc.). Contact your County Extension Agent or FFA Advisor if you have any questions regarding the 4-H or FFA dress codes. Exhibitors not in compliance with the dress code will receive a verbal warning. Failure of exhibitors to comply with the dress code after receiving a verbal warning will include disqualification for the remainder of the current fair, hence not being able to participate in the sale of their livestock and/or receiving a premium.

29. There shall be no Livestock Rules changes within six (6) months prior to the Fair.

30. The Fair Board may disqualify any exhibitor from present and future participation, including withholding of premium, sale, add-on or packer monies for any violation of rules or policies.

31. **The decision of the judges shall be final and no appeal will be considered except in case of a protest.**

**32. Protests:**

- a. All protests will be determined by the Fair Board and must be made in writing to the Fair Board, accompanied by an affidavit setting forth grounds for protest and a deposit of \$100.00, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained.
- b. Protests against the exhibition of an entry must be filed, considered, and determined before a section is judged.
- c. Protests against an award must be filed within one (1) hour after conclusion of the show on the day the award was made, and will be considered and determined at the first meeting of the Fair Board following the Fair.
- d. In addition to the right of protest guaranteed above to interested parties, the Fair Board reserves the right to take cognizance of any fraud, consummated or attempted, and to deal with all persons implicated therein, in such manner within the limits of the power of the Fair Board as may, from the evidence relating thereto, be deemed just and proper.
- e. Interested parties will be duly notified of the time and place for considering protests and given the opportunity to submit evidence.

**33. Exhibitor Requirements:**

- a. Exhibitors are required to assist with trash clean up in the Livestock Barn during the Fair. Each 4-H Club and FFA Chapter will be assigned a designated time following the events scheduled in the Livestock Barn for trash clean up. Approximately one month prior to the fair the Extension Agent(s) and FFA Teacher(s) will notify each of the 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters of their trash clean up assignment.
- b. **Exhibitors** are responsible for recruiting potential buyers for the Junior Livestock Sale. The 4-H agent will assign a list of buyers for each exhibitor to visit prior to the Junior Livestock Sale. Exhibitors will be provided with a packet of information to distribute to potential buyers. Exhibitors must submit written documentation of personal visits completed with potential buyers to the 4-H agent prior to the Fair.
- c. All exhibitors are required to assist with the Bidders' Supper and Junior Livestock Sale on Saturday. This will include set-up, clean-up, serving the supper, and other necessary tasks before, during, and after the supper and sale. During the Junior Livestock Exhibitors' Meeting on Tuesday Evening in the Livestock Barn Show Ring, the Extension Agent(s) and FFA Teacher(s) will assign responsibilities to each exhibitor for assisting with the Bidders' Supper and Junior Livestock Sale.

#### 34. **Species Specific Rules:**

##### **a. 4-H / FFA Broiler Pen of 3 Class**

Premium payouts for all premium eligible classes will be based on the amount turned in to the fair office prior to the fair. Premium payout schedules will be posted in various areas throughout the barn Wednesday morning of the fair.

1. This show is subject to the Otero County Fair general livestock rules and regulations, the junior show rules and regulations, and to the livestock rules section.
2. 4-H/FFA Broiler Chickens, Pen of 3, must be verified on the designated tag/verification dates and entry fees paid online. Broiler Chickens will be entered according to the calendar of events and delivery times for exhibits shown in the book.
3. Broiler chicks may be ordered from a reputable breeder/hatchery. Ownership must be shown during tag day by proof of purchase or receipt listing order date.
4. All birds must be banded.
5. A sifting committee, with the Poultry Superintendent as one member, will inspect entries to eliminate entries not in proper show condition. Sick and diseased birds will be refused entry and if discovered at any time from the point of check in throughout the continuation of the show, will be removed from show grounds and will no longer be eligible for competition.
6. If the bird expires between check in/preliminary scoring and call back of its respective quality group, the pen will be placed at the bottom of its respective quality group. If the bird expires in the arena during final evaluation, placing within its respective quality group will be left to the judge.

