

4-H/FFA DIVISION – JUNIOR LIVESTOCK General Rules

Entry forms must be completed and mailed or dropped off at the Extension Office (198 Neel Ave. Socorro, NM 87801) on or before 5:00 pm August 18, 2016.

- ❖ Entry forms can be picked up at the County Extension Office or by going to <http://socorroextension.nmsu.edu>, then click on the “4-H Youth Development” link.

Entry Fees

- ❖ \$9.00 per head for Market Steers, County Bred Steers, Beef Breeding Heifers, Replacement Dairy Heifers, Market Lamb, County Bred Lamb, Market Swine, County Bred Swine, Meat Goat and all other breeding animals.
- ❖ \$3.00 per animal for Cloverbud Goats, Fancy Poultry, and Fancy Rabbits.
- ❖ \$9.00 per pen for a meat pen of Rabbits or Poultry. (*A meat pen = 3 animals*)
- ❖ \$9.00 for Sale Ring Cake
- ❖ \$2.00 for Socorro County Fair and Rodeo Association Administration Fee.
- ❖ \$10.00 cleaning fee per pen (cash only) due at weigh in on Thursday, September 3, 2015. This fee will be refunded on Sunday, September 3rd 2016 if pens are cleaned.
- ❖ \$5.00 cleaning fee per pen (cash only) on Rabbits and Poultry, not to exceed \$25.00

Entry Limitations

- ❖ Entries will be limited to 10 livestock exhibits per person. Each meat pen (*poultry or rabbit fancy exhibit*, counts as one exhibit.
- ❖ No animal may be shown in more than one class **except** for County-bred classes.

Ownership Rules

- ❖ All livestock (*including poultry or rabbit*) must be owned and in the exhibitors care on the date of entry **or as stated in department rules.**
- ❖ All exhibitors must be Socorro County 4-H or FFA members at the time of entry.

Junior Livestock Exhibitor Requirements

- ❖ Only bona-fide 4-H and FFA members in good standing in Socorro County are eligible to show and/or sell their animals in the Socorro County Junior Livestock Show and Sale.
- ❖ 4-H and FFA exhibitors may only show in one county program. (*4-H and FFA members who also belong to clubs or chapters in a county other than Socorro must choose which county fair program they will show in during the year*)
- ❖ 4-H and FFA members will only be allowed to show the fair following their graduation from High School or the fair following their 19th birthday as of January 1.
- ❖ 4-H and FFA members transferring to Socorro County from another county must provide proof of current membership in their previous 4-H program or FFA chapter. Minimum animal ownership requirements must be verified by the previous 4-H Agent or FFA Advisor.

Fair Schedule

- ❖ **All animals must be on the fairgrounds Thursday of the fair by 9:00 AM.** Animals may arrive Wednesday, August 31st from 3:00pm to 7:00pm.
- ❖ All market animals must be weighed and classified on the Thursday of the fair beginning at 9:00 AM (*until weighing is completed*).
- ❖ All rabbits and poultry must be checked in between 8:00 AM and 9:00 AM or between 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM on the Thursday of the fair.
- ❖ All breeding animals must be checked in by 12 noon on the Thursday of the fair.
- ❖ Cloverbud goats are only brought in for the Cloverbud Goat Show and taken home.
- ❖ **The gates to the back of the livestock area will be locked at 7:00 PM daily during the fair. No exhibitors may stay the night in the livestock barns or sheds during the fair.**
- ❖ **All Junior Livestock exhibitors will have a meeting following the Steer show on Friday September 2nd.**

- ❖ **All exhibitors must show their animals at the scheduled times for the class/shows that they have entered.** In the case of scheduling conflicts, the exhibitor must meet with the Barn Superintendent and/or the adult advisor in advance to make arrangements for a substitute. **All substitutes must be Socorro County 4-H and FFA members in good standing.**
- ❖ **Failure to show an animal at the scheduled time without making prior arrangements approved in advance will result in disqualification from that class.**
- ❖ The schedule for the Junior Livestock Sale will be determined by the Fair Book Rules for the respective departments with final approval by the Livestock Committee.

Weighing In

- ❖ All Market Lambs, Swine, Goats, and Steers will weigh in according to the Large Livestock Weigh-In Schedule.
- ❖ The Weigh-In schedule for large livestock is tentative and depends upon the number of animals and the time required to complete the weigh-in process.
- ❖ Meat Poultry and Meat Rabbits will be weighed upon check-in at the Small Stock Barn on the Thursday of the fair.
- ❖ Market animals will be officially weighed and classified only one time during the scheduled weigh in period.
- ❖ All exhibitors must be present or have a representative for the weigh-in and classification of their animals.
- ❖ The Weigh Master and Livestock Superintendents will manage the weigh-in with assistance from the other Department Superintendents, the County Extension Agents, FFA Advisors, and Livestock Committee members.
- ❖ The Weigh Master reserves the right to check the balance of the scales at any time.

