



General Livestock Rules

1. New Mexico Livestock Board Regulations and all General Rules and Regulations will apply.
 - a) All Market Steers must bear the registered brand of the exhibitor or they must be fire branded with '4H' on left jaw (4H members), an 'A' (FFA members), or bear the registered brand of a NM Breeder. They must be accompanied by a written statement giving permission for the junior to show and sell the steer under that brand.
 - b) All breeding heifers must bear a registered brand.
 - c) All Market Lambs and Market Goats must be tattooed in the left ear with '4H' for 4H members or in the right ear an 'A' for FFA members.
 - d) All Market Swine must be ear notched.
 - e) Please be aware of any import requirements and contact your local Brand Inspector and/or the State Vet with any questions.

2. Classifier and Judge's decisions are FINAL. There will be no re-weighs.

3. Eligibility
 - a) The Junior Livestock show and the Junior Breeding Livestock Show are open to any Otero County FFA or 4H member currently in good standing wither FFA Chapter and 4H Club and meet the age requirement for their organization.
 - b) The Open Livestock Show is open to any resident of Otero County.
 - c) Animals cannot be shown in both the Junior show and the Open show.

4. Animals must be owned by and in the possession of the exhibitor by the deadlines outline in each species.
 - a) Steers/Heifers: May 1st of the current year or the last large animal tag day.
 - b) 4H/FFA Broiler Pen: Proof of purchase by last designated tag day.
 - c) Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Hog, Stewer Rabbit: June 15th of the current year or the last designated tag day.

- d) If you cannot make either of the announced tag days, please contact your 4H Leader or FFA Instructor.
5. At the time of verification, the following must be provided:
- a) A copy of the bill of sale establishing ownership before stated deadline for each species.
 - I. Must include birthdate for Heifers.
 - b) A copy of Ear Notch papers for Market Hogs purchased inside New Mexico and a copy of health papers indicating ear notches for hogs bought from out of state.
 - c) A receipt for birds purchased.
6. Animals properly tagged and entered in the Otero County Fair may be shown by another exhibitor in the immediate family provided;
- a) Both exhibitors reside at the same address and the animals have been fed and cared for by the family.
 - b) The substitute sibling must have at least one entry in the Otero County Fair in the same species.
 - c) The animal must meet all eligibility requirements.
 - d) All changes must be made by check-in the Tuesday of the Fair.
7. All entries must be made online by the 15th of August. No entries will be accepted after that.
8. Exhibitors will be required to register for Showmanship and must have an animal in that species at County Fair.
- a) Divisions will be
 - I. Cattle (Steers and Heifers)
 - II. Hogs
 - III. Goats
 - IV. Lambs
 - b) Ages for Showmanship will be 9-13 for Junior and 14-19 for Senior. Ages will be determined by the age of the exhibitor on January 1 of the current show year.
 - c) Exhibitors who entered properly in both the Junior Show and Showmanship that did not make weight may still show in the Showmanship if all other entries were done correctly.
9. All Exhibitors must display an Exhibitor Card or another identifying board for contact purposes in case of emergency.
10. An Exhibitor Meeting will be held Tuesday evening before weigh-ins will begin. Any pertinent information will be relayed at that time.

11. Arrival and removal of livestock will coincide with the posted schedule for the current year. Releases will be given once packer trucks are loaded and your staffs are cleaned and checked out by a Superintendent on Sunday.
12. A current Junior Livestock Exhibitor's parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters, or any New Mexico 4H Leader, County Agent or Agricultural Education Teach may offer instruction and assistance to the Exhibitor in preparing his/her anima. Advice and demonstration may be given by individuals other than the above, to those who are fitting the animal, but it is the responsibility of the above named to actually fit the animal.
13. Exhibitors are expected to be present and actively involved in the care of their animals during the Fair.
14. All Sheep and Goats must be sheared to one quarter in an inch (1/4") above the hock before entering the Fairgrounds.
15. No Hogs may be snared or clipped on the grounds.
16. No animal clipping in the wash rack.
17. Only Exhibitors and Fair Officials will be allowed in the Show Ring while animals are being judged.
18. Animals must be shown and sold by their owner except when:
 - a) The owner has more than one entry in a class.
 - I. The additional showman must be eligible and have other livestock entries at this year's fair.
 - b) The owner has a valid reason that has the Superintendent and Fairboard approval.
19. There shall be a dress code for Exhibitors when showing an animal, in a show or in the sale, and when assisting the Bidder's Supper to include:
 - a) Clean and neat jeans or slacks.
 - b) Shirt with a collar and sleeves, with the tail tucked in.
 - c) Hared soled shoes or boots.
 - d) No costumes of any type will be allowed.
20. Exhibitors must follow the 4H or FFA dress codes throughout the entire week of the Otero County Fair and during other Fair related activities (Bidder's Supper, visits to potential livestock sale buyers, tag days, etc.) Contact your County Extension Agent or FFA Advisor if you have any questions regarding the 4H 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 of the remainder of the current Fair and forfeiture of prizes or monies earned.

