



Farm School Program Rules

1. Market Pigs, Sheep, Goats, Rabbits, and Poultry are the only species allowed to be kept at the Weston County Fairgrounds with the Farm School Program.
2. Members are responsible for purchasing their own animals, feed, bedding, care products, etc.
3. Members are responsible for the care of their animals, including but not limited to: feeding, watering, cleaning their pens, exercising, fitting, and showing.
4. Members must be enrolled in the Farm School Program by June 1st of the year they wish to participate. Late enrollments in the Farm School Program will not be accepted.
5. First year members enrolled in the Farm School Program and a parent or guardian must attend a mandatory orientation to the Farm School Program provided by the Weston County 4-H Educator. A date for this orientation will be scheduled each year. Each year participants in the Farm School Program and a parent or guardian are required to attend a Youth Quality Assurance class. Youth Quality Assurance is a progressive class, so members will advance through the coursework on an annual basis.
6. Members who utilize the Farm School Program to board their animals at the Weston County Fairgrounds are required to enroll and be in good standing in either 4-H or FFA, show the animal at the Weston County Fair, and sell it at the Jr. Livestock Sale. In case of emergency, successful completion of the Market Livestock Project per 4-H or FFA rules will be acceptable.
7. Members who utilize the Farm School Program must complete their 4-H or FFA record book for projects boarded in the Farm School. Failure to do so may result in forfeiting your deposit.
8. Each member boarding an animal at the Weston County Fairgrounds through the Farm School Program will be required to care for the facilities, report upkeep problems to the fair manager as soon as they arise, and help with fair work days to ensure the facilities are maintained to the specifications of the Jr. Livestock Committee. The 4-H Educator will notify members about work days in advance, plan to attend or make up work if you cannot attend that day.
9. Members participating in the Farm School Program will pay the Weston County 4-H program a deposit fee of \$100 per child or \$150 per family that will be returned at the end of the program. Deposits will be forfeited if members are asked to leave the program, fail to complete the program requirements, or fail to clean facilities upon completion of the Farm School Program.
10. Members of the Farm School Program can utilize the species superintendent as a mentor for their project. In addition, members must report monthly to the species superintendent about the progress of their project and report any problems that may have come up.
11. Members participating in the Farm School Program will not be able to house animals at the Weston County Fairgrounds until after the High School Rodeo (usually in May) unless granted permission otherwise.
12. Members must work with the Jr. Livestock Committee during pre-fair set-up and help clean facilities before fair. Upon completion of the Farm School Program, members have one week after their animal has been shipped to slaughter to get the housing facilities cleaned.
13. The Farm School Program and Jr. Livestock Committee have a zero tolerance policy for neglect or mismanagement of livestock housed at the Weston County Fairgrounds.
14. Members found violating any of the rules associated with the School Farm will forfeit their position in the Farm and will be asked to remove their animal from the Weston County Fairgrounds immediately. Please see the Weston County Farm School Violation Procedure for questions about the program violations process.