

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 Friday, Aug. 18, 2023.

- ❖ 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

- ❖ \$10.00 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 Booster Goats, Lambs, Fancy Poultry, and Fancy Rabbits.
- ❖ \$10.00 per pen for a meat pen of Rabbits or Poultry. (*A meat pen = 3 animals*)
- ❖ \$10.00 for Sale Ring Cake
- ❖ \$2.00 for Socorro County Fair and Rodeo Association Administration Fee.
- ❖ ****We will not be charging a pen fee this year, in the instance that a pen is left uncleaned there will be a \$20 penalty held out of exhibitor sale checks. In the case that the exhibitor doesn't make the sale, they will be charged double on the next year's entry fees.**
- ❖ \$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 (with the exception of Boosters).
An exhibitor's status of “in good standing” can be changed upon violation of the moral and ethical standards of the 4-H and FFA organizations at any time from the point of project ownership to sale money received. The Jr Livestock Committee will discuss the violation as they are made aware of any situation and it will be submitted to the SCF&RA for final decision. Punishment can be as severe as forfeiting the privilege of exhibiting at the fair, loss of revenues generated from the Jr Livestock Sale, and being banned from future participation in the Socorro County Fair.
- ❖ 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 cattle, sheep, goats, and swine must be on the grounds by 1 PM on Wednesday, August 30.
- ❖ All market animals must be weighed and classified at weigh-in beginning at 1 PM on Wednesday August 30.
- ❖ All rabbits and poultry must be checked in by 5pm on Wednesday, August 30.
- ❖ Booster animals are only brought in for the Booster shows and taken home.
- ❖ All Junior Livestock exhibitors with animals making the sale must make their sale intentions known by 3 PM on Friday, September 1st or they will forfeit their sale slot(s).
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Schedule**

Wed, 8/30	8-12 pm	-	Enter 4-H/FFA Small Stock
	1 pm	-	Market Animal Weigh-In
	3-5pm	-	Enter 4-H/FFA Small Stock
	7 pm	-	Mandatory 4-H/FFA Livestock Exhibitor Meeting
Thur, 8/31	7 am	-	Booster Lamb Show
		-	Followed by Market Lamb Show
		-	Followed by County Bred Lamb Show
	11 am	-	Booster Goat Show
		-	Followed by Market Goat Show
		-	Followed by County Bred Goat Show
	5 pm	-	Breeding & Dairy Heifer Show
	6 pm	-	Market Steer Show
		-	Followed by County Bred Steers
Fri, 9/1	7 am	-	Market Swine Show
		-	Followed by County Bred Swine Show
	11 am	-	Judging of Small Stock
	1 pm	-	Round Robin Showmanship
Sat, 9/4	3pm	-	Jr Livestock Sale
Sun, 9/5	TBD	-	Release of livestock

- ❖ 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 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.
- ❖ All exhibitors must attend the mandatory exhibitor meeting prior to the shows.

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. Market sheep and goats must have body wool/hair equal to or less than ½”.
- ❖ 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. Dismissal of animals is at the discretion of the livestock committee.
- ❖ 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 on the junior livestock entry form and are 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 and have all animals fed before 9:00 AM and before 7:00 PM daily; with the exception of Thursday, in which animals can be fed after the pig show.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Exhibitors or associations of exhibitors that fail to care for livestock as outlined or that are caught stealing or tampering with another exhibitors belongings (livestock, gear and supplies, feed, etc) will receive an official letter of warning from the livestock committee on their first violation. Any further violation will result in being banned from future exhibition at the Socorro County Fair.
- ❖ 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.

Ethics

- ❖ Any livestock exhibitor, family member or associate of an 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.

An exhibitor's status of "in good standing" can be changed upon violation of the moral and ethical standards of the 4-H and FFA organizations at any time from the point of project ownership to sale money received. The Jr Livestock Committee will discuss the violation as they are made aware of any situation and it will be submitted to the SCF&RA for final decision. Punishment can be as severe as forfeiting the privilege of exhibiting at the fair, loss of revenues generated from the Jr Livestock Sale, and being banned from future participation in the Socorro County Fair.

Unethical Practices specific to livestock 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 livestock committee 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.

