

# Weston County Farm School Application

Youth Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 4-H or ☐ FFA      Years in 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in FFA: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club or FFA Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Species to be housed at Fairgrounds:    ☐ Swine    ☐ Sheep    ☐ Goat    ☐ Poultry    ☐ Rabbits

Number of animals to be housed:

Swine: \_\_\_\_\_ Sheep: \_\_\_\_\_ Goats: \_\_\_\_\_ Poultry: \_\_\_\_\_ Rabbits: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for housing animals at the Weston County Fairgrounds: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Beginning Date for Housing: \_\_\_\_\_

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By signing below, members and families are agreeing to abide by the Weston County Farm School Program Agreement.

4-H Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Office Use

Application Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit Check Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit Returned: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

# 2024 Weston County Farm School Agreement

This agreement is binding between the member and Weston County Junior Livestock Committee.

Weston County Fair Board and Junior Livestock Committee:

- Weston County Fair Board agrees to provide a place to keep the animals at the Weston County Fairgrounds in designated areas.
- Weston County Fair Board and Junior Livestock Committee are not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- Animals are welcome from April 1st through no later than two weeks after the Wyoming State Fair.
- Pens will be assigned by the Weston County Junior Livestock Committee.
- Weston County Farm School is limited to market animals including rabbits, poultry, swine, sheep, and goats and excluding beef.
  - Youth are limited to 2 animals per large species (swine, sheep, goats)
  - Youth can house poultry and rabbits in a sufficient number to have two market pens per species.
  - Maximum of 2 animals housed per pen.

Participation:

- Youth members must be enrolled in Weston County 4-H or a member of the Upton FFA or Saddle and Sirloin FFA Chapter.
  - 4-H members must have Active Status in ZSuite prior to applying for the Farm School Program
  - FFA members must be in good standing within the chapter bylaws and constitution in regards to participation credit and final GPA for the year of at least a 2.5
- Youth members must submit their Farm School Application by the March 20, 2024 deadline to be eligible to participate in the Farm School Program. No late applications will be accepted.
- Youth must agree to show the animals enrolled in the Farm School program at the Weston County Fair and sell during the Weston County Junior Livestock Sale.

By being a member of the Weston County Farm School, members are responsible for providing the following:

- Their own animals.
- Feed of all necessary types and all feed and water buckets/equipment for his/her animal.
- Animal bedding
- Tools used for pen maintenance (shovels, rakes, etc.)

Participants agree to:

- Pay a \$100 refundable deposit at the time of application
  - Deposit checks will be cashed when received.
  - Deposits will be returned by September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
  - 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 program.
- Attend mandatory pre-season barn user meeting.
- Participate in the mandatory post fair barn clean up.
- **Members must submit an initial vet check before bringing animals into the Weston County**

**Fairgrounds facility. There will be another all barn vet check in the summer.**

- Feed and water animal(s) every day. If a member is unable to feed their animal(s) for any reason, they agree to make arrangements for animals to be cared for.
- Youth agree to keep entire grounds clean and trash free.
  - Members are responsible for hauling the waste from animals to a specific waste site.
  - Sweep in front of pen and clean up after animals outside of pen. Members need to be responsible for working together to keep the common area of the barn clean.
  - Put all equipment and supplies away after using them.
- Feed must be stored so that animals cannot access it and that it does not create a pest problem.
- Members must participate in Fair Set-Up Day to help clean and rearrange facilities for County Fair
- Write thank you notes to the Weston County Fair Board and the Weston County Junior Livestock Committee upon completion of the program.
- Follow Quality Assurance guidelines and adhere to animal health procedures listed below.
- Not to feed any other animals in the barn unless specifically asked to. If any animal is out of water, we encourage you to water it.
- Replace any barn equipment that is damaged due to member(s)/animal(s).
- Report any damage to the building or premises IMMEDIATELY to the Extension Office.
- Absolutely no use of, or possession of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, drugs, or other controlled substances on Weston County Fairgrounds.

The following animal health procedures will be in place for this facility at all times:

- Animals with apparent signs of illness will be referred to a veterinarian. It is the responsibility of the owner to call and transport the animal to the veterinarian or to arrange for the veterinarian to visit the barn.
- Members MUST follow the recommendations of the veterinarian.
- Animal illness must be resolved within two weeks, or they must be rechecked by a veterinarian.
- Fly control is mandatory.
- Animals must be exercised regularly.
- The Weston County Farm School program and Junior Livestock Committee have a zero-tolerance policy for neglect or mismanagement of livestock housed at the Weston County Fairgrounds.

Members of the Farm School Program can utilize the species superintendent as a mentor for their program as well as their 4-H Educator or FFA Advisor.

**Weston County Junior Livestock Members**

**Swine**

- Superintendent: David Kline
- Assistant: Darrell Lamb

**Sheep and Goats**

- Superintendent: Hale Redding
- Assistant: Rebecca Bennett

**Poultry**

- Superintendents: JD and Cindy Rhoades

**Rabbit**

- Superintendent: Stephanie Kline
- Assistant: Rebecca Kelton

**Weston County 4-H Educator**

Erin Persche

**Upton FFA**

Rebecca Kelton

**Saddle and Sirloin FFA**

Morgan Loepp

Being involved in the Weston County Farm School program is an honor. If, for any reason, the responsibilities in this contract are not fulfilled and carried out by the member they will relinquish their right to be part of the program and will remove their animal from the premises, check in all keys and equipment and will not be allowed to participate in the program in the future. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> violation will result in verbal and/or written warnings. At the 3<sup>rd</sup> violation, member(s) will be given 1 week to leave the premises.

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4-H Member Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date