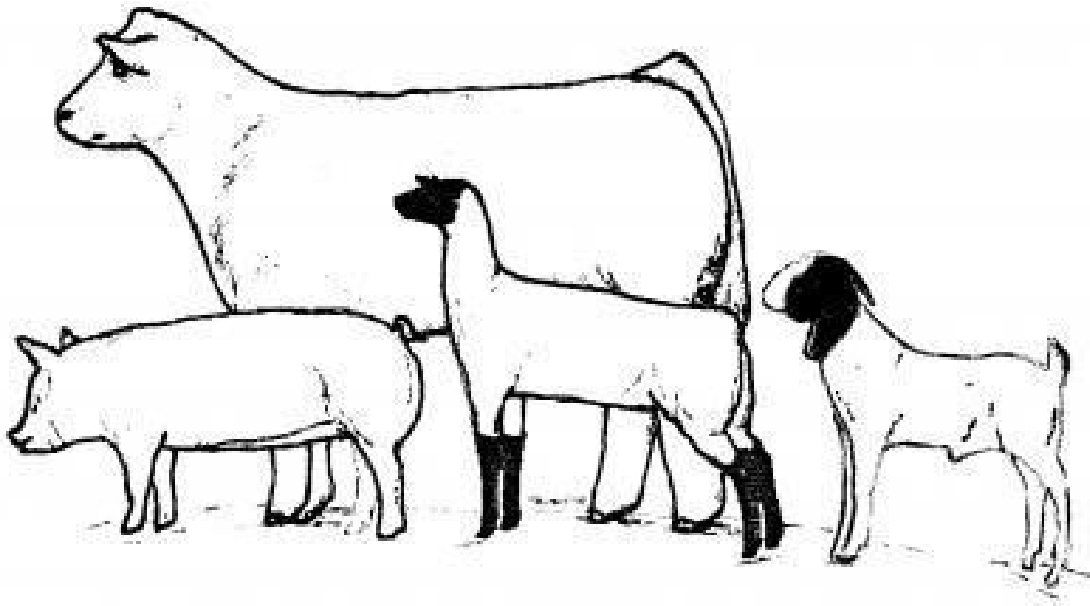


# JOHNSON COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK SHOW RULES



The Johnson County Livestock Committee has adopted the following guidelines/rules to provide a platform for exhibitors to showcase their efforts in an equitable manner at the fair. It is our intent that the following document be utilized to educate more than regulate our livestock exhibitors. The Johnson County Livestock Committee will have the final say in all decisions regarding the guidelines/rules. Any discrepancies should be addressed to the Johnson County Livestock Committee at one of the regularly scheduled meetings. The policies and by-laws outlined in this booklet were voted on and approved by the Johnson County Livestock Committee on (2/6/2024).

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### **Wyoming State Fair General Rules and Regulations:**

- Johnson County Exhibitors have traditionally been very competitive at the Wyoming State Fair. Thus, the Johnson County Livestock Committee has adopted the WY State Fair rules to prepare our exhibitors for the state level and to provide a detailed and thorough set of guidelines for the Johnson County Fair.
- Please refer to the Wyoming State Fair Book [www.wystatefair.com](http://www.wystatefair.com) for a more detailed explanation of all rules pertaining to each project area, as well as the International Association of Fairs and Expositions National Code of Show Ring Ethics.
- Note that the minimum/maximum weights for market animals at the Johnson County Fair shall be the same as the **previous** Wyoming State Fair. These weights are subject to change, for current verification please refer to the previous Wyoming State Fair Premium Book for individual weight requirements for each species or contact a member of the Johnson County Livestock Committee.
- All 4-H and FFA Exhibitors going to the Wyoming State Fair must notify the Extension Office or their FFA Advisor of their intent to participate in the Wyoming State Fair. Contact these parties prior to the conclusion of the Johnson County Fair. We encourage all exhibitors to attend the state fair.
- Please read and adhere to the rules outlined in the Johnson County Fair Exhibitor Book. The rules outlined in the Johnson County Fair Exhibitor Book cover rules of the fairgrounds and rules pertaining to the county fair.