Any animal that cannot be controlled by the exhibitor will receive assistance from ring help in placing the animal in a location that minimizes risk to the exhibitor, the animal and the others in the ring. The ring help cannot help in the showing of the animal and will only be used to keep the animal in the designated location. After being aided by ring help the exhibitor may not join in the procession of the show but remain in the designated area for the duration of that class. Utilization of the animal in the placing of the class will fall at the discretion of the judge.

- ❖ 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 Breeding Heifer
- ❖ 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
- ❖ Highest Daily Weight Gain Steer
- ❖ Chuck Monette Memorial – Spirit Award

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 Market Steer weigh-in and ending at the Socorro County Fair.

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.
- ❖ The champion showman from each species will compete in a round robin showmanship contest on Friday following the county bred steer show. A Reserve Champion Showman will be chosen by the showmanship judge so that in the case that the Champion Showman wins multiple species, a Reserve will be chosen to also participate in the round robin. Each exhibitor will be responsible for arranging for the animals they will use to show; each exhibitor will need a goat, pig, lamb and steer to show. The winner of the round robin showmanship will receive a show box.

Showmanship Classes

- ❖ Market Cattle
- ❖ Market Swine
- ❖ Market Lamb
- ❖ Market Goat
- ❖ Rabbits
- ❖ Poultry

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
- ❖ 1 County Bred Steer
- ❖ 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
 - 51-65head = 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)
- ❖ 1 pen of Meat Rabbits (with a minimum of 4 pens)
- ❖ 1 Sale Ring Cake
- ❖ 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.

- ❖ All sale exhibitors will have to turn a thank you card into livestock committee by noon on Saturday, August 31st. If the thank you card is not received we will deduct \$250 from the sale proceeds of that Exhibitor.

- ❖ Beginning at the 2020 Socorro County Fair, steer exhibitors will only be eligible to sell one steer in the Jr Livestock Sale. Every exhibitor is still eligible to sell two animals in the sale of which only one may be a steer.

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 Round Robin Showmanship contest 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.
- ❖ No glitter, paint, signs, or words may be displayed on the animal or exhibitor for the Junior Livestock Sale. Easily removed items such as ribbons and bows will be allowed.
- ❖ 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 sale, forfeiture of all awards and sale proceeds, and ineligibility to compete in future Socorro County Fairs.
- ❖ Only exhibitors and animals will be allowed in the sale ring (basket carriers must wait outside).

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 of the current year.
- ❖ 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 of the current show year.
- ❖ 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 290 lbs.
- ❖ All exhibitors or their representatives must be present at weigh in. **Animals must be taken through the scales by the exhibitor or another 4-H or FFA member; no adults will be allowed to take animals across the scales.**

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. Berkshire
 3. Duroc
 4. Hereford
 5. Dark OPB
 6. Hampshire
 7. Yorkshire
 8. White OPB
 9. Other Purebreds
 10. Crosses
- ❖ Refer to the attached breed guidelines for breed descriptions.
 - ❖ 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, Grand Champion market animals, Reserve 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, and 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.
- ❖ No animal placing lower than 6th place will be eligible for sale. With no other animal available within the class and then the species eligible for sale, the sale slot will be forfeited.
- ❖ 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 1 swine in the County-bred show.
- ❖ All breeds will be shown together.
- ❖ All entries and awards will be subject to the Junior Livestock rules.
- ❖ Boosters 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 of the current year.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ All goats must have been born on or after January 1 of the current show year.

Weigh-in and Inspection

- ❖ All exhibitors or their representatives must be present at weigh in. **Animals must be taken through the scales by the exhibitor or another 4-H or FFA member; no adults will be allowed to take animals across the scales.**
- ❖ 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 55 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 1 goat in the County-bred show.
- ❖ All breeds will be shown together.
- ❖ All entries and awards will be subject to the Junior Livestock rules.
- ❖ Boosters 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

12 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 of the current year.

- ❖ 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*)
- ❖ All lambs must have been born on or after January 1 of the current show year.

Weigh-in and Inspection

- ❖ Lambs must be slick shorn 1/2 (*one-half*) inch or less before they arrive at the fairgrounds for the lamb show.
- ❖ All exhibitors or their representatives must be present at weigh-in. **Animals must be taken through the scales by the exhibitor or another 4-H or FFA member; no adults will be allowed to take animals across the scales.**
- ❖ 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 or their representatives 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 1 lamb in the County-bred show.
- ❖ All breeds will be shown together.
- ❖ All entries and awards will be subject to the Junior Livestock rules.
- ❖ Boosters 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

- ❖ 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. Exhibitors must make every effort to bring their own steer(s) to the scales during weigh-in.

