

General Livestock Rules

GENERAL STATEMENT

Whenever possible, 4-H and FFA livestock will be shown together in the same classes.

Superintendent Responsibilities

Superintendents in each division will be responsible for:

1. Stall assignments
2. Barn meetings with exhibitors
3. Show order
4. Recording of official placements
5. Sale order
6. Final disposition of animals

WEIGHTS

Market Beef Heifers minimum	900 pounds
Market Beef Steers minimum	1000 pounds
Carcass Beef Heifers minimum (live weight)	900 pounds
Carcass Beef Steers minimum (live weight)	1000 pounds
Market Lambs minimum	95 pounds
Market Lambs maximum	none
Market Swine minimum	230pounds
Market Swine maximum	None
Meat Goat minimum	50 pounds
Meat Goat maximum	none

Market animals not meeting these weight requirements will be allowed to show in a special class but will not be eligible for purple ribbons or championship consideration. Carcass animals not meeting these weight requirements will not be eligible for purple ribbons or championship consideration. If an animal is within weight limits, no re-weigh will be allowed. Re-weighs are only allowed if an animal is under or over the weight limits, and then they can re-weigh only one time, within the weigh-in time of 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Under and overweight animals cannot sell in sale. Swine show is terminal.

Number of Market Livestock That May Be Exhibited

An exhibitor will be limited to showing the following maximum number of market livestock:

Carcass Beef	two (2) head
Market Beef (total steers and heifers)	three (3) head
Market Swine	three (3) head
Market Lambs	three (3) head
Meat Goats	three (3) head

All large animal exhibitors are expected to attend a barn meeting which will be called by their superintendent Wednesday afternoon or evening of the Fair.

The Box Butte 4-H Council adopted the International Association of Fairs and Expositions National Code of Show Ring Ethics on June 17, 1997 on the advisement of the Fair Board. Exhibitors showing market animals must read and follow this code of ethics. A signed copy of the IAGE National Code of Show Ring Ethics must be turned-in to their species superintendent on Wednesday, August 6 at the time of weigh-in and entry of their market Animals.

GENERAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL LARGE LIVESTOCK

- A. Under no circumstances may animals under quarantine be exhibited.
- B. Only animals not showing signs of infectious or contagious disease will be allowed to show.
- C. Policy on Ringworm, Warts, Abscesses and Open Wounds:
 - a. Animals that have active ringworm, visible warts, or abscesses, will not be allowed entry into the Box Butte County Fair for exhibition.
 - b. The inspecting veterinarian may judge the ringworm to be inactive if the lesion is not encrusted and hair has begun re-growth in the area and is so stated on a letter/health certificate from inspecting veterinarian.

- c. Animals with warts that are visible by a hands-off inspection will not be allowed to exhibit and will not be allowed to remain on the premises.
- d. Animals that have visible abscesses will not be allowed to exhibit and will not be allowed to remain on the premises.
- e. Animals that have visible signs of open wounds that do not appear to be healing will not be allowed to exhibit and will not be allowed to remain on the premises.
- f. Animals that are injured or lame upon check-in/weigh-in will not be permitted to exhibit and will not be allowed to remain on the premises. This will not affect carcass entries.

The superintendents reserve the right to have animal(s) remain on the trailer, until a veterinarian arrives to examine said animal(s).

The superintendents reserve the right to have an animal removed from the fairgrounds if said animal is determined to be a safety or health risk to the public, exhibitors, other animals, or itself. It shall be the consensus of the superintendents on removing such an animal. If said animal is dismissed because of a health risk, it shall be supported by a veterinarian opinion. Please refer to General Health Requirements for additional information on dismissal of livestock because of health reasons.

TOTAL QUALITY ASSURANCE

All exhibitors in beef, dairy cattle, dairy goats, meat goats, sheep and swine must have received Quality Assurance training or testing through a UNL Extension program, on or before June 15 of current year. Program attendance or completion of a test in the county Extension Office is required. Completion of training will be certified by County Extension Staff.

Youth ages 8 - 11 (4-H age) must attend a yearly training session. These sessions will be approximately 1-2 hours in length. The session will not be the same every year. Materials are presented in a three year rotation, under the topics of Daily Care & Management and Prevention (first year), Animal Handling and Carcass Quality (second year) and Medications (third year). All youth in this age bracket attend the same training, regardless of species enrollment or year they join 4-H. (Only one topic group is covered each year.)

Youth ages 12 - 14 (4-H Age) the following options apply: An intermediate level test will be available for youth ages 12-14. If a youth takes this at age 12 and passes, he/she is done with training until age 15.

Youth ages 15 and over—An advanced level test will be offered for youth ages 15 and over. If he/she takes this and passes, they are done with training.

Youth ages 12-Over Option—All youth ages 12 and over may choose to attend a training or help present a program. If they choose this option, it is a yearly requirement. Tests will be given in the Extension office. They are not take-home tests; but they can take them as many times as necessary to pass.

DRESS CODE

Required dress code for showing at the Box Butte County Fair:

- 1) 4-H members in beef, sheep, and swine (including market, breeding, and meat goat classes) will be required to wear blue jeans, white shirt with collar, and the 4-H chevron attached to the left front of the shirt and appropriate shoes. No open toed shoes will be allowed. No sleeveless shirts will be allowed. No shirts that expose midriff, navel or undergarments will be allowed. In the event the 4-H Council approves an official t-shirt for a particular year, that approved t-shirt shall become official dress for that year.
- 2) 4-H members in Dairy and Dairy Goat will be required to wear white pants, white shirt with collar, and the 4-H chevron attached to the left front of the shirt and appropriate shoes. No open toed shoes will be allowed. No sleeveless shirts will be allowed. No shirts that expose midriff, navel or undergarments will be allowed. In the event the 4-H Council approves an official t-shirt

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- 3) FFA members will be required to wear a sleeved FFA polo shirt or official FFA dress.
- 4) In **All Classes**, 4-H and FFA members will be dropped a ribbon placing for improper attire.

LIVESTOCK SALE

4-H or FFA member may sell a maximum of two (2) animals at the annual market livestock sale.

Only market animals will be sold.

Poultry exhibitors must inform the Superintendent which birds they are selling in the 4-H & FFA Livestock Auction by 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 7. Each exhibitor can sell a total of two birds. Birds must be from this year's hatch. The minimum weights for the birds will be prorated according to the bird's age and breed standards listed in the Poultry American Standard of Perfection. The birds entered in the sale must be a dual purpose or meat breed. No white ribbon birds will be sold.

Rabbit exhibitors must inform the Superintendent which rabbits they are selling in the 4-H & FFA Livestock Auction by 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 7. Each exhibitor can sell a total of two rabbits. Sale rabbits must be from the meat classes and be a commercial breed. The minimum weights and ages for the rabbits are as follows:

- Single Fryer, 3 ½ to 5 ½ lbs. & under 69 days of age
- Meat Pen Fryer, 3 ½ to 5 ½ lbs. & under 69 days of age
- Roaster, over 5 ½ lbs.
- Individual Stewer, 4-8 lbs. and over 12 weeks old

No white ribbon rabbits will be sold.

It is encouraged for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion animals to sell at the 4-H & FFA Livestock Auction, but it will be left up to the discretion of the 4-H and/or FFA exhibitor. The weigh-in period for all market livestock will be from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday of Fair week. Animals will be weighed only once (unless under or over weight), and weigh-in weight will be the official sale weight. Exhibitors will be responsible for having correct weights shown on official sale sheet. Market animals will be weighed as they are unloaded at the fairgrounds. The weigh-in weight taken on Wednesday, shall be the official show and sale weight for cattle, swine, sheep, and meat goats.

Exhibitors must sell their own animals in the sale unless permission is given by the superintendent. If not excused, the animal will not be allowed to sell.

Members must wear Official 4-H dress or FFA dress when selling animals in the sale. (See dress code for additional information.)

Please note that the Box Butte County Fair 4-H & Livestock Auction is a change of ownership sale. Once an animal steps into the sale ring and is sold to the highest bidder, ownership has changed. Animals that go through a change of ownership sale are ineligible to show at State Fair, AkSarBen and Western Junior Livestock Show.

Deductions to be with-held from Exhibitors Livestock Sale Checks

Beef (per head sold)

Beef Check-Off	\$1.00
Brand Inspection	\$.75
Picture	\$5.75
Promotion (BBQ)	\$5.00
3% of total earned (after above deductions)	

Rabbit (per head sold)

Picture	\$5.75
Promotion (BBQ)	\$5.00
3% of total earned (after above deductions)	

Sheep (per head sold)

Lamb Board Check-Off	\$1.00
Picture	\$5.75
Promotion (BBQ)	\$5.00
3% of total earned (after above deductions)	

Poultry (per head sold)

Picture	\$5.75
Promotion (BBQ)	\$5.00
3% of total earned (after above deductions)	

Swine (per head sold)

Pork Check-Off	\$1.00
Picture	\$5.75
Promotion (BBQ)	\$5.00
3% of total earned (after above deductions)	

Meat Goat (per head sold)

Picture	\$5.75
Promotion (BBQ)	\$5.00
3% of total earned (after above deductions)	

RELEASE OF ANIMALS

No 4-H or FFA exhibit will be released until resale and butcher animals have been loaded out on the last Sunday of the Fair except for bucket calves, stocker feeders, breeding beef, breeding sheep, dairy goats, and dairy. Due to limited stall space, some breeding animals, dairy, and dairy goats may be required to be brought in and taken home on the day of their show.

If an exhibitor removes a 4-H or FFA animal from the Fair grounds early, the exhibitor will not be allowed to show livestock the following year in Box Butte County.

Permission for early removal of livestock may be granted by superintendents.

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CLEANING OF STALLS/PENS

Failure to clean all stalls/pens at the Box Butte County Fair will result in the 4-H/FFA members' livestock sale premium checks to be withheld.

All stalls/pens must be cleaned out by 10:00 a.m. on the last Sunday of the Fair. After member has cleaned out their stalls/pens they must have the barn superintendent check the stall(s)/pen(s).