### **General Rules:**

- Johnson County 4-H and FFA Members who have graduated from high school but have not exceeded the national membership ages (18 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> for 4-H and 21 for FFA) will be allowed to show and sell at the Johnson County Fair and 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale.
- Animals weighing less than minimum weight (established by the Wyoming State Fair) may be shown in a feeder class and in showmanship. They will **NOT** be eligible for sale at the Johnson County 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale.
- Weights will be absolute. No re-weighing will be allowed at the Johnson County Fair. Scales will be balanced to zero (0) before each animal enters the scale.
- The scale head at each scale will be available for the exhibitor to see what their animal weighs and a ticket system with a carbon copy will be issued to the youth exhibitor and the weighing party to minimize discrepancies.
- A **mandatory** member and parent meeting will follow the weigh-in on the Monday of Fair week. The time will be posted in the fair schedule.
- It is mandatory that all market animals be tagged with a Wyoming State Fair tag prior to ownership dates set by the Wyoming State Fair.
  - **No market animal will be allowed to weigh in at the Johnson County Fair without a Wyoming State Fair tag. (Goats and Lambs must also have a USDA/APHIS approved Scrapie Identification)**
  - Market animals must be tagged by a Johnson County University of Wyoming Extension Educator, Johnson County FFA advisor, or designated Livestock Committee member/superintendent. It is the members' responsibility to have animals at the scheduled weigh-ins or prior arrangements are to be made. If members cannot make it to a tag-in date they must make arrangements with the Johnson County Extension Educator, a Johnson County FFA Advisor or a species designated superintendent. This must be done during business hours.
  - If the Wyoming State Fair RFID tag comes out of the ear of the animal, contact the Johnson County Extension Office, or the Kaycee FFA or Buffalo FFA Advisor, to have the tag replaced as soon as possible.
- Title/brand inspection must be shown at tagging for proof of ownership.
- 4-H and FFA members may tag as many animals as they wish to bring to Fair. However, no more than two (2) animals per weight class will be shown.
- An animal will not be shown or sold at the Johnson County Fair if the owner is not available when the member's name is called three (3) times. Prior arrangements need to be made in special circumstances with the livestock committee.
- Only animals to be exhibited at the Johnson County Fair may be brought onto the fairgrounds.

### **SHOWMANSHIP:**

- Showmanship is a compulsory entry at the Johnson County Fair.
- Members that do not participate in showmanship classes are not allowed to participate in any market class. Participation in a market class is required to be eligible for the 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale. Therefore, individuals not participating in a Showmanship class (within the species they consign) will not be allowed to sell an animal at the 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale.
- Each member must have individual ownership of the animal used for showmanship class. Allowing another member, the use of your showmanship animal will result in disqualification of both participants. Members in both 4-H and FFA may **NOT** enter the same animal in both showmanship classes. Members unable to show due to unforeseen circumstances must make prior arrangements with Johnson County Livestock Committee/Superintendents.
- The dress code for **all** junior livestock events will be clean, collared shirt with neat, clean pants. No open-toed shoes or shorts will be allowed in the show or sale ring.
- FFA participants must show in Official Dress for showmanship.

### **BEEF:**

- Beef Superintendents will have discretion regarding barn assignments, tie-outs, show orders, etc., and shall field any questions regarding the beef project at the Johnson County Fair. Please work in cooperation with this volunteer.
  - Beef tie-outs must be in the barn by 8:00 AM and must be tied-out by 8:00 pm.
- The Johnson County Cattlemen's Supreme Cow Contest:
  - For further rules pertaining to this project area please consult the Johnson County Cattlemen.
- Market heifers will be shown with market steers and will compete for overall champion market beef at the Johnson County Fair.
- BANGS vaccination for heifers will be enforced by the Beef Superintendent.
- Proof of ownership is to be brought to Fair. The brand inspection/title is to be turned in at fair with consignment forms for consigned animals only.

### **SHEEP:**

- Sheep Superintendents will have discretion regarding barn assignments, show orders, etc., and shall field any questions regarding the sheep project at the Johnson County Fair. Please work in cooperation with this volunteer.
- All sheep must have Scrapie tags.
- These numbers will be recorded at initial tagging and weighing.
- Tail Docking (as per Wyoming State Fair)
- All market lambs need to be shorn once prior to weighing in at the Johnson County Fair. **NO WET** lambs will be weighed. No blankets, tubes, or leg wraps on lambs during weighing.
- Proof of ownership is to be brought to Fair. The brand inspection/title is to be turned in at fair with consignment forms for consigned animals only.

### **SWINE:**

- Swine Superintendents will have discretion regarding barn assignments, show orders, etc., and shall field any questions regarding the swine project at the Johnson County Fair. Please work in cooperation with this volunteer.
- **Limit of Three (3) Market Swine per Showman at the Johnson County Fair, due to space limitations.**
- Swine exhibitors will be required to show up the scale with clean hogs.
  - The RFID tag needs to be legible so that the tag can be read or scanned.
- Swine must come to the Johnson County Fair with proof of ownership. Proof of ownership is to be turned in with consignment forms for consigned animals only.