Health and Safety

- ❖ **Animals with skin lesions will be checked for ringworm.** The Livestock Committee will arrange for trained personnel to sample and examine skin lesions to determine the presence of ringworm. **Animals with active ringworm lesions will be denied entrance to the fair.**
- ❖ Absolutely no unauthorized activities will be allowed in or around the livestock area. Exhibitors must adhere to safe conduct at all times.
- ❖ **NO radios, CD players, stereos or other electronic devices are allowed in the livestock areas.**
- ❖ **No horsing around** allowed in the livestock area. Check with the superintendent before engaging in questionable activities (*Such as water fights*).
- ❖ Only persons authorized by the Socorro County Fair and Rodeo Association Board may be allowed to remain in or around the livestock area overnight.
- ❖ **Animals which cannot be controlled by the exhibitor will not be allowed to show and must be removed from the fairgrounds for the safety of the exhibitor and others at the fair.**
- ❖ All breeding stock must be halter broke (*except for hogs*).
- ❖ **Livestock exhibitors are the only ones allowed to have camp trailers parked behind the barn. Arrangements must be made at the August Fair board meeting (2nd Thursday of the month) and subject to approval by the Fair board.**

Animal Care

- ❖ **Each Exhibitor is responsible for the proper care and security of his/her own animal(s) and his equipment at all times.**
- ❖ Exhibitors must clean their pens before 9:00 AM daily.
- ❖ Exhibitors must supply their animal with clean bedding. Sand, wood chips or wood shavings (No sawdust) will be permitted for bedding.
Sand will be the only bedding provided by the Fair Association.
- ❖ Exhibitors must provide their own feed, water, and containers. If animals are not fed or watered, necessary items will be supplied and expenses charged to the exhibitor. Money due to the exhibitor from any and all premiums and/or sale money will be applied first to any expenses incurred to care for his/her animal(s).
- ❖ Exhibitors are responsible for storing and securing their belongings. The fair does not take responsibility for lost or stolen items.
- ❖ All livestock exhibitors are required to use the standard Socorro County Fair display cards showing the name of the owner, the breeder, and other information.
- ❖ The Department Superintendent will assign pens for each exhibitor's animal(s).

- ❖ An area will be provided for exhibitors to store feed, buckets and other equipment. **No feed will be left out at any time.**
- ❖ All livestock must be kept thoroughly cleaned, groomed, and in show condition from 9:00 AM until 7:00 PM daily until the fair closes.
- ❖ **Animals shall not be left in the wash rack for extended periods of time. Wash racks must be cleaned out after use.**
- ❖ The Livestock Committee reserves the right to refuse entry of livestock, for competition, that are not in suitable show condition.
- ❖ Exhibitors are responsible for the disposition of their animals that do not make the sale.
- ❖ **Livestock must be kept on exhibit until the designated fair closing time on Sunday. Any violation of this will suspend showing at the Socorro County Fair for a year.**
- ❖ **Exhibitors who fail to care for their animals responsibly face possible forfeiture of any or all premiums and expulsion from future Socorro County Fairs.**

Ethics

Any livestock exhibitor found guilty of any unethical practice as determined by the Fair Board will forfeit all awards and sale money, if any, received by the exhibitor. The owner of the animal will be banned from future Fair participation until such time as reinstatement is made by the Fair Board.

Unethical Practices include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ❖ Doctoring, doping, or injecting animals for body fill-ins of any type.
- ❖ Altering, changing, defacing, or modifying the markings or the body structure of the animal.
- ❖ Purposefully giving harmful or damaging treatment to another exhibitor's livestock.
- ❖ Removing, altering, damaging, or changing ear tags. **Ear tags that have been lost must be reported immediately to the Livestock Committee. The tags must be presented with the animal.**
- ❖ Applying water or other liquids to fleece for the purpose of increasing weight.
- ❖ Externally applying such things as liniments and blistering agents that could cause changes in skin condition.
- ❖ **NO ANIMAL MAY BE BOUGHT OR SOLD TO PARTICIPATE IN OTHER EVENTS INCLUDING OTHER FAIRS!**
- ❖ **Any violation of the ethics rules can result in the disqualification of the offender from the show and/or sale and the forfeiture of all awards and sale money, if any, received by the exhibitor.**