7. Exhibitors are only allowed two alternate birds that have been banded and validated in the name of the exhibitor. No more than 2 birds can be kept for alternate birds on site and must be registered as alternate birds on tag day.
8. Birds cannot be removed from the assigned cage after they are cooped, except by permission of the show superintendent. Birds may be touched, handled and managed inside the cage only by the owner of the birds.
9. Each exhibitor is required to supply their own feed. Each exhibitor is required to bring containers of their choice for feed and water providing that they do not comprise the space allotted to the other exhibitors.
10. The official broiler order form will serve to meet the requirement of the Pullorum Disease Fowl Typhoid Act of 1977 and no other broiler health papers need to be submitted for this show.
11. Birds must be under 10 weeks old and between 3 and 5½ pounds. Meat pen birds cannot be entered in another class.
12. All meat birds are judged together.
13. Must be more than 3 entries to make the class.
14. Each exhibitor will be allowed one holding cage in the facility per entry.

**b. 4-H /FFA Stewer Rabbit Class**

Premium payouts for all premium eligible classes will be based on the amount turned in to the fair office prior to the fair. Premium payout schedules will be posted in various areas throughout the barn Wednesday morning of the fair.

1. 4-H/FFA Stewer Rabbits must be verified and entry fees paid on the designated tag/verification dates.
2. Rabbits nails shall be clipped to 1/8 inch of the quick.
3. Each exhibit shall consist of a stewer rabbit.
4. All rabbits must have a legible tattoo in the left ear prior to showing.
5. Rabbits must be at least 6 months old and not older than 12 months; must weigh a minimum of 7 pounds at the time of the show; and must not have been shown previously at the Otero County Fair.
6. Exhibitors will be allowed to post advertising and ribbons on coops **after** judging is complete. Advertising will be limited to one (1) card per coop.

**c. Open Rabbit Show**

1st through 6th Places in each class will be awarded ribbons.

1. Rabbits will be delivered to the Fairgrounds, entered, and picked up according to the Calendar of Events and the Delivery Times for Exhibits shown in the book.
2. No animal may be removed from the barn without Superintendent's approval.
3. All rabbits must have a legible tattoo in the left ear prior to showing.

4. Substitutions will be allowed in the same breed, variety, sex, and class when put on table for judging.
5. Entries will be open to all breed rabbits.
6. Exhibitors are responsible for getting their rabbits to the judging table as soon as the class is called. There will be no re-judging of a class.
7. Absolutely **no** sick or injured rabbits will be allowed in the building.
8. Rabbits nails shall be clipped to 1/8 inch of the quick.

d. **Open Cattle**

1. Any bull shown at the Fair must be manageable and be shown with a nose lead.
2. If at any time an animal is unmanageable or unsafe the exhibitor will be asked to take that individual animal home.



# ***Livestock Classification***

## **Department Cattle –**

### **Division - Junior Market Steers**

Classes Shown Short to Tall

1. Steers

### **Division – Open Cattle**

1. Heifer calved between September 1 and December 31 of the prior year.
2. Heifer calved between May 1 and August 31 of the prior year.
3. Heifer calved between January 1 and April 30 of the prior year.
4. Bull
5. Dairy

## **Department Sheep –**

### **Division - Junior Market Lamb**

Classes Shown Light to Heavy

1. Western Wool Breeds  
*Rambouillet, Delaine, Deboutillet, Columbia, Corriedale, Panaman, Taghee, and crosses between these breeds.*
2. Speckle Face  
*Lambs that are crosses of wool breeds and medium wool breeds and other pure breeds.*
3. Black Face  
*Suffolks, Hampshires, and crosses between these two breeds.*
4. Southdowns

### **Division - Open Lamb**

1. Breeding

## **Department Swine –**

### **Division - Junior Market Swine**

Classes Shown Light to Heavy

- 1 Other Pure Breeds - to include all other pure breeds not listed below.
- 2 Duroc
- 3 Hampshire
- 4 Cross

### **Division - Open Swine**

Classes Shown Light to Heavy

## Department Cabritos –

### Division - Junior Market Cabritos

Classes Shown Light to Heavy

### Division - Open Cabritos

1. Dairy
2. Pygmy
3. Breeding

## Department Poultry –

### Division – 4-H/FFA Broiler Pen of 3

### Division – Open Poultry

1. Chickens (Not restricted to pure breeds)
  - a. Cock
  - b. Cockerel
  - c. Hen
  - d. Pullet
2. Turkeys
  - a. Old Tom
  - b. Old Hen
  - c. Yearling Tom
  - d. Yearling Hem
3. Ducks
4. Geese
5. Bantams

## Department Rabbits –

### Division – 4-H/FFA Stewers

### Division – Open Rabbits

1. All Breeds
2. Class 4
3. Class 6