### **GOAT:**

- Goat Superintendents will have discretion regarding barn assignments, show orders, etc., and shall field any questions regarding the goat project at the Johnson County Fair. Please work in cooperation with this volunteer.
- All market goats must have Scrapie tags. All breeding goats must have a USDA/APHIS approved Scrapie Identification.
  - These numbers will be recorded at initial tagging and weighing.
- **NO WET** market goats will be weighed. No blankets, tubes, or leg wraps on market goats during weighing.
- Commercial, non-registered meat bucks will be allowed to show at the Johnson County Fair.
- Goats must come to the fair with proof of ownership. Proof of ownership is to be turned in with consignment forms for consigned animals only.



## **POULTRY:**

- 4-H, FFA, and Open Class Poultry check-ins will be posted on the Fair Schedule. All birds coming to the Johnson County Fair shall remain on the Fairgrounds for the duration of the Fair unless removal is authorized by the Poultry Superintendent or veterinarian for health reasons.
- Upon check-in, the Poultry Superintendent designates barn assignments, show orders, etc., and will field any questions regarding poultry projects at the Johnson County Fair. All poultry must be free of apparent illness, disease, or parasites. A vet check prior to coming to the Fair is highly recommended. Birds are weighed only at check-in with the exhibitors declaring their pen of three at that time.
  - All meat poultry must be dry and clean before being put on the scale.
  - **4-H and FFA members will be limited to 1 pen of meat pen of poultry per showman, due to limited space in the barn.**
- All meat poultry will need to be banded for ID purposes. Market Birds will be banded at check ins at the fair. Bands will be supplied for the market birds only.
- Birds are judged according to the American Standard of Perfection as authorized by the American Poultry Association. Clean birds are expected.
- Breeding birds must be owned by May 1st, Pullets or Cockerels that are chirping at fair will be sent home. They are not old enough and do not have the antibodies to be away from home.
- Market Poultry requirements to sell in the Junior Livestock Auction: Chickens may be any commercially accepted meat breed (ex. Cornish broiler). Birds entered in any other classes are not eligible to compete in this market class and are not eligible to sell in the Junior Livestock Sale. To avoid over-finished birds, they must meet age requirements (8-10 weeks of age as of weigh-in). A minimum weight of 5.5 lbs. is required to sell at the 4-H/FFA Livestock Auction.
- All meat poultry must be able to support their weight and walk without assistance. If at any point during the fair they are not able to, they will not be eligible to continue to exhibit or for the Jr. Livestock Sale and must be removed from the grounds.
- No caponized (castrated/neutered) birds will be allowed in the breeding show. The judge will determine if the bird is a capon.
- Other Meat Production Birds which may be sold:
  - Turkeys: shown as a pen of 3.
  - Hens 15 to 20 weeks should weigh 16 to 25 lbs. at weigh in. Toms 15 to 22 weeks should weigh 22 to 41 lbs.
  - Ducks: Shown as a pen of 3.
  - Standard Meat Ducks: 12 to 24 weeks old weigh 8lbs to 15 lbs.
  - Jumbo Meat Ducks: 12 to 24 weeks old weigh 9lbs. to 18lbs.
- Market geese-gosling shown as a pen of 3 of either sex weights are as follow:
  - Heavy Weight Gander 20 to 28 weeks old, 22 to 26 lbs. Goose: 20 to 28 weeks old 18 to 20 lbs.
  - Medium Weight Gander 20 to 28 weeks old 14 to 18 lbs. Goose 20 to 28 weeks old 12 to 16 lbs.
  - Lightweight Gander 20 to 28 weeks 6 to 12 lbs. Goose 20 to 28 weeks 4 to 10 lbs.

### **RABBIT:**

- Rabbit Superintendents will have discretion regarding barn assignments, show orders, etc., and shall field any questions regarding the Rabbit projects at the Johnson County Fair. Please work in cooperation with this volunteer. Check in times will be posted in the fair schedule.
- Rabbits will be judged by the Standard of Perfection ARBA.
- If an animal is shown in a Fur Class, it must also have been shown in its respective Breed Class.
- All Rabbits must be tattooed.

### **MEAT PEN REQUIREMENTS:**

- Must be exhibited as a meat class only and may not be exhibited as a single entry or in a breed class.
- Meat Pens shall consist of 3 rabbits, all the same breed and variety. Broken meat pens must also be of the same variety. A meat pen does not necessarily have to come from the same litter. The age limit is not over 9 weeks at the Johnson County Fair, and not over 10 weeks at the Wyoming State Fair. Minimum of 3 lbs., maximum of 5 lbs. each. All rabbits must be weighed in the presence of the judge.
- Single Fryer – Not over 9 weeks of age by County Fair and not over 10 weeks by State Fair. Minimum weight of 3 lbs. and maximum weight of 5 lbs.
- Fryer Pens may not be exhibited in any other class.

## **LIVESTOCK CARE AND SHOWING:**

- 4-H/FFA members from other counties will not be allowed to compete in the Youth Livestock Shows unless enrolled in a Johnson County 4-H club or Johnson County FFA Chapter.
- Livestock Fitting Rule: 4-H and FFA members are expected to take care of, groom, and fit their own animal(s) at the Johnson County Fair. However, in the interest of safety and education, a member may be assisted by another Johnson County 4-H or FFA member, Parent of such member, Johnson County 4-H Leader or Johnson County FFA Advisor. Be prepared to prove membership or leadership. Assistance from a non-Johnson County member will not be tolerated.
  - Assistance is defined as a learning situation, where the person doing the assisting is teaching the member a technique or proper skill.
- Substitute Showmen: Exhibitors must show and sell their own animals. Exceptions are allowed only in the case of two animals in the same class, or illness or injury of the owner. It is the owner's responsibility to bring forth their substitute reason and who will be substituting them to the Livestock Committee/Superintendents. (Substitute Showmen must be enrolled in Johnson County 4-H or Johnson County FFA Chapters.)
- Youth that do not properly care for their animals, bedding, alleys, follow show rules, etc. will be asked to leave the Johnson County Fair, and will forfeit all premiums, awards, and sale privileges.
- All beef, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine are checked in at the end of weigh-ins and will remain on the grounds until the end of fair/the Junior Livestock Sale.
- Early dismissal of an animal at the Johnson County Fair will require a written release from a veterinarian or permission from the Johnson County Livestock Committee/Superintendent.

### **4-H/FFA Livestock Sale:**

- The Johnson County Livestock Committee and/or buyers of livestock at the Johnson County 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale will **NOT** be responsible for any animal before, during, or after the sale. The buyer and youth need to make arrangements for slaughter and Wyoming State Fair bound animals are the responsibility of the consigner.
- The Johnson County Livestock Committee does provide an insurance program for exhibitors to purchase insurance on their animals.
- Each exhibitor will be required to complete the sale information/consignment form within 60 minutes of the completion of that species show. Prior consignment is encouraged.
- The animal consigned will not be sold at the Johnson County 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale if the owner is not available when the member's name is called three (3) times. Prior arrangements need to be made in special circumstances with the livestock committee.
- Johnson County Junior Livestock Sale Order:
  - Novelty entries (i.e., poultry and rabbits) will be sold at the beginning of the 4-H/FFA Livestock sale.
  - These will be followed by the Grand and Reserve Champions of each species. Buyers of Grand and Reserve Champion animals will be invited to the sale ring at that time for a picture opportunity.
  - Following the grand and reserve sales will be Beef.
  - Sheep, Swine, and Goats will follow and alternate species each year.
- Each seller must give the ticket and buyers ribbon to the buyer of the animal before leaving the sale area.
- Exhibitors may begin removal of animals/equipment **AFTER** the 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale and must be off the grounds by 6:00 p.m. Sunday (last day of Fair). In unforeseen circumstances, please contact the Livestock Committee/Fair Board. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in loss of awards/premiums.

### **4-H/FFA Round Robin:**

- 4-H and FFA will show at the same time, in separate competitions.
- If an exhibitor has won Grand Champion in more than one species, they will choose which species they want to show in the round robin and the next in line will be asked to participate from the unchosen species.
- The animal brought to the round robin must be the animal that was exhibited in each organization's respective showmanship class.
- There must be at least three (3) in the species showmanship class to compete in the Round Robin.
- Exhibitors may only win ONE time per organization.
- Same judges will be used for each species.
- Rotations are 4 minutes, allowing 2 minutes per animal.
- 7 species (Horse, Goat, Sheep, Swine, Beef, Rabbit, Poultry)
  - If an organization is not represented in a species, it is the responsibility of that organization to find a replacement animal.
- Both organization champions receive a buckle
- A scholarship will be awarded to each organization.
  - The scholarship will be divided equally between 4H and FFA.