Showing

- ❖ Adults are not allowed to coach Junior Livestock Exhibitors in the show ring.
- ❖ No one except exhibitors and officials will be allowed in the show ring while the animal is being judged.
- ❖ All animals must be shown by their owners in both the judging arena and the sale ring. No exceptions will be made except for the following:
 1. The exhibitor has met with the Fair Board in advance and has obtained approval for the exception prior to the show.
 2. The exhibitor has obtained prior approval from the superintendent for an exception made because of scheduling conflicts or and emergency (illness, death in the family, etc.)
 3. The owner has two or more animals in the same class.
- ❖ All substitutes must be Socorro County 4-H and FFA members in good standing.
- ❖ Judges will offer reasons for placing at the time of judging. Decisions of the judge are final and may not be appealed.
- ❖ Champion and Reserve Champion for each show will be selected only if the judge believes the entries merit the award.

Fitting and Grooming

- ❖ Only exhibitors, family members, bona fide leaders, Extension agents, FFA teachers, will be permitted to help fit and groom animals. Exhibitors must be present during the grooming and fitting of animals
- ❖ Any violation of the showing rules can result in the disqualification of the offender from the show and/or sale and the forfeiture of all awards and sale money, if any, received by the exhibitor.

Awards and Guidelines

Champion and Reserve Champion

- ❖ Buckles will be awarded to Junior Livestock exhibitors whose livestock projects winning Champion or Reserve Champion ribbons are listed below.
- ❖ Rules for awarding championships are listed by department. See the appropriate department in this book for the individual rules.
- ❖ Grand Champion and Reserve Champion awards for each show will be selected only if the judge rules that the entries merit awards.
- ❖ Judges will give reasons for placing at the time of judging. All judges' decisions are final and are not subject to appeal.
- ❖ All Championship buckles will be awarded at the time of selection.
- ❖ The Grand Champion shall mean the best animal in each department as awarded by the judge of that department.
- ❖ The Reserve Champion shall mean the second best animal in each department as awarded by the judge of that department.

Buckle Championships

- ❖ Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Market Steer
- ❖ Grand Champion County Bred Steer
- ❖ Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Market Swine
- ❖ Grand Champion County Bred Swine
- ❖ Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Market Lamb
- ❖ Grand Champion County Bred Lamb
- ❖ Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Meat Goat
- ❖ Grand Champion County Bred Goat
- ❖ Grand Champion Meat Pen of Poultry
- ❖ Grand Champion Meat Pen of Rabbits
- ❖ Best of Show Fancy Poultry
- ❖ Best of Show Fancy Rabbit
- ❖ Junior Top Hand
- ❖ Top Hand
- ❖ Highest Daily Weight Gain
- ❖ Chuck Monette Memorial

Highest Daily Weight Gain Buckle (*Market Steers Only*)

- ❖ A buckle will be awarded to the Junior Livestock Exhibitor showing the Market Steer that has gained the most weight during the period beginning at the March Market Steer weigh-in and ending at the Socorro County Fair.

Junior Top Hand and Top Hand

- ❖ A buckle will be awarded to the Junior Top Hand.
- ❖ A buckle will be awarded to the Top Hand.

Showmanship Buckles & Award Guidelines

- ❖ Showmanship will be judged during the Junior Livestock show.
- ❖ Showmanship buckles will be given to Junior Livestock exhibitors who best demonstrate cooperation, showmanship, and conduct in the show ring.
- ❖ At the judge's request, a special showmanship class for selected Junior Livestock exhibitors may be added.
- ❖ Each showmanship winner will be awarded buckles at the Livestock Sale.

Showmanship Classes

- ❖ Cattle
- ❖ Swine
- ❖ Sheep
- ❖ Meat Goats

- ❖ Fancy Poultry
- ❖ Fancy Rabbit

Junior Livestock Sale

Number of Animals Sold Per Department

- ❖ Steers:
 - 1-45 head = 10 sale slots
 - 1 additional for every 6 head over 40; i.e. 46-51 11 sale slots, 52-57 12 sale slots, etc
- ❖ Swine/Goats/Sheep:
 - 6-11 head = 2 sale slots
 - 12-17 head = 4 sale slots
 - 18-23 head = 6 sale slots
 - 24-29 head = 8 sale slots
 - 30-40 head = 14 sale slots
 - 41-50 head = 15 sale slots
 - 51-65 head = 16 sale slots
 - 1 additional for every 6 head over 60; i.e. 66-71 17 sale slots, 72-77 18 sale slots
- ❖ 1 Dairy Heifer (with a minimum of 6 head; 18 head required for 2 sale slots)
- ❖ 1 pen of Meat Poultry (with a minimum of 4 pens; one additional pen added for every 2 exhibitors over the first 4 pens)
- ❖ 1 pen of Meat Rabbits (with a minimum of 4 pens; one additional pen added for every 2 exhibitors over the first 4 pens)
- ❖ **Number of animals to be sold will be posted with the show schedule.**
- ❖ **The Livestock Committee reserves the right to determine the number of animals to be sold.**

