



1. Inhumane Treatment of Animals

Abuse of an animal in any form will not be tolerated. NO electric prods or muzzles will be allowed to be used on any animal at anytime. Ice packs and ice water are not allowed. Any violation of this rule may result in immediate revocation of awards and possible disqualification with no recourse.

2. Livestock Health Requirements and Drug Testing

Each exhibitor is responsible for having their animals properly immunized prior to the fair.

All breeding, market animals and horses must be seen by a local veterinarian. Those showing signs of infectious, contagious, or communicable disease may be immediately withdrawn from the fair and may require removal from the premises. The decision of the veterinarian will be final. All animals on the grounds are subject to re-examination by veterinarians at any time during the fair.

a. Animals with active lesions of ringworm with resulting loss of hair or wool, or multiple warts easily visible without close examination will not be permitted to exhibit.

b. It is recommended that all female beef be vaccinated for Brucellosis.

c. Horses are recommended to be immunized for Influenza, Rhinopneumonitis, Sleeping Sickness, and West Nile Virus.

d. Poultry and rabbits must be free of disease and/or parasites to show, or they will be disqualified.

e. Dogs must have proof of annual Rabies vaccination certificate issued within 1 year of show date. A copy of this certificate must be available for the superintendent. It is recommended that dogs be vaccinated for Canine Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parainfluenza, Parvo Virus, Corona Virus and Kennel Cough. Dog health certificates must be turned in to the Extension Office by May 1, 2012.

f. No breeding sheep, breeding goats, market ewe lambs, or market female goats will be allowed to enter the Fairgrounds without a Federal Scrapie ID Tag in their ear. Registered goats with an ear tattoo number that corresponds with a copy of the registration papers can be used in place of the Scrapie ID tag.

g. If a market animal becomes sick after it has arrived at the Adams County Fairgrounds, the owner of the animal (or parent, superintendent, or Extension Agent) must contact a licensed veterinarian for the treatment of that animal. If the veterinarian diagnosis is that the illness is not a contagious or communicable disease, it may remain on grounds and be exhibited under the approval of the veterinarian. If the animal needs medication the veterinarian will take full responsibility for the animal's treatment. If the animal is in the Junior Market Sale and the withdrawal time exceeds the slaughter time of that species, the youth must take the animal home and then slaughter the animal after the Veterinarian Patient Client Relationship (VPCR) has been fulfilled.

h. All animals will be inspected upon their arrival at the Adams County fairgrounds. Those not meeting the requirements stated above may be disqualified from competition and are to be removed from the fairgrounds as determined by the Veterinarian and in consultation with the Extension Agent.

5. Fans:

a. Are permitted but must be totally enclosed.

b. No cooling systems permitted in livestock barns.

6. Pregnant Animals

a. Exhibitors with cattle, swine, ewes and nannies that are close to calving, farrowing, lambing or kidding are strongly advised to leave those animals at home. If those animals calve, farrow, lamb or kid while at the show, they will be isolated and/or possibly asked to leave the grounds.

7. Exhibitor Eligibility

a. Each exhibitor must have valid written evidence of his or her ownership indicating sole ownership prior to the species identification date, which shall include brand inspection, bill of sale, or registration certificates as may be appropriate to the species. All papers must be available for inspection. Each animal entered in a market class shall be identified by an ear tag and ear notches or retinal scans. If ear tags are required and a tag is lost, the Superintendent or Extension Office must be contacted immediately. The ear tag will then be replaced. If livestock arrives at the fair with no ear tag, without prior notification to Superintendent or Extension staff, may be subject to disqualification. The ownership deadline for all species is May 1, 2012 with the exception of market animals, which must be in ownership by the designated county identification dates, which are available from the Extension Office.