Classification Classes

- ❖ Classes will be broke by hip height. *(No Limit on class size. Classes will be determined by the Jr. Livestock Committee.) In the event that uniform classes cannot be formed without sacrificing the safety of exhibitors for various reasons the livestock committee will resolve to breaking steer classes by weights.*
- ❖ 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.

In the show ring, any animal that cannot be controlled and escapes from the exhibitor 3 times will receive assistance from ring help in placing the animal in a location that minimizes risk to the exhibitor, the animal and the others in the ring. Animals may be placed in the designated location or dismissed from the show ring at the discretion of the species superintendent or livestock committee chairman. The ring help cannot help in the showing of the animal and will only be used to keep the animal in the designated location. After being aided by ring help the exhibitor may not join in the procession of the show but remain in the designated area for the duration of that class. Utilization of the animal in the placing of the class will fall at the discretion of the judge.

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. Steers will continue to be placed by pulling from the class of each previous winner until the top 5 steers have been awarded.

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.
- ❖ No exhibitor may show more than 1 steer in the County-bred show.
- ❖ Steers shall be branded with a county brand.
- ❖ All breeds will be shown together.
- ❖ Boosters are eligible to enter the County Bred Market Steer Show; they are not eligible for the sale and will forfeit the opportunity for the Jr Livestock Sale and only receive the premiums awarded to that specific placing. The next highest placing steer will assume the sale slot vacated by a booster member.
- ❖ There will be a sale slot added to the Jr. Livestock Sale for the Champion county bred steer. ***County Bred Steers may also show in the market steer class.*** In the event that the Champion County Bred Steer is not eligible due to make the sale in the market steer class or is pulled from the sale, the opportunity will be passed to the next highest placing steer and will continue until the 6th place steer. Any animal below a 6th place is not eligible for the sale and the sale slot will be forfeited.
- ❖ 6 steers constitute a class. In the instance that there are not 6 county bred steers the additional sale slot will be forfeited.
- ❖ All entries and awards will be subject to the Junior Livestock rules.

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Classes

- ❖ Classes will be broke by hip height. *(No Limit on class size. Classes will be determined by the Jr. Livestock Committee.) In the event that uniform classes cannot be formed without sacrificing the safety of exhibitors for various reasons the livestock committee will resolve to breaking steer classes by weights*

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 if there is a class (6 animals constitute a class). 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 if the exhibitor. Boosters may enter and show in the Beef Breeding Heifer Show.
- ❖ 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 the 3rd Sat of March.
- ❖ Beef Breeding Heifers must be managed under the supervision of the County Agents or Agricultural Education Advisor.
- ❖ Heifers must be over 12 months of age and under 22 months of age at the opening of the County Fair.
- ❖ All entries and awards will be subject to the Junior Livestock rules.

Dairy Goats General Rules

- ❖ Proof of ownership (ex. Bill of Sale) will be required.
- ❖ The exhibitor must have continuously owned the goat or participated in a 4-H/FFA lease program since June 1 prior to the fair opening date.
- ❖ Goats must be tattooed and have a fair issued ear tag.
- ❖ Goats must be equal to or less than 24 months of age.
- ❖ Goats must not be freshened or come into milk.
- ❖ 12 animals must be entered before a second class will be made.
- ❖ All goats must have a valid scrapies tag.

General Rules

4- H/FFA DIVISION - SMALL STOCK

- ❖ A day in August will be identified place leg bands on chickens and 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 30 of the current year.

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.

BOOSTER DIVISION- LIVESTOCK

Booster Exhibitor Requirements

- ❖ Exhibitors must be between the ages of 5 and 8 yrs. old. (They must have reached the age of 5 before January 1, of the current year)
- ❖ The Socorro County Fair Board strongly encourages booster youth to be registered as a Cloverbud in a 4-H club in Socorro County.

Booster Show Awards

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

Booster Goats General Rules

- ❖ Only boosters who are between the ages of 5 and 8 yrsold may exhibit booster Goats. All exhibitors must be 5 yrs old as of January 1 of the current year.
- ❖ Boosters 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 Booster Goat Show will take place Thursday following the Meat Goat show at 9.
- ❖ The Livestock Department General Rules apply to the BoosterGoat 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 Booster Goat Show will be showing for participation ribbons only.
- ❖ Boosters 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 BoosterGoat Show.

Booster Lambs General Rules

Only Boosters who are between the ages of 5 and 8 yrs old may exhibit Booster Lambs. All exhibitors must be 5 yrs old as of January 1 of the current year..

- ❖ Boosters 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 Booster Lamb Show will take place before the market lamb show.
- ❖ The Livestock Department General Rules apply to the Booster Lamb Show.
- ❖ All sheep and goats for exhibition (*other than castrated males*) must have USDA Scrapies I.D. Tags. (*REQUIRED BY FEDERATION LAW*)

Awards

- ❖ All exhibitors in the BoosterLamb Show will be showing for participation ribbons only.
- ❖ Boosters 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 Booster 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 Booster 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.

4-H Cloverbud Small Stock Fancy Rabbits

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

Market Hog Classification Guidelines

Dark OPB

- ❖ Includes Berks, Spots, Poland and other dark PB Breeds

Berkshire

- ❖ Black and white with erect ears exhibiting Berkshire character.
- ❖ A Berkshire must have white on face and tail (unless tail is docked). Three of the four legs must be white.
- ❖ A Berkshire must NOT have a solid white or solid black face from the ears forward.
- ❖ A Berkshire must NOT have a solid black nose (rim of nose).
- ❖ White is allowed on the ears, but neither ear can be entirely white.
- ❖ An occasional splash of white may appear on the body.

Spotted Swine

- ❖ Must be black and white.
- ❖ Must possess Spotted breed character.
- ❖ Ears cannot be erect.
- ❖ Any red tinted or brown spots are ineligible.
- ❖ No solid black head from ears forward. No distinct white belt pattern (hair or skin) encircling and extending down and onto each shoulder.
- ❖ Hogs that have weighted ear tags or evidence of tampering of ears with possible ear tags are ineligible.

Poland China

- ❖ Must possess Poland China breed character
- ❖ Must be black with a white face and switch (unless tail is docked). Three of the four legs must be white. May have an occasional splash of white on the body.
- ❖ Must have ears down.
- ❖ Must not have evidence of belt formation.
- ❖ Cannot have any red or sandy hair and/or pigment
- ❖ Hogs that have weighted ear tags or evidence of tampering of ears with possible ear tags are ineligible.

Duroc

- ❖ Must be red in color and possess Duroc breed character (ears must be down and medium sized).
- ❖ Must NOT have any white hair located on the animal.
- ❖ Must NOT have any black hair.
- ❖ Must NOT have more than three black spots on the skin and none of these spots can be larger than two inches in diameter.
- ❖ Must NOT have any shading or indication of a belt.

Hampshire

- ❖ Must be black in color with a white belt starting on a front leg. The belt may partially or totally encircle the body.
- ❖ Must possess Hampshire breed character (ears must be erect and round).
- ❖ Must NOT have any white hair or indications of streaking on the forehead.
- ❖ Must NOT have any red hair.

Light OPB

- ❖ Light OPB will include Chesters, Landrace, and Herefords.

Chester White

- ❖ Must possess Chester White breed character.
- ❖ Must be solid white in color, no color on the skin larger than silver dollar, no colored hair.
- ❖ Ears must be down and medium size.
- ❖ Hogs that have weighted ear tags or evidence of tampering of ears with possible ear tags are ineligible.

Landrace

- ❖ Must be white in color and possess Landrace breed character (ears must be down).
- ❖ Must NOT have any color hair other than white.
- ❖ Must NOT have more than three spots of skin pigmentation.
- ❖ Must NOT have any spot of skin pigmentation larger than one U.S. minted quarter.

Hereford

- ❖ Must be red in color.
- ❖ Must have white head, ears and 4 white legs.

Yorkshire

- ❖ Must be white in color and possess Yorkshire breed character (ears must be erect).
- ❖ Must NOT have any colored hair other than white.
- ❖ Must NOT have colored skin pigmentation larger than one U.S. minted silver dollar.
- ❖ Must NOT have masking above the eyes larger than a silver dollar.

Crossbred

- ❖ Hogs of any coloration pattern or pigmentation are eligible for entry in this breed.

****All classification decisions are at the discretion of the classifier and their interpretation of this breed guide. All classifier decisions are final and may not be disputed****