

GENERAL LIVESTOCK SHOW RULES & PROCEDURES

Purpose:

The purpose of all livestock programs is twofold. First, it teaches young people about proper management of animals, and it teaches life skills, such as time management, commitment, and responsibility.

Livestock Show Perspective:

A livestock show should be a reward for/celebration of the learning achieved in a specific livestock program. Rules should be followed as part of the learning experience.

Publications: See specific animal heading for information concerning each species. For general rules, EC979 can be obtained from the Extension Animal Science department. This publication outlines the guidelines for the Junior Beef and Sheep Shows. The Horse Championships Handbook can also be obtained from the Extension Animal Science department. This publication completely outlines all rules related to the horse project.

Agents Role:

4-H agents are to act as educators in this program. The main emphasis should be to teach members and parents skills necessary for the completion of the given livestock project. Agents should not be responsible for doing the project for the members. In addition, **agents are to enforce specific livestock show rules as it pertains to their county 4-H program.**

Member Eligibility:

Competition is limited to 4-H members who are enrolled in the 4th grade on January 1st of the current calendar year and who have not reached the end of the calendar year of their high school graduation or the end of the calendar year of their 20th birthday, whichever comes first. The exhibitors must be under the supervision of an Extension agent and will be required to comply with all the rules of the show(s).

Ownership:

All animals must be individually owned or registered in the name of the exhibitor and in possession (in care of) of the exhibitor by the dates specified under each animal heading. **It is the responsibility of the 4-H agent in each county to insure their members comply with this rule.**

Entries:

All animals must be entered on the correct form and submitted to the proper office before the appropriate deadline. All deadlines are listed under each animal heading. **It is the responsibility of the 4-H agent in each county to insure their members comply with this rule.**

Tagging and Weigh-In:

Market animals, as well as commercial animals, will need to be tagged and weighed in by dates specified under each animal heading. **It is the responsibility of the 4-H agent in each county to supervise and witness this activity.**