Sale Eligibility

- ❖ **Sale order will be determined by the Livestock Committee.**
- ❖ All Junior Livestock Exhibitors must declare animals eligible for the Jr. Livestock Sale to the species superintendent. A Jr. Livestock meeting will be held 30 minutes after the completion of the Steer Show for this purpose.
- ❖ All exhibitors who will be taking more than one animal of a single species to the sale must indicate which animal the exhibitor plans to take to the sale.
- ❖ If the exhibitor does not indicate a preference, the exhibitor's animal normally listed first in the usual sale order will be sold
- ❖ Lottery Sale Slot- the Livestock committee will put all sale exhibitors in a hat and draw for last sale slot. This excludes Champions and Reserve Champions.

Conduct of the exhibitor in the sale ring

- ❖ Exhibitor is required to dress in clean and neat clothing in the sale ring, **NO hats, t-shirts, tank tops, sleeveless shirts, bare midriffs, or shorts are allowed in the sale ring. The dress code will be strictly enforced.**
- ❖ All animals (*especially steers*) must be fitted for the Junior Livestock Sale. **The fitting requirements will be strictly enforced.**
- ❖ **Exhibitors and their families may not seek special privileges from buyers, such as buy-backs, for any reason.**
- ❖ **Any exhibitor asking for a buy-back or other special privileges will be subject to disciplinary action by the Socorro County Fair Board, which may include, but is not limited to, expulsion from the 2016 sale, forfeiture of all awards and sale proceeds, and ineligibility to compete in future Socorro County Fairs.**

Sale Terms

- ❖ The exhibitor must be present and ready to deliver all sold animals to the designated loading area at the close of the fair (*Sunday morning*)
- ❖ The sale weight shall be the weight taken at the weigh-in.
- ❖ All sales are cash unless prior arrangements have been made with the Livestock Committee.
- ❖ All add-on contributions below \$50 must be paid on the sale day.
- ❖ **All sales are final. The Livestock Committee must be notified immediately of any errors.**

- ❖ Exhibitors of animals that die after they have been sold but before they are loaded on the truck must refund all sale money to the buyer.
- ❖ All sold animals will be delivered for processing unless the buyer instructs the Livestock Committee otherwise.
- ❖ A \$15.00 promotional fee plus the cost of two photographs will be deducted from the sale proceeds of each animal sold.

Junior Livestock Classes by Species

Market Swine General Rules

- ❖ All Market Swine must have been continuously owned and personally cared for by the exhibitor since June 1, 2015.
- ❖ All entries and awards will be subject to the Junior Livestock rules.
- ❖ Barrows and gilts may be entered. Boars and cryptorchid males will be sifted (*disqualified*). Sifting will be determined by the Livestock Committee.
- ❖ All swine must have farrowed on or after January 1.
- ❖ **No snaring to clip swine. Cordless clippers can be used.**

Weigh-in and Inspection

Swine will be weighed in at the time specified in the fair schedule.

- ❖ Swine must weigh between 200 and 270 lbs.
- ❖ All exhibitors or their representatives must be present at weigh in.

Classification

- ❖ All exhibitors or their representatives must be present at classifying.
- ❖ The Classifier will place all animals into breed classifications.
- ❖ The decisions of the Classifiers are final.

Classes

1. Poland China/Spotted Poland China
 2. Duroc
 3. Hampshire
 4. Chester White/Landrace
 5. Yorkshire
 6. Crosses
 7. Other Purebreds
- ❖ A class consists of a minimum of 6 animals.
 - ❖ A class can be combined with another breed class at the discretion of the Livestock Committee.

Showing Procedures

Whips, bats, pipes and brushes may be used in the show ring.

Champions and Reserve Champions

- ❖ Each 1st place swine in each weight class within a breed class will show for champion of the breed.
- ❖ Once a breed champion has been selected, the 2nd place swine from the weight class in which the champion was selected along with the other classes' first place swine will show for reserve champion of the breed.
- ❖ If only one class exists, then the 1st and 2nd place of that class will be champion and reserve champion of the show.
- ❖ Once the champions have been selected, they will compete against each other for Grand Champion of the show.
- ❖ After the Grand Champion of the show has been selected, the remaining champions and reserve following grand champions will compete against each other for Reserve Champion of the show.