21. The Fairboard may disqualify any Exhibitor from present and future participation, including withholding of premium, sale, add-on or packer monies for any violation of rules policies.

Animal Care

1. All animals entered in Junior Livestock and Open shows must be in Good physical condition and be kept clean and well taken care of as well as their pens for the duration of the time on the Otero County Fairgrounds.

2. Animals in poor conditions or that do not comply with the stated rules for each species may be sent home at the discretion of the Superintendents.

3. If an animal becomes sick or injured, a Licensed Veterinarian will examine the animal and notify the Superintendents if treatment or release is necessary. If a Veterinarian is unavailable the Superintendents and Fairboard will make a decision they feel is in the best interest of the animal.

- a) No medication or treatment can be administered while at the Fairgrounds without the supervised administration by a Licensed Veterinarian and the responsible Superintendent.
- b) No animal that has not cleared all FDA and USDA required withdrawal times may be shown or sold throughout the Junior Livestock Sale.

4. If Livestock is not properly cared for, necessary items will be supplied and charged to the Exhibitor.

5. Abuse of any animal will result in immediate disqualification and forfeiture of any prizes or monies. The Fairboard reserves the right to reject any entry to anyone who participates in the abuse of any animal.

6. The following are termed UNETHICAL PRACTICES:

- a) Animals that have been given any form of intoxicating beverage, tranquillizer, substance or other drug affecting mood or attitude prior to judging. Except in the case of an Over the Counter product that is labeled for that species.
- 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, hemp, false tail heads, glued-on hair, or hair-like substances, or other similar substances externally, steroids, diuretic, or artificial filling internally by stomach pump. Judges are requested to report to the Superintendent or Fairboard any animal upon which surgical operation has been performed to improve their "show" appearance, except surgical dehorning.
- c) There will be no changing of major color patterns with dyes or paints.
- d) The use of any chemical or compound that is not approved by the USDA and FDA for the specific species can result in immediate disqualification.
- e) Any Exhibitor whose animal has been found to be contaminated by an unethical fitting proactive by the Superintendents and Fairboard will result in the forfeiture of all premium and sale money, if any, over the packers bid.

- f) Any Exhibitor and their family found guilty of unethical fitting will be barred from competition until such time as reinstatement is made by the Fairboard.

Protests

1. The decision of the judges shall be final, and no appeal will be considered except in the case of a protest.
 - a) All protests will be determined by the Fairboard and must be made in writing to the Fairboard, accompanied by an affidavit setting forth ground 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 awarded must be filed within one hour of the conclusion of the show on the day the award was made and will considered and determined at the first meeting of the Fairboard following the Fair.
 - d) In addition to the right of protest guaranteed above to interested parties, the Fairboard reserves the right to take cognizance of any fraud, consummated or attempted, and to deal with all persons implicated therein, in such a manner within the limits of power of the Fairboard as may, from the evidence relating thereto, be deemed just and proper.
 - e) Interested parties will be dully notified of the time and place for considering protests and given the opportunity to submit evidence.

Exhibitor Requirements

1. Exhibitors are required to assist with trash clean up in the Livestock Barn during the Fair. Each 4H 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 Agents and FFA Advisors will notify each of the 4H Clubs and FFA Chapters of their trash clean up assignment.
2. Exhibitors are responsible for recruiting potential buyers for the Junior Livestock Sake. The 4H 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 4H Agent prior the Fair.
3. All Exhibitors are required to assist with the Bidder's Supper and Junior Livestock Sale on Saturday. This will include setup, cleanup, serving the supper, and other necessary tasks before, during and after the supper and sale, During the Junior Livestock Exhibitor's meeting on Tuesday Evening in the Livestock Barn Show Ring, the Extension Agents and FFA Advisors will assign responsibilities to each exhibitor.

Junior Market Livestock - Entry Fees: \$10 per head for all species and \$2 for Showmanship

Market Hogs

1. Arrival weigh in and release will follow the stated times in the official schedule.
2. Classes will be broken by weight and breed. Gilts and barrows are eligible. The minimum weight is 180lbs, there is no maximum.
 - a) The Classifier will decide breed designation at weigh in. All Classification decisions are final. Please refer to Hog Breed Descriptions for definitions.
 - b) Breeds represented:
 - I. OPB Otero Pure Bred appearing
 - II. Duroc appearing
 - III. Hampshire appearing
 - IV. Crossbred

Market Goats

1. Arrival weigh in and release will follow the stated times in the official schedule.
2. Classes will be broken by weight. Wethers and Does are eligible to show. The minimum weight is 50lbs. There is no maximum.
3. Horns must be tipped and shorter than 2 (two) inches.