- b. At any time during the project year, each exhibitor agrees to provide for inspection by the Extension Office, Species superintendent or their designee(s).
- c. Each exhibitor entering an animal in a market or breeding livestock class (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits) is required to complete training and be in compliance of the Colorado State University Youth Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) program, as conducted by Extension or Agricultural Education Instructors, **each year they intend to exhibit the above animals/species at the Adams County Fair.** Failure to complete this requirement will exclude the project member from showing and/or selling at the Adams County Fair. Deadline for taking a Youth Meat Quality Assurance program is 45 days prior to the first day of the Adams County Fair.

d. Record Books - Livestock

- i. All 4-H Livestock Division (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats) Exhibitors must attend a pre-fair interview at which time they must present an up-to-date record book to be eligible to show a livestock project. Interview dates and times will be determined and published by the Adams County Extension Office. Contact the Extension Office for details.
 - 1. An up-to-date record book must be presented at the time of the interview.
 - 2. If the record book is determined to not be up-to-date, the member must present an up-to-date record book to the Extension Office before animals are checked in at Fair to be eligible to show.
- ii. All 4-H members who exhibit livestock must turn in at least one completed livestock record book after the Fair to be eligible to exhibit at next year's Fair.
 - 1. If the member sold an animal in the Junior Livestock Sale, a completed record book must be submitted for the species the exhibitor sold.
 - 2. Completed record books must be submitted no later than the Friday after Labor Day, to the Adams County Extension Office, of the year shown.
 - 3. Record books must score a minimum of 70% of the total points possible to be considered complete. A record book receiving a score of less than 70% will forfeit fair premiums (for that species or division), and those receiving a score of less than 50% will forfeit fair premiums (for that species or division), and have to meet with an extension agent.

e. Record Books – Small Animal

- i. The Small Animals Record Book is due to the Extension Office by Friday, July 13 at 4:30PM. Exhibitors must complete and turn in an Record Book for each Small Animal Department Area for which they plan to enter.
- ii. See the Small Animal Rules for more specific Record Book Guidelines.

f. Record Books – Horse

- i. The Horse Project Record Books are due to the Extension Office by Friday, July 13 at 4:30PM.
- ii. Members must include a record for each individual Horse (Including ID Sheets) that they plan to exhibit at the fair.

7. Wholesome Meat Act

- a. The Adams County Fair endorses and supports the USDA Wholesome Meat Act and insists exhibitors are in compliance. Exhibitors of all Market animal entries must certify their compliance with the manufacturer's pre-market withdrawal periods specified for any and all medications, drugs, pesticides, or feed additives administered. The use of any non-approved chemical or improper use of approved chemicals is strictly prohibited.
- b. **An Adams County Market Animal Wholesome Meat Assurance Form must be submitted at the time of check-in.**
- c. All market animals entered must satisfy any and all antibiotic and feed additive withdrawal dates and be eligible for immediate slaughter.
- d. Any animal exhibited is subject to a random drug tests and/or identification check(s).

8. Entries

- a. All entries close on the dates published in the Adams County Fair Premium Book.
- b. Appropriate entry forms must be submitted to the Extension Office by the published deadline date.
- c. Stalls may be assigned by the superintendent.



4. Animal Eligibility

a. Ownership - 4-H Livestock and Small animal projects must be owned by and be under the exhibitors name as specified below. The official ownership is the date on the receipt of sale, unless the animal was bred by the exhibitor.

- 1) Market Animals: Beef - 120 consecutive days; rabbits & poultry 90 consecutive days and 90 consecutive days for swine, sheep and goats.
- 2) Breeding/Feeder Animals: 30 consecutive days
- 3) Horses: Owned or leased for a minimum 120 consecutive days.

All Livestock Exhibitors including horses must submit an Animal Care and Housing Form(Primary Care) indicating where they intend to house their exhibit animal. Animal Care and Housing Forms must be submitted to **Adams County 4-H**, c/o the Extension Office/Agent on or before the designated county identification dates for Market livestock and May 1 for all other animal projects. Failure to complete and comply with this requirement may exclude the project member from showing and/or selling at the Adams County Fair.

To be eligible to show at the Adams County Fair, all market animals must be identified on a designated identification day.

Animals not entered in regularly scheduled classes will not be permitted on the grounds.

Feeder and Heavyweight Animals

Heavyweight animals will be shown in heavyweight classes.

Underweight animals will be shown in the feeder classes.

Feeder and Heavyweight animals are not eligible for Champion or Reserve Champion or for the Junior Livestock Sale.

Feeder and Heavyweight animals may be used in showmanship.

Failure to show animals when class is called will not justify a class recall.

Once observed by the judge in its respective class, any market entry that qualifies for further competition must continue to exhibit in the show.

Animals must be shown by the exhibitor. If the exhibitor has a conflict another Adams County 4-H member may show the animal with Superintendent approval.

Any livestock deemed uncontrollable by the Consulting Extension Agent will be excused from the show ring or the fairgrounds depending on the severity of the situation.

5. Fitting of Animal

a. All 4-H exhibitors named as owner will accept and acknowledge responsibility for the custody, care and feeding of their animal(s). 4-H exhibitors are expected to have prepared their own project animal for exhibition. While on the Adams County Fairgrounds, it is expected that animals exhibited in any 4-H show are to be handled, fitted, dressed, washed, groomed, and shown for show competition by the junior exhibitor. Experienced and older 4-H exhibitors are encouraged to provide support for young exhibitors. If needed, assistance may only be provided by immediate family members. If 'specific circumstances exist, it is encouraged that exhibitors and families contact the Extension Office prior to the arrival of exhibits on the fairgrounds. Professional Fitters and/or breeders are not allowed to assist in the fitting and show preparation of any Junior Livestock Project while on the Adams County Fairgrounds.

6. Unethically Fitted Livestock: The following are termed unethical practices:

- a. The alteration, changing, defacing or any modification of the marking of animals;
- b. The removal, alteration, changing or purposely damaging ear tags;
- c. The use of ice packs, towels immersed in ice water, or other refrigerants to alter the quality of the finish of an animal;
- d. Changing the color of hair at any point, spot, or area on the animal's body;
- e. The use of any grooming material that allows color to rub off;
- f. Adding an artificial tail head or tail fin, artificial poll, or adding any hair like substance;
- g. Showing an animal of ineligible age;
- h. The use of drench guns or artificial devise for hydrating or feeding of animals.



7. Care of Livestock

- a. Exhibitors are expected to help keep exhibit areas clean and attractive. All animals should be kept clean and in a presentable condition at all times.
- b. While on the Adams County Fair Grounds all livestock must be cared for by junior exhibitors. Exhibitors may receive assistance from family members or other current and active Adams County 4-H or FFA members only.

8. Feed and Bedding

- a. All feed and feed equipment must be furnished by the exhibitor
- b. Exhibitors must feed, water, bed and otherwise care for their entries during the fair.
- c. All manure should be removed to the designated area.
- d. Shavings are the acceptable bedding for all livestock on the fairgrounds, however, Breeding Sheep Exhibitors may use straw and Swine exhibitors may use pellets.

9. Dress Code for Show and Sale

The following dress code is to be followed by all 4-H Livestock exhibitors while in the show and/or sale ring:

- o Closed-Toes shoes (Boots recommended if work with large livestock)
- o Clean Jeans, free of tears, rips or holes
- o A button down shirt, sleeves must cover shoulder.
- o Belt is recommended
- o No exposed mid-drift or skin and no exposed undergarments.
- o Deviations from the dress code will result in a request to change or you may not show or sell your animal. This dress code is not subject to personal interpretation. A superintendent, assistant superintendent, extension agent, or show ring management may deem clothing inappropriate.

10. Stalling and Penning

- a) All livestock and horse Exhibitors are responsible for turning in a pen or stall card at time of entry.
- b) All livestock and horse stalls and small animal cages will be assigned by the Department superintendent.
- c) Failure to turn in a stall card for livestock or horse may result in inability to stall and show.

11. Release Time

- a) Release time for all Livestock exhibits is 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 5, 2012.
- b) Families, exhibitors are not allowed to remove ANY animal prior to speaking with and getting release from the superintendent of their respective department.