Determination of Swine to be sold at Auction

- ❖ The number of swine to be sold will be posted prior to the show.
- ❖ The sale order will be sale ring cake, meat pens of rabbit and poultry, Reserve Champion market animals, Grand Champion market animals, followed by the light to heavy weight classes following show order.

- ❖ The Livestock Committee will split proportionately the number of swine to be sold based upon a percentage of the total number of entries in each of the breed classes.
- ❖ The Livestock Committee will also split proportionately the number of swine to be sold within each breed class based upon a percentage of the number of entries in each of that breed's weight classes.
- ❖ If the first place swine in its weight class is not sold, then the second place swine will be sold, and so on.
- ❖ If none of the animals in a weight class are sold, then the highest placed animals from the weight class from which the champion was chosen will be sold.
- ❖ The next animal to be sold would be the highest placing from the Reserve Champion's class.
- ❖ The Livestock Committee will decide which animals will be sold if the above procedure does not produce a sale animal.

County Bred Market Swine General Rules

- ❖ **County-bred swine must be declared at the June tag-in.**
- ❖ Swine must be bred, raised, and purchased from a Socorro County breeder.
- ❖ At the June tag-in, exhibitors must present Swine Face Papers that includes the breeders name and address.
- ❖ No exhibitor may show more than two swine in the County-bred show.
- ❖ All breeds will be shown together.
- ❖ All entries and awards will be subject to the Junior Livestock rules.
- ❖ Cloverbuds are eligible to show.

Classes

- ❖ Twelve swine, regardless of weight, must be entered before a second class will be declared.
- ❖ The Livestock Committee will determine weight breaks if more than one class is deemed necessary.
- ❖ Official weights used at weigh-in for the Market Swine Show will be used to determine County-bred classes.

Premiums

- ❖ The County-bred Market Swine Show will pay premiums based upon the number of entries and the amount of money in the premium fund.

All County-bred Shows are contingent upon producer and/or coordinator support.

Meat Goats General Rules

- ❖ All Meat Goats must have been continuously owned and personally cared for by the exhibitor since June 1, 2015.
- ❖ All Meat Goats must be registered at the June check-in at the fairgrounds at the time specified by the Livestock Committee.
- ❖ All entries and awards will be subject to the Junior Livestock rules.
- ❖ Only wethers and doe kids may be exhibited.

Weigh-in and Inspection

- ❖ **All sheep and goats for exhibition (other than castrated males) must have USDA Scrapies I.D. Tags (REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW)**
- ❖ At weigh-in, all goats must weigh at least 50 lbs.
- ❖ **All Meat Goats must be uniformly shorn 3/8 inches or less above the knee and hock upon arrival.**
- ❖ All Meat Goats must have their horns tipped. No sharp points allowed upon arrival.

Classification

All meat goats will be shown by weight classes. 6 animals will constitute a class additional classes will be added with every 6 additional animals.

Showing Procedures

- ❖ Exhibitors will be allowed to use halters, collars, and leads in the show ring.

Champions and Reserve Champions

- ❖ Each 1st place meat goat in each weight class will show for champion of the breed.
- ❖ If only one class exists, then the 1st and 2nd place of that class will be champion and reserve champion of the show.
- ❖ After the Grand Champion of the show has been selected, the remaining champions and reserve following grand champions will compete against each other for Reserve Champion of the show.

Determination of Meat Goats to be sold at auction

- ❖ The procedures outlined under Market Swine will be used to determine the selection of champion meat goats and to determine the meat goats to be sold and the sale order for meat goats.

County Bred Meat Goats General Rules

- ❖ County-bred goats must be declared at the June tag-in.
- ❖ Goats must be bred, raised, and purchased from a Socorro County breeder.
- ❖ At Tag-in, exhibitors must present a signed bill of sale (made out to the exhibitor that includes the breeders name and address.
- ❖ No Exhibitor may show more than two goats in the County-bred show.
- ❖ All breeds will be shown together.
- ❖ All entries and awards will be subject to the Junior Livestock rules.
- ❖ Cloverbuds are eligible to show.
- ❖ **All sheep and goats for exhibition (*other than castrated males*) must have USDA Scrapies I.D. Tags (REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW)**

Classes

Ten goats, regardless of weight, must be entered before a second class will be declared.

- ❖ The Livestock Committee will determine weight breaks if more than one class is deemed necessary
- ❖ Official weights used at weigh-in for the Meat Goat Show will be used to determine County-bred classes.

Premiums

- ❖ The Country-bred Meat Goat Show will pay premiums based upon the number of entries and the amount of money in the premium fund.

All County-bred shows are contingent upon producer and/or coordinator support.

Market Lambs General Rules

- ❖ All Market Lambs must be owned and records kept by the exhibitor beginning June 1, 2015
- ❖ All entries and awards will be subject to Junior Livestock rules.
- ❖ Ewes and wethers may be entered. Rams and cryptorchid males will be sifted (*disqualified*) and will not be eligible for the livestock sale. Sifting will be determined by the Livestock Committee.
- ❖ **All sheep and goats for exhibition (*other than castrated males*) must have USDA Scrapies I.D. Tags. (REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW)**

Weigh-in and Inspection

- ❖ **Lambs must be slick shorn $\frac{1}{4}$ (*one-fourth*) inch or less before they arrive at the fairgrounds for the lamb show.**
- ❖ All exhibitors or their representatives must be present at weigh-in.
- ❖ Each lamb will be weighed at the time posted in the weigh-in schedule.
- ❖ At weigh in, the lamb must weigh no less than 80 lbs. There is no upper weight limit.

Classification

- ❖ All exhibitors must be present at the scheduled time for classification.
- ❖ The classifier will place all animals in breed classes.

Classes

1. Fine wool- Western White Face
2. Dorset
3. Fine wool Cross
4. Blackface
5. Crosses
6. Other Purebreds

- ❖ A breed class consists of at least six animals of a single breed.
- ❖ If there are not sufficient animals, classes may be combined at the discretion of the Livestock Committee.

Showing Procedures

Halters may be used in the show ring. **Note: an exhibitor using a halter is not eligible for showmanship.**

Champions and Reserve Champions

- ❖ Each 1st place lamb in each weight class within a breed class will show for champion of the breed.
- ❖ Once a breed champion has been selected, the 2nd place lamb from the weight class in which the champion was selected along with the other classes' first place lamb will show for reserve champion of the breed.
- ❖ If only one class exists, then the 1st and 2nd place of that class will be champion and reserve champion of the show.
- ❖ Once the champions have been selected, they will compete against each other for Grand Champion of the show.
- ❖ After the Grand Champion of the show has been selected, the remaining champions and reserve following grand champions will compete against each other for Reserve Champion of the show.

Determination of Lambs to be sold at auction

- ❖ The procedures outlined under Market Swine will be used to determine the selection of champion lambs and to determine the lambs to be sold and the sale order for lambs.

County Bred Market Lambs General Rules

- ❖ County-bred lambs must be declared at the June tag-in.
- ❖ Lambs must be bred, raised, and purchased from a Socorro County breeder.
- ❖ At-tag-in, exhibitors must present a signed bill of sale (*made out to the exhibitor*) that includes the breeders name and address.
- ❖ No exhibitor may show more than two lambs in the County-bred show.
- ❖ All breeds will be shown together.
- ❖ All entries and awards will be subject to the Junior Livestock rules.
- ❖ **All sheep and goats for exhibition (*other than castrated males*) must have USDA Scrapies I.D. Tags. (REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW)**

Classes

- ❖ Twelve lambs, regardless of weight, must be entered before a second class will be declared.
- ❖ The Livestock Committee will determine weight breaks if more than one class is deemed necessary.
- ❖ Official weights used at weigh-in for the Market Lamb Show will be used to determine County-bred classes.

Premiums

- ❖ The County-bred Market Lamb Show will pay premiums based upon the number of entries and the amount of money in the premium fund.

All County-bred Shows are contingent upon producer and/or coordinator support.

Market Steers General Rules

- ❖ All Market Steers must be owned and records kept by the exhibitor as of the tag-in day on the 3rd Saturday of March.
- ❖ All entries and awards will be subject to the Junior Livestock rules.

Weigh-in and Inspection

- ❖ First weigh-in for Market Steers will be held in March at a place and time designated by the Livestock Committee.
- ❖ The minimum weight to show is 1000 lbs. No sale will be listed for weights over 1350 lbs.
- ❖ Daily weight gains will be computed from the March weigh-in date until the County Fair weigh-in.
- ❖ Weigh-in at the fair will be at the time specified in the fair schedule.
- ❖ Stags, heifers, cryptorchid males, etc., will be sifted (*disqualified*) by the Livestock Committee during the weigh-in inspection.
- ❖ All exhibitors or their designated representatives must be present to weigh-in at the fair.

Classification

Classes

- ❖ **Classes will be broke by hip height. (No Limit on class size. Classes will be determined by the Jr. Livestock Committee.)**
- ❖ Hip height measurement will be taken at the fair during scheduled times for the Market Steer weigh-in.

Showing Procedures

- ❖ Nose rings with leads may be used during the steer show. **NOTE: Those exhibitors using nose rings with leads will not be eligible to win the Showmanship Award.** Steers can be fitted.

Champions and Reserve Champions

- ❖ Each 1st place steer in each class will show for Grand Champion of the show.
- ❖ After the Grand Champion of the show has been selected, the class winners and 2nd following the grand champion will compete against each other for Reserve Champion of the show.

Determination of Steers to be sold at auction

- ❖ The procedures outlined under Market Swine will be used to determine the selection of champion steers and to determine the steers to be sold and the sale order for steers.

County Bred Market Steers General Rules

- ❖ County-bred steers must be declared at the March weigh-in.
- ❖ Steers must be bred, raised, and purchased from a Socorro County breeder.
- ❖ At the March weigh-in, exhibitors must present a signed bill of sale (made out to the exhibitor) that includes the breeders name and address.
- ❖ Steers shall be branded with a county brand.
- ❖ All breeds will be shown together.
- ❖ All entries and awards will be subject to the Junior Livestock rules.

Classes

- ❖ **Classes will be broke by hip height. (No Limit on class size. Classes will be determined by the Jr. Livestock Committee.)**

Premiums

- ❖ The County-bred Market Steer Show will pay premiums based upon the number of entries and the amount of money in the premium fund.

All County-bred Shows are contingent upon producer and/or coordinator support.

Replacement Dairy Heifers General Rules

- ❖ Proof of ownership (ex. Bill of Sale) will be required.
- ❖ The exhibitor must have continuously owned the heifer or participated in a 4-H/FFA lease program no less than 90 days prior to the fair opening date.
- ❖ All entries and awards will be subject to the Junior Livestock rules.
- ❖ Heifers will be classified by age.
- ❖ Breed registration is not required, but the heifers must show predominant breed characteristics.

Classes

- ❖ In the event that not enough heifers are shown to make separate breed classes, breed classes will be combined at the discretion of the Replacement Dairy Superintendent or the Livestock Committee.
- ❖ One Dairy Heifer will be sold. A second Dairy Heifer will be added to the sale if there are 18 or more heifers.

Health Requirements

- ❖ A health certificate for each heifer is required.
- ❖ A negative TB test taken within 30 days of the fair is required if the heifer is 24 months of age unless the heifer is from a New Mexico certified free herd.

Dispute Requirements

- ❖ Interpretation of the rules, if necessary, will be made by the Livestock Committee and the Fair Board.

Beef Breeding Heifers General Rules

- ❖ All Beef Breeding Heifers must be registered in the name of the exhibitor.
- ❖ All Beef Breeding Heifers must be tagged-in at the same times as the steer tag-in. (Held in March)
- ❖ Beef Breeding Heifers must have been continuously owned by the exhibitor beginning February 1st.
- ❖ Beef Breeding Heifers must be managed under the supervision of the County Agents or Agricultural Education Advisor.
- ❖ Heifers must be under 22 months of age at the opening of the County Fair.
- ❖ All entries and awards will be subject to the Junior Livestock rules.

General Rules

4- H/FFA DIVISION - SMALL STOCK

- ❖ **August 13th tattoo rabbits**
- ❖ All rabbits must be identified with a tattoo on their left ear.
- ❖ Rabbits must be tattooed prior to the fair.
- ❖ **Exhibitors or their representatives must be present during judging to handle their rabbits.**
- ❖ All 4-H/FFA entries and awards will be subject to the Junior Livestock rules.

Small Stock Division

4- H/FFA Meat Pen Rabbits

- ❖ A group of 3 rabbits under 69 days of age and weighing not less than 3 lbs and not more than 5 lbs constitutes a Meat Pen of Rabbits.
- ❖ Any breed may be shown.
- ❖ Meat Pen Rabbits must be owned by the exhibitor by July 29, 2015.

4- H/FFA Fancy Rabbits

- ❖ All Fancy Rabbit exhibits will be shown as single animals, one to a cage.
- ❖ Superintendent will assign pens.
- ❖ Any breed, sex, or age rabbit is eligible.
- ❖ Rabbits will be classified by sex or by breed.

4- H/FFA Meat Pen Poultry

- ❖ A group of 3 birds 7 to 10 weeks old each weighing not less than 4lbs and not more than 5 ½ lbs constitutes a single meat pen.
- ❖ Any breed is acceptable.
- ❖ All Meat Pen Poultry will receive a numbered leg band upon arrival of the fair.
- ❖ All entries and awards will be subject to the Junior Livestock rules.

4- H/FFA Fancy Poultry

- ❖ All Fancy Poultry exhibits will be shown as single animals, one to a cage. (Superintendent will assign pens.)
- ❖ Any breed, age, or sex of chicken, duck, turkey, dove, or goose is eligible.

- ❖ Classes will be Large Chicken, Bantam Chicken, Duck, Dove, Turkey, and/or Goose. Six birds constitute a class.
- ❖ Fancy Poultry will receive a numbered leg band upon arrival of the fair.
- ❖ All entries and awards will be subject to the Junior Livestock rules.

4-H CLOVERBUD DIVISION- LIVESTOCK

4-H Cloverbud Exhibitor Requirements

- ❖ Exhibitors must be 4-H Cloverbud officially registered in a 4-H club in Socorro County.
- ❖ Exhibitors must be between the ages of 5 and 8 yrs. old. (They must have reached the age of 5 before January 1, 2015)

4-H Cloverbud Show Awards

- ❖ Cloverbud Goat show: participation ribbons.
- ❖ Cloverbud Lamb Show: participation ribbons.
- ❖ Cloverbud Fancy Poultry and Fancy Rabbit Shows: trophies.
- ❖ NOTE: 4-H Cloverbuds do not participate in the Junior Livestock Sale.
- ❖ NOTE: 4-H Cloverbuds are not eligible for Junior Livestock Awards.

4-H Cloverbud Goats General Rules

- ❖ Only 4-H Cloverbuds who are registered in a Socorro County 4-H club and are between the ages of 5 and 8 yrs old may exhibit Cloverbud Goats. All exhibitors must be 5 yrs old as of January 1, 2015.
- ❖ Cloverbuds can show ANY goat except billy goats. Goats can either belong to the exhibitor or any 4-H or FFA member exhibiting meat goats.
- ❖ Parents are responsible for sizing children with goat to be shown.
- ❖ The Cloverbud Goat Show will take place Thursday at 6:00 pm before the start of the Meat Goat show.
- ❖ The Livestock Department General Rules apply to the Cloverbud Goat Show.
- ❖ **All goats for exhibition (*other than castrated males*) must have USDA Scrapies I.D. Tags (*REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW*)**
- ❖ **NO BILLY GOATS ARE ALLOWED TO BE SHOWN**

Awards

- ❖ All exhibitors in the Cloverbud Goat Show will be showing for participation ribbons only.
- ❖ 4-H Cloverbuds are not eligible for the Junior Livestock Sale.

Dispute Resolution

- ❖ The Livestock Committee and the Fair Board will interpret the General Livestock Department Rules and/or the rules governing the Cloverbud Goat Show.

4-H Cloverbud Lambs General Rules

Only 4-H Cloverbuds who are registered in a Socorro County 4-H club and are between the ages of 5 and 8 yrs old may exhibit Cloverbud Lambs. All exhibitors must be 5 yrs old as of January 1, 2015.

- ❖ Cloverbuds can show ANY lamb. Lambs can either belong to the exhibitor or any 4-H or FFA member exhibiting market lambs.
- ❖ Parents are responsible for sizing children with lamb to be shown.
- ❖ The Cloverbud Lamb Show will take place before the market lamb show.
- ❖ The Livestock Department General Rules apply to the Cloverbud Lamb Show.
- ❖ **All sheep and goats for exhibition (*other than castrated males*) must have USDA Scrapies I.D. Tags. (*REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW*)**

Awards

- ❖ All exhibitors in the Cloverbud Lamb Show will be showing for participation ribbons only.
- ❖ 4-H Cloverbuds are not eligible for the Junior Livestock Sale.

Dispute Resolution

- ❖ The Livestock Committee and the Fair Board will interpret the General Livestock Department Rules and/or the rules governing the Cloverbud Lamb Show.

4-H Cloverbud Small Stock Fancy Poultry

- ❖ Any breed, sex, age bird is eligible.
- ❖ Each bird must have been owned or in the Cloverbud member's care no later than August 1.
- ❖ There must be at least one class of poultry exhibited for the trophy to be awarded. Six poultry entries constitute a class.

Fancy Rabbits

- ❖ Any breed, sex, age rabbit is eligible.
- ❖ Each Cloverbud rabbit must have been continuously owned or in the exhibitors care since August 1.
- ❖ There must be at least six Cloverbud rabbits exhibited for the trophy to be awarded.