Market Lambs

1. Arrival weigh in and release will follow the stated times in the official schedule.
2. Classes will be broken by weight and breed. Wethers and Ewes are eligible to show. The minimum weight is 70lbs. for Southdowns and 80lbs. for all others.
 - a) Classifier will decide bred designation at weigh in. All classification decisions are final. *For guidelines and more specific descriptions please reference the Texas Market Lamb Classification standards revised September 2013. We do NOT have a dorper division.*
 - b) Breeds represented are:
 - I. Finewool (Western Wool Breeds)
 1. Rambouillet, Delaine, Debotillet or a cross between these breeds.
 - II. Finewool Cross (Speckle Face)
 1. Must be a cross with evidence of at least 50% Finewool breeding and the remaining percentage showing predominance of Suffolk or Hampshire Breeding.
 - III. Southdown
 1. Must show a predominance of Southdown breed characteristics.
 - IV. Medium Wool (Blackface)

1. Suffolk and Hampshire bred animals as well as those that do not fit the above breed Designations.

Market Steers/Heifers

1. Arrival weigh in and release will follow the stated times in the official schedule.
2. Classes will be broken by weight. There is a minimum weight of 900lbs. There is no maximum.
3. Classes show light to heavy.
4. Heifer Classes will be broken by birthday into the following classes:
 - a) Heifers calved between September 1 and December 31 of the previous year.
 - b) Heifers calved between May 1 and August 31 of the previous year.
 - c) Heifers calved between January 1 and April 30 of the previous year.

4-H/FFA Broiler Pen of 3 Class

1. Premium payouts for all eligible classes will be based on the amount turned into the fair office prior to the Fair. Premium payout schedules will be posted in various areas throughout the fair during the week of fair.
2. Ownership must be verified on the designated tag/verification dates and entry fees paid online. Broiler Chickens must be entered in accordance with the official schedule.
3. Broiler chicks may be ordered from a reputable breeder/hatchery.
4. All birds must be banded by the Poultry Superintendent.
5. A sifting committee, with the Poultry Superintendent, will inspect the 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 the Fairgrounds and will no longer be eligible for competition.
6. If a bird expires between check in/preliminary score in 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 two (2) birds may 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 compromise 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 5.5lbs. 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.

Division – 4HH/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 Hen
3. Ducks
4. Geese
5. Bantams

4-H/FFA Stewer Rabbit Class

1. Premium payouts for all premium eligible classes will be based on the amount turned into the fair office prior to the Fair. Premium payout schedules will be posted in various areas throughout the barn during the week of Fair.
2. 4-H/FFA Stewer Rabbits must be verified and entry fees paid on the designated tag/verification dates as laid out in the official calendar.
3. Rabbits must have legible tattoo in the left ear prior to tag day.
4. Rabbit nails need to be clipped to 1/8 in of the quick.
5. Each exhibit shall consist of a stewer rabbit.
6. Rabbits must be at least six (6) months old and not older than twelve (12) months; must weigh a minimum of seven (7) pounds at the time of the show. They must not have been shown previously at the Otero County Fair.
7. Exhibitors will be allowed to post advertising and ribbons on coops after judging is complete. Advertising will be limited to one card per coop.

County Bred Show – Entry Fess \$2 per head

1. County Bred show shall include Hogs, Goats, Lambs, and Steers that were bred, born, and raised in Otero County.
2. Awards will be presented to the Breeders and Exhibitors of the winning animals.

Junior Livestock Sale

1. Please check the Official Schedule for start time and schedule.
2. All animals sold will be assessed a five (5) percent commission to include sale process and Add On's.
3. The number of sale slots for the Junior Livestock Sale will be determined the week following the last tag day in June according to verified entries. A maximum of the following will be sold in the Sale:
 - a) The eighteen (18) top qualifying Market Hogs
 - b) The fourteen (14) top qualifying Market Cabritos

- c) The sixteen (16) top qualifying Market Lambs
- d) The ten (10) top qualifying Market Steers

4. The Grand and Reserve of each species must sell.

5. Each exhibitor may sell only one (1) animal of each species, and may sell a total of two (2) animals unless:

- a) An exhibitor has Grand and Reserve in the same species, both must sell.
- b) An exhibitor has more than one Grand or Reserve Champion animal. All must sell.

6. The maximum weights for Packer and Sale purposes are: