



FOOTNOTES

SELF DETERMINED FORMS DUE

A self determined project is one you design yourself. This project allows you to pursue subjects not offered in traditional 4-H projects. Members have exhibited a variety of projects such as solar system, the Great Depression, chaine-maille jewelry, etc. There are endless opportunities for you to show your skills and explore your interest with a self determined project. Before you begin a project, you must complete the required paperwork and turn it in to the Extension Office for approval **by 5pm May 1, 2020.**

Forms are available at the Extension Office or online at:

http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/projects/_manuals/self-determined-manual.pdf

DOG ID'S DUE

All members planning to show a dog at county fair must complete an ID form and turn in current vaccination records. Forms may be picked up at the Extension Office or online at:

http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/projects/_files/dogs/dogid.pdf

All forms are due on **May 1, 2020 by 5pm** at the Extension Office. **Late forms will not be accepted.**



4-H OPPORTUNITY LINK

In light of COVID-19 and our no face to face policy until May 15th, here is a place to see what is going on in our 4-H community and all the awesome opportunities we have to offer...virtually!

wyoming4h.org/4Hopps 

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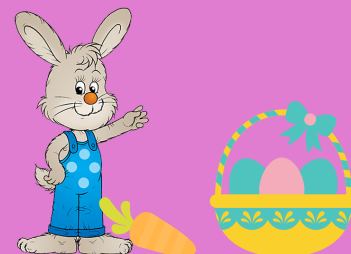
Weighing and Tagging

Market Swine, Sheep and Goat

Early Weigh in: May 27, 4-7pm Weigh in: May 30, 8-12pm

Albany County Fairgrounds Swine Barn-Please use North fairgrounds gate.

Poultry Weigh in: May 30, 1-3pm



4-H Council: Meeting Minutes

Call to order: 6:33 pm

Adjourned: 7:48pm

Pledges: American – Reese Senior, 4-H – Wyatt Strain

Roll Call: Bunkhouse Bunch, Centennial Pioneers, Centennial Valley, Corduroy Queens & Kings, Speedgoats, Critter Creek, Gem City 4 Leaf Clovers, Harmony Hustlers, High Plains, Little Laramie Valley, Rock Creek Valley, Smokin' Guns, Stompin' Steamboats, Wild Brumbies, Yellow Jackets.

Some clubs were able to participate in meeting via Zoom for this meeting.

Reading/Approval of Minutes: for February to accept by Ruth Lake, 2nd by Stacy Harvey, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: First Interstate account is \$7,069.79 (Expenses: Carnival -\$679.87, Bond - \$148.00). American National Bank account is \$5,073.45 (Expense: Livestock Judging - \$85.00). Endowment is \$20,000.00. Foundation is \$7,082.98.

Correspondence: None

Youth Presentations: None

Program:

- Presentation on Z Suite (new online record book format) by Mary Louise Wood
 - Presentation went over how to sign up and how to navigate the platform
 - Various examples were used
 - The presentation will be given again on March 24th

Committee Reports:

- Executive Committee – Recent project assistance request approved
- Awards Committee – On hiatus, but letters to potential donors/sponsors should go out before Spring Break
- Carnival Committee – Carnival, March 7th, theme is “Board Games”
- Fundraising – No meeting
- Member Activity Committee – No meeting
- Public Relations/Historian Committee – No meeting
- Record Book Committee – Presentation by Mary Louise today to introduce Z Suite
- Recruiting Committee – No meeting

Other Reports:

- 4-H Foundation
 - Working on bylaws, next meeting March 10th, please encourage club families to check out a meeting
- Jr Leaders
 - Working on dates for Wisconsin Trip
 - Had new members at meeting, enjoyed getting acquainted activities
 - Camp Counselor Training in Douglas in mid April (\$20, transportation provided)
- Fair Board- Next meeting on Monday, March 9th
 - New board member - Andrea Senior
 - Approved the changes they had posted online
 - Except for they will be having a heifer class if at least three entries
 - Theme will be "An Animated-a-fair", barns will each be assigned a Disney/Pixar Movie
 - Sale Committee has a new Facebook page
 - Discussion on buyers lunch, dinner or business after hours event
 - Suggestion from Public Relations Committee to highlight the Fair Board and Sale Committee on the Albany County 4-H Facebook page

Old Business:

- Backpack Program
 - Program is now doing 160-175 backpacks a week
 - They are looking for food donations or money as they are about \$400-\$500 short for the school year
 - Many suggestions were made on ways to help:
 - Food drive sheet to hand out at grocery stores
 - Go Fund Me
 - Facebook page request to "use your Tax Refund" help to Women of the Moose
 - March Madness at Middle Schools/Elementary Schools-pay \$1 to wear hat
 - Club Community Service - donate check to Women of the Moose
 - Businesses pay money to wear jeans to work
 - Ultimately decided to encourage them to speak with schools and student councils to work on fundraising. Council will also encourage clubs to bring this information to their club meetings.

- Dance
 - Cindy Hewlett presented more information on possible dance with Instructor, Sharon Gulli
 - Possibly charge \$5/person or \$20/family
 - Centennial Valley suggested working together with local businesses for more of a "community event"
 - It was decided the instructor may wish to push back the date to April due to health concerns of her mother
 - Council will continue to gauge interest and look for alternative venues (fairgrounds is booked in April)
- Spring Bazaar – March 28th
 - Clubs are needed to volunteer for set up and take down, talk to Mary Louise if your club can help
- Development Committees –
 - FCS Meeting was well attended, new ideas for new/different cooking contests
 - Small Animals
 - Shooting Sports Meeting brought up a need for more volunteers, the number of participants has steadily been increasing
 - Livestock Meeting had ideas about doing project based workshops
 - Horse Meeting also brought up the need for more volunteers for horse program
 - General Meeting brought up ideas about a Lego Master Event and workshops for Lego Robotics
- Virtual Leader Trainings – great opportunity for leaders to participate in training from home
- Half Day of School 4-H Event
 - Possible date of March 27th (Elementary only)
 - Discussion that this date would eliminate the use of Junior Leaders at the event
 - Success of event would depend on adult volunteers
 - Thoughts shared on possibly looking at dates in the fall to allow for more planning
 - Take info back to clubs, contact Leah Churches if interested in helping
- Record Books – Training on March 24th to introduce the new program, Z Suite
- Club Info for Marketing – Public Relations Committee is still looking for information on clubs for the Albany County 4-H Council Facebook page, email will go out soon to followw up with club leaders

New Business:

- Swing Club
 - Mary Louise mentioned that she had been contacted by the UW Swing Club
 - The group would like to do some community service by providing swing dance lesson/dance to 4-H members
 - It was proposed the March 28th date may work since we have the facility and it sounds like that date may not work for the other dance event with Sharon Gulli
- Other?
 - Stacy Harvey, from the Albany County Election Office, asked Council to forward information to cubs regarding student volunteers for elections
 - Students 16+
 - Duties may include directions, helping man tables, etc.
 - Mid August timeframe
 - Call the elections office at (307) 721-2546 for more information

Announcements:

- Next 4-H Council Meeting will be Tuesday, April 7th, 2020 at 6:30pm
- Please stress the importance of Daily Dose to your clubs!

4-H Foundation: Meeting Minutes

-No meeting held in March-

Fair Board Corner

- The fair board would like to welcome their new business manager, **Josey Bailey** and new board member, **Andrea Senior**.
- The theme for the 2020 Albany County Fair will be “An Animated-a-fair”
- The e-mail address for the fair office is now: manager@albanycountyfair.org

Project News



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Archery



Possibly starting back up May 15th
Read the "Daily Dose" for any new information

**Save the date! Boulder Big Draw:
Sat. June 13th-more info to come!**

Questions, please contact:
Archery Key Leader:
Shawn Hayes 760-7741

Cake Decorating



**Tuesday, April 7
VIRTUAL MEETING!
More info to come, stay tuned!**

If you have questions, please contact:
Cake Leaders:
Christiana 314-5988 & Cecilia 399-7254

Cat



No cat meeting for April, however please practice showing your cat and I would be happy to do video calls or answer questions.

Cat Key Leader:
Connie Bierman 399-8092

Dog



Look for emails and read the "Daily Dose" for new information

Questions, please contact:
Dog Key Leader:
Vicky 760-4932

CLOVERBUDS

Virtual ZOOM meeting!
April 2, 5:45pm
(youth 5-8yrs old) The more the merrier!!

Fabric & Fashion



Look for emails from your project leader and read the "Daily Dose" for new information

**If you have questions please contact
Freda Dixon 742-0506 or fdixon@bresnan.net.**

Horse



Look for emails from your project leader, the "Daily Dose" and Albany County Horse Facebook page for new information

****KEY PROJECT LEADER NEEDED!!
Please contact Mary Louise if interested!**

Leathercraft



Look for emails from your project leader and read the "Daily Dose" for new information

Questions, please contact:
Leathercraft Key Leader:
Dan Lehman 761-1045

Makerspace



Watch for information on a virtual Makerspace!
Contact Mary Louise for more info

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Muzzleloading



Look for emails from your project leader and read the "Daily Dose" for new information

Questions, please contact:

Key Leader:

Shawn Hayes 760-7741

Photography



Look for emails from your project leader and read the "Daily Dose" for new information

If you have questions please contact

Photography Key Leader:

Leslie Lund 399-6898 wyogirl.leslie@gmail.com

Poultry



Look for emails from your project leader and read the "Daily Dose" for new information

If you have questions please contact

Poultry Key Leader:

Ellie Riske 343-0053

Rifle & Pistol



Look for emails and read the "Daily Dose" for new information

Questions, please contact:

Rifle & Pistol Key Leader:

Roy Kern 760-1892

Rabbit Hopping & Agility



We are on hold for now. You should have received the rules for both events via e-mail. If you didn't please contact me and I'll make sure you get them. Please do walk your bunnies with their harness and leash.

Hopefully we'll be able to start practices again after May 15th.

If you have questions please contact
Freda Dixon 742-0506 or fdixon@bresnan.net.

Rabbit



Meetings will be an e-mail like the March meeting.

*Also if you need help finding a rabbit, let me know and I will help you find the rabbit you want.

Please do handle your bunnies and practice showmanship. They are also great to snuggle up with!

If you have questions please contact
Freda Dixon 742-0506 or fdixon@bresnan.net.

Sport Fishing



Look for emails from your project leader and read the "Daily Dose" for new information

Questions, please contact:

Jeff 760-2404

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STEM



Look for emails and read the "Daily Dose" for new information

Questions, please contact:

Key Leader:

Jake Riske 760-8898

Survival Class



Look for emails and read the "Daily Dose" for new information

Questions, please contact:

Survival Key Leader:

Diane 760-9996

Swine



Look for emails and read the "Daily Dose" for new information

Questions, please contact:

Key Leader:

Jessica Parker 399-8202

Visual Arts



Look for emails and read the "Daily Dose" for new information

Questions, please contact:

Key Leader:

Liz Williams lizwillij@gmail.com



Club & Project Leaders: If you want to try a virtual meeting or video but don't know how to get started, please call the extension office and we can help!

2020 4-H Carnival Results

Booth Ticket Count

(in ounces)

The Bunkhouse Bunch	
inflatable bungee run	8.20 oz.
Centennial Pioneers	
TP toss Life game	8.69 oz.
Centennial Valley & High Plains	
rubberband shoot	9.74 oz.
Corduroy Queens & Kings	
Hungry, Hungry Hippo	4.38 oz.
Critter Creek	
football toss	7.48 oz.
bean toss	6.96 oz.
Gem City 4-Leaf Clovers	
cotton candy	10.34 oz.
Harmony Hustlers	
photo booth	3.44 oz.
Little Horse Power	
ride on animals	6.0 oz.
Little Laramie Valley	
Bingo	13.84oz.
Montessori	
sno cones	13.76 oz.
Rock Creek Valley	
cake walk	36.26 oz.
Smokin' Guns	
Jenga	2.64 oz.
Speed Goats	
popcorn	4.02 oz.
Stompin' Steamboats	
Battleship	6.32 oz.
Wild Brumbies	
wiffle ball challenge	7.72 oz.
Yellow Jackets	
wall crawl	3.26 oz.
tic tac toe	2.26 oz.
Kitchen	44.94 oz.

Posters

Jr Champion: Lily Frude

Jr Reserve: Lily Congers

Int. Champion: Sierra Daugherty

Int. Reserve: Amilia Gonzalez

Sr. Champion: Tanner Rogers

Sr. Reserve: Shelby Sinclair

Booth

1st Place: High Plains & Centennial Valley

2nd Place: Rock Creek Valley

Royalty Winners

Duchess: Olivia Ruggles

Duke: Carter Sanders

Princess: Stacy Ruggles

Prince: James Vasek

Queen: MacKenzie Muhsman

King: Wyatt Bullock

Cake Decorating

Cloverbuds: Kylie Zellmer

Jr Champion: Noah Foster

Jr Reserve: Bailey Kilmer

Int. Champion: Piper Henschel

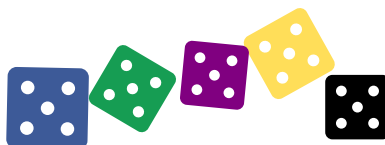
Int. Reserve: Ashlyn Asay

Sr. Champion: TJ Coffey

Sr. Reserve: Taylor Thatcher

Adult Champion: Nancy Henschel

Adult Reserve: Sandra Brown



THANK YOU!

A HUGE thank you to the carnival committee for all of your hard work in putting this carnival together!

Tracy Fletcher
Stacey Harvey
Tammy Heggie
Nicole Twing
Sueann Wasmuth
Cindy Wood
Mary Louise Wood



Upcoming events

Attention All 4-H and FFA Members!! Fair Poster Design Contest Theme: An Animated A-Fair

GUIDELINES

1. Create a design using the given Theme
2. Traditional art is accepted. NO digital creations
3. Must submit to manager@albanycountyfair.com in a PDF format (if you need help making the drawing a PDF we are happy to assist) by **April 30th**
4. Posters will be judged based on: Creativity, Relation to Theme, and Color Scheme
5. HAVE FUN!!!!

Award

The winner will receive a Food Vendor Gift Certificate for county fair vendors valued at \$20!!



2021 NILE Merit Heifer Application Available

The opportunity for kids started in the cattle industry is knocking, and loudly. Applications for the NILE Merit Heifer program are now available for the 2020-2021 year.

The NILE Merit Heifer program is a live animal scholarship, meaning the recipients are given a young, live, heifer calf. The objective is to help youth get a start in the beef cattle business and gain knowledge about the beef industry.

Program participants are chosen based on merit, future goals, and ability to care for the animal. 4-H or FFA members who are 12-16 years old may apply. Applicants are not limited to Montana residents.

During the program duration, participants are responsible for care-taking, record keeping, breeding, and bringing the heifer back one year later to the NILE Stock Show & Rodeo. The class of merit heifer recipients competes for best phenotype, top showman honors, best record book, best interview and overall top herdsman.

Applications and a link to the YouTube video must be received no later than June 30, 2020 at 4 p.m. The 2021 recipients will be announced in late August 2019. Applications available online at:

<https://www.thenile.org/p/events/livestock/meritheifer>

For more information regarding the NILE Merit Heifer Program, please email Shelby Shaw- meritheifer@thenile.org or call the NILE Office: (406) 256-2495

MASSEY SHOW LAMB & GOAT CAMP

JUNE
22-23



ALBANY
COUNTY
Fairgrounds,
Laramie

The main focus of the camp is showmanship. However, they will also cover nutrition, care and clipping.

LEARN FROM THE BEST!

For questions or to register for the camp, please contact Meaghan Stinson by May 1st. Space is limited!

mjstinson@gmail.com (307) 760-8245
<http://www.masseyshowlambcamp.com/>



citizenship
WASHINGTON FOCUS
PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION 2021

A Special Session of Citizenship Washington Focus open to 4-H'ers ages 14-19.

Sunday, January 17 - Thursday, January 21, 2021

Share your experience or follow the program using #4HCWFPI

For more info:

<https://4-h.org/parents/presidential-inauguration/>

Scholarship Deadlines coming up!

Daisy Shooting Sports http://www.4-hshootingsports.org/nat_invite.php click on "just for youth" tab	April 30
Wyoming Association of Fairs http://www.wyomingfairs.org/waf-scholarship-application.html	May 1
Eastern Star	May 1
Olin Sims Memorial For enrolling freshmen and sophomores in college	July 1
WW Dalles Memorial For enrolling juniors & seniors in college For scholarship applications, please contact the Extension Office	July 1

Welcome!



NEW TO 4-H MEMBERS

Braden Crawford	Callan Thompson
Silba Dowell	Reilly Thompson
Anushka Geisler	Shelby Wakefield
Caroline Henson	Jacob Wright
Zander Holck	
Justin D Isaacs	
Johnna Robinson	
Makayla Studyvin	



Project Assistance Available

4-H Council has funds available to help members with their 4-H projects. A limit of \$100 can be awarded per member. This money cannot be used for the purchase of market animals. For an application, please contact the extension office.

The Fair Board has loan funds set up to assist 4-H and FFA members in the financing of their livestock projects. This money is only a loan, and must be paid back, with interest, upon sale of your animal. Applicants must make applications to the fund by October 15th for beef projects and by May 1st for lamb, goats and swine projects. For more info, contact the Fair Office at 742-3224.

Livestock Scale Available for Checkout

A club may check the extension scale out overnight for \$10 per use. The scale will be checked for operability when it is brought back to the office. It is expected the scale will be transported to one location and all the club members will bring their animals to that location.

If this does not work for individuals, arrangements can be made to bring your animal to the fairgrounds or Mary Louise will come to you.



Happy Birthday!

Heather Alexander
Brooke Benson
Rowyn Birdsley
Shade Brokaw
Jacob Brown
Shania Brown
Gabriel Chione
Timothy Joel Coffey
Adalaide Cook
Mark Crawford
Amber Daugherty

Phillip Daugherty
Corbin Donner
Isaac Fleming
Lily Frude
Gary Hall
Stacey Harvey
Ali Hayes
Brayden Isaacs
Hadley Jairell
Kristin Jeffs
Sandra Jeffs

Lacie Kirlin
Greenlee Krause
Ruth Lake
Leo Lambrecht
Charlie Maddox
Zoey Madsen
Jackson Maki
Cooper Marlatt
Nancy Marlatt
Emerald Niswender
Luke Ogden

Wade Roberts
Mason Sanders
Lorena Schaar
Jentry Sims
Paisley Smith
Max Stebelton
Rachel Taro
Callan Thompson
Madison Toews
Porter Trabing
Leonardo Uribe-Baldivia Jr.

Kellan Vohland
Teresea Wasik
Alexis Wheeler



APRIL

CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

- Ads may be modified by Extension Staff to fit in the ad space available
- All ads must be submitted to the Extension Office no later than the 3rd Friday of every month.
- Classified ads must apply to 4-H projects or to 4-H members or leaders.
- Ads will remain posted for two months or until the office is notified that the product is no longer available.

**2 ewe lambs available for market lambs
Please call Shelly at 399-0509**



Livestock Quality Assurance



All 4-H members who plan on selling any market animal at the 4-H Livestock Sale during fair are required to take Quality Assurance classes. Class topics cover areas of appropriate care and handling of animals and how this impacts product quality. This year we are offering an online option through the University of Nebraska as well as two face-to-face classes in Laramie. **All training must be completed by the fair entry deadline of July 9th.**

A youth must take it once in each 4-H age group they are registered in (once as a Junior 8-10, once as an Intermediate 11-13, once as a Senior 14-18). Ages are based on the youth's 4-H age (age as of January 1st of the 4-H year: The age the youth was on January 1, 2020).

Information on the class options are below. If you have a question about what classes you have completed, what option would be best for you, or what your 4-H age is please email or call the extension office.

Online Option:

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/washington/livestock-quality-assurance-lqa-certification-transition-plan/>

- There is a \$12 fee per youth per class to use this option. You must pay this fee to register for the class. You can use a credit or debit card or there is an option to pay by check. There are no refunds for youth who complete classes in the wrong age group.
- Each youth will need to complete the class individually, completing as a group is not an option because the program tracks each youth individually. Youth will be directed to complete at least three modules for the class to be considered complete.
- Each youth will need their own email address.
- Print off your completion certificates and keep them for your records. The Albany County Extension Office will get a record of all classes completed but it's always good to have your certificates.
- If you have trouble registering or with the course you will need to contact UNL directly (1-855-308-8037) or help@yqca.org; M-F, 8 am-4:30 pm CST).

Face to Face Classes: Not offered at this time



2020 Virtual Volunteer Leader Training Series

All trainings will be done via Zoom, and online learning classroom and run from 6:30–7:30 pm.

Topics & Dates:

- Record Books & Recognition--April 27, 2020

Only 1
training
left!

A link to participate in the meetings above will be sent to your 4-H online e-mail account one week prior to the meeting. If you are unable to access the link or a computer, or want more info please contact Mary Louise to talk about other options. Hope to see you there!

MARKET GOAT SELECTION



The selection of a goat for a project is one of the most important decisions made by a feeder. The type of goat you select at the beginning of the project will have a major influence on the results at the end of the project. However, one must remember that a winning goat is a combination of good selection, good nutritional management, proper grooming, and outstanding showmanship.

People differ in their ability to select prospective animals. Some have a natural eye for selecting young animals, while others never develop this ability. Do not hesitate to take advantage of a person with these skills. It may be your county agent, FFA instructor, parents, or another leader in the county. Also, many breeders are willing to assist you in your selection program.

When selecting young goats one must be conscious of age and fat thickness. Young goats that are bloomy and fat always look good, while young goats that are thin do not look as good. Learn to look past fat and recognize muscle so that you can pick those goats that are genetically superior.

Anytime you purchase goats, it is important to know a little about the producer you are buying from. Do not hesitate to ask questions about their goat's bloodlines and the age of the goats in question.

When selecting goats there are five major areas of emphasis that need to be considered. They are structural correctness, muscle, volume and capacity, style and balance, and growth potential.

Structural Correctness

Structural correctness refers to the skeletal system or bone structure of an animal. Goats should be up-headed, with the neck extending out of the top of the shoulders. Goats should travel and stand wide and straight on both their front and rear legs, and their legs should be placed squarely under the body. They should have a strong level top, and a long rump with a slight slope from their hooks to their pins. Goats should be heavy boned and be strong on their pasterns. Open shouldered, weak pasterned, steep rumped goats should be avoided.

Muscle

Generally, goats that walk and stand wide are going to be heavier muscled. Goats should have a deep, heavily muscled leg and rump, with the widest part of the leg being the stifle area, when viewed from behind. They should have a broad, thick back and loin that is naturally firm and hard handling. Goats should be wide through their chest floor, with bold shoulders and a prominent forearm muscle. The chest and forearm of a goat are the best indicators of muscling in thin goats.

Volume and Capacity

Volume and capacity refers to the relationship of length of body with depth of body and width of body. Goats should be long bodied, with adequate depth and spring of rib. Try to avoid selecting goats that are short bodied, narrow based, and flat ribbed.

Style and Balance

Style and balance refers to the way all body parts blend together, how the shoulder blends into the rib cage, the rib cage to the loin, the loin to the rump, and how eye-appealing a goat is. When viewed from the side, a goat should be smooth shouldered, level topped, trim middled, and straight legged. A goat that is balanced, pretty, and holds his head up, is the first one you notice when you walk in the pen.

Growth Potential

The ability of an animal to grow rapidly is very important. Generally, the larger framed goats, as indicated by a long head, neck, cannon-bone, and body, will grow faster, be larger, and more competitive in the show ring.

Goat Selection video by ShowRite:

<https://go.alltech.com/showrite-stock-show-classroom?fbclid=IwAR3PkYIzhsZW2UPcJ0DXP4RtKXKJERw7ZZRM63XYhAOtjrJ2VAPEulPN14>

SHOW LAMB SELECTION



Muscle

Select show lambs with good expression of muscle. Pick a lamb that has firm, hard muscle tone in the legs, loin, and rump, where the higher priced cuts are located. Look for muscle from different views and areas.

From the Rear

Leg -The widest portion should be through the center of the leg or stifle area. A larger outside muscle right above the stifle joint is very desirable. A muscular lamb will stand and walk wide. This requires good development of inside leg muscle. A lamb can stand wide and not have a lot of inside muscle. They may just be structurally wide. Be sure to check for inside muscle.

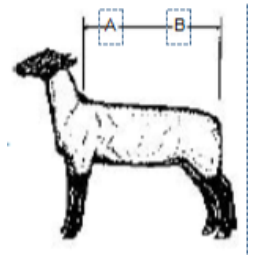
Top -A lamb needs to be wide across the top. The loin needs to be large and muscular. Look for a large rib cage which indicates a lot of capacity. Width is an indicator of muscle. However, be sure to feel your lamb to be certain that it is not fat. Feel down the back bone to determine the expression of the loin muscle. A good indicator of muscle is when you can feel a groove down the top of young lambs. This is like feeling the groove between your fingers when they are close together.



From the Side AB

Choose a lamb that has proper length in the areas of the higher priced cuts, legs, loin and rump. The back portion of the top or hind saddle (B) should be longer than the front part, rack or back (A). To calculate this, measure from the last two ribs to the pin bones, (where the tail connects to the body).

This should be two or more inches longer than the front part, depending on the lamb's size. Length of the loin is important. Measure from the last two ribs to the hook bone. Length and width of the loin are important. Short bodied, compact animals are undesirable. Be careful not to get carried away with length. If you select a lamb that is too long it may be weak topped.



From the Front

A bulging muscle from the knee to the shoulder is desirable. Large bone circumference of the cannon bone is a gauge of muscle, too. The larger the bone, the more area there is to attach muscle to. Select a lamb with a relatively long, thick cannon bone. The shoulder should be slightly prominent. Avoid getting a lamb with too large a shoulder as this will take away from a smooth, balanced appearance.

Structural Correctness

Show lambs should be correct in their skeletal or bone structure. The lamb's neck should be erect and extend out of the top of the shoulder. The top line should be long, level and straight. The legs should have a large circumference or diameter of bone. Its pasterns should be strong, and it should stand with its feet and legs wide apart. When it walks it should move with long, smooth steps, and track out wide. Do not select lambs that are open shouldered, weak topped and have steep rumps.

Style and Balance

These two characteristics describe how a lamb blends together. The front and rear ends should match. Looking at the lamb from the side view, it should have a clean, trim chest. The shoulder should be smooth while the top line should be long and level. A trim middle is desirable. Because lambs are shown with less than 1/4 inch wool, it is desirable that they have a tight, wrinkle-free hide. The most noticeable lamb in a pen holds its head up and looks long and straight with a level hip. Its walk is proud and wide based with a thick leg.

Look for potential

Select a lamb that shows good potential. Large framed, long bodied lambs, with a long neck, cannon bone, and thick loin show the most potential for growth. Lambs that are long in the loin and level in the rump have an advantage over others in the show ring.

Lamb Selection video by ShowRite:

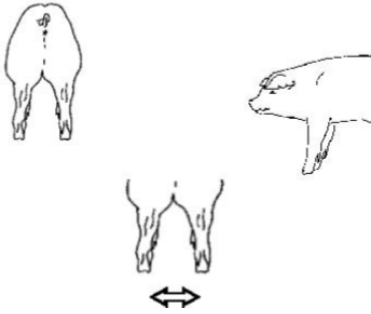
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PIG SELECTION



There are basic areas that need to be considered when selecting your show pig. They are muscle, structural correctness, capacity, frame and style and balance.

Muscle



There are several indicators of muscle in pigs. The first place to look for muscle is the ham. The widest portion should be through the center of rump and ham. Select a pig that has a bulging forearm. Well muscled hogs are wide based and large boned. When viewed from the top look for an hour glass shape to the top. This will be a trim, heavy muscled hog. It should be long and full in the rump, with the center of the ham being the widest part of the body. The shoulders should be wider than the loin, but not as thick as the ham. The loin will be uniform in width. When the hog walks there should be no evidence of fat over the top of the shoulders and the shoulders should move. Also, there should be no fat behind the shoulders or elbow pocket.

Structural Correctness

Structural correctness refers to how a pig's skeleton is put together, more specifically the bone structure. To be sure your pig is structurally correct, pick a pig that moves with ease and smoothness. Pigs should take long strides. They also should have a proper angle to the pasterns and have flex to the joints like the hock, knee and shoulder. These joints should flex and the pig should take a long, flexible, fluid stride.

The pasterns should have an angle of 45 degrees and the hock should be at about a 22 degree angle for the best possible movement off the back end. Strong legs are important in market hogs. The bone should be large and the legs should be clean and solid looking.



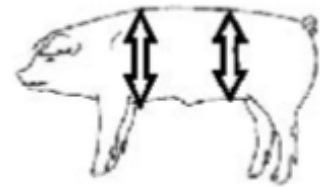
Proper hind leg structure



Poor hind leg structure

Capacity

Pigs need to have adequate capacity to allow their internal organs to function properly and efficiently. They need to have a wide chest floor, a good spring of rib, and be deep sided in both the fore and rear flank. Remember that a deep sided hog can still be trim and neat in appearance.



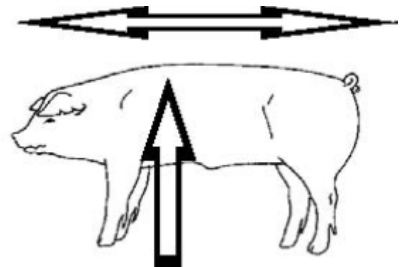
Frame

A moderate framed hog will grow well and have adequate size. Select a long-bodied, tall hog that stands well on its feet and legs. It should be large boned and show a lot of capacity, being boldly sprung at the ribs.

Style and Balance

A hog that has style and balance is one that holds its head up when it walks, and is smooth in its overall appearance. It will be clean in the shoulder blades, jowl and underline. Hogs that are balanced stand wide and tall on straight legs, are uniform in the arch of their back, and their shoulder blades are close together.

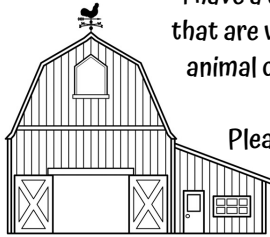
Select a trim hog that is free of excess fat. Fat gives the appearance of smoothness and shortness. A trim hog is clean behind the shoulders and down the top. The base of the ham should be firm, at the base of the hams (cut up or v-shaped) with the tail setting high, and the tailhead prominent.



Swine Selection video by ShowRite:

<https://go.alltech.com/showrite-stock-show-classroom?fbclid=IwAR3PkYlzhSZW2UPcJ0DXP4RtKXKJERw7ZZRM63XYhAOtjrJ2VAPEultPN14>

**Thinking about raising a market animal?
Need a place to keep one?**



I have a couple of people that have contacted me that are willing to let a 4-H member keep a market animal or two at their property. Also, the Range Arena has a few stalls available.
Please contact me if you are interested!

-Mary Louise



**Upcoming
Murdoch's
BBQ dates!**

April 18th-canceled
June 20th
October 3rd



APRIL 2020

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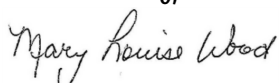
Monday-Friday
 8am-Noon & 1-5pm

Footnotes available online at:

www.uwyo.edu/ces/county/albany/newsletters.html
 & wy.4honline.com

**Information for
 May Footnotes due by:
 April 22nd!!**

Sincerely,



Mary Louise Wood, 4-H/Youth Extension Educator

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Sarah Gonzalez, Administrative Assistant



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17 STOMPIN' STEAMBOATS Survival Class	18 CORDUROY Q&K HIGH PLAINS Horse Judging	19 Cake Decorating New Shooters Horse Project Makerspace S.3	20 Dog Project Horse Project Shotgun	21 Rabbit Agility/Hop Previous Shooters Archery	22	23 Big Horn Co. Live- stock Judging- Frannie, WY
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24 WY Dairy Goat Show	25 NO Horse Judging Memorial Day- Office Closed	26 New Shooters Horse Project Rabbit Project Muzzleloading	27 Dog Project Horse Project Shotgun Early Weigh In Sheep, Swine & Goat 4 - 7 pm	28 Previous Shooters Archery Last Day of School	29	30 Weigh In Sheep, Swine & Goat 8 - 12 pm Poultry 1-3pm
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4-H Council-- Virtual ZOOM here's the link! 
Tuesday, April 7th <https://uwyo.zoom.us/j/638624790>
6:30pm
****Each club is asked to send 2 representatives
to every council meeting****

Fair Board--TBD
Monday, April 13th
6:30pm
Fairgrounds Activity Building

4-H Foundation--TBD
Tuesday, April 14th

Did you know? 

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