COLORADO STATE 4-H REQUIREMENTS

1. Any junior exhibitor and/or family member found guilty of using illegal compounds on junior animals will be banned from Colorado 4-H Youth Development animal projects by Colorado State University Extension.
2. Every county 4-H program where youth have enrolled in market livestock projects will annually provide a meat quality assurance program patterned after existing programs in Colorado.
3. Every junior member that exhibits and completes a market livestock project will sign a statement indicating his or her understanding and compliance with the wholesome meat act, in order to protect the integrity of the food chain. This statement must be on file in the county Extension office. Each county should include the wholesome meat act information in their respective fair book.
4. All market animals that are junior livestock projects must be individually identified, i.e., ear tags or other identification.
5. 4-H humane animal care guidelines available from the State 4-H office will be reviewed and practiced by each junior member that enrolls in a market livestock project.
6. The Show Ring Code of Ethics will be followed by every county fair that has a junior livestock show.
7. Violation of requirements two through six shall result in project disqualification for that year.

IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS) CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition.

This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels. All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

- 1) All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
- 2) Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
- 3) Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
- 4) Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of, consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory, to which it is sent, is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.



- 5) Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
- 6) The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
- 7) Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
- 8) No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
- 9) The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
- 10) The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expos and any special notices to members.
- 11) The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.



Adams County Junior Livestock Sale Rules

The following rules apply to the Market Animals in the following Departments; **Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats, Rabbits and Poultry**:

1. All market beef, sheep, swine and goats must attend the spring identification days order to be eligible for entry and sale at the Adams County Fair. All ruminants (Beef, Sheep, Goats) will have their eyes retinal scanned at this time for identification purposes. Swine will be identified using ear notches.
2. The Grand and Reserve Grand Champion in each market species must sell.
3. Exhibitors are eligible to sell one animal from any & all market departments in the Adams County Fair Junior Market Sale. (Exception is Rule #2)
4. Each nominated sale animal must be sound, healthy, and market ready as determined by the superintendents and/or Fair Veterinarian. All market animal exhibitors must have a premise ID and meet Wholesome Meat Act and Youth Meat Quality Assurance Guidelines. All market exhibitors must fill out the Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) and Wholesome Meat forms. Market Swine exhibitors must also meet Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) guidelines.
4. The sale of Market animals is final. Buyers have the discretion to decide what is done with the sale animal. Ownership and responsibility for sale animals remains with the seller until the animal is sold at which time the Adams County Sale Committee is responsible for delivery of said animal to a harvest and processing facility, or where the buyer deems appropriate.
5. There cannot be a substitution of animals designated for sale. The only exception is if an animal is not deemed eligible for sale due to medical reason, as determined by a veterinarian. At the discretion of the Livestock and Sale Committee as well as the Extension office; exhibitor may substitute an animal.
6. Sale Weights:
 - Market Beef (Steers and Heifers); 1,000Lbs. – No Maximum
 - Market Swine; Minimum 220Lbs- Maximum 280Lbs;
 - Market Lambs; Minimum 100Lbs- No Maximum
 - Market Goats; Minimum 60 Lbs-Maximum 115Lbs;
 - Meat Rabbits; Maximum of 10 weeks old and a Maximum of 5Lbs.
 - Meat Poultry(Chickens/Poultry); Must be no more than 6 months of age.

No re-weighs are permitted.
7. Marketing: Open Competitive marketing will prevail. Animals are sold to the highest bidder. A sale Commission may be charged to all animals sold in order to defray normal marketing and publicity expenses.
8. Fair Sale order shall be determined by the Extension Agent in consultation with Department Superintendent and class placing.
9. All Sale animals must meet divisional requirements.
10. Market exhibitors must adhere to General, Livestock and Junior Livestock rules as stated in the Adams County Fair Premium book.
11. Exhibitors must show their own animal. Exception, when 2 animals are in the same class split, only an Adams County 4-H member in good standing may assist exhibitors with showing.
12. Market Beef **MUST** be checked out through the Beef Superintendent to receive final shipping papers.
13. All sales are final.
14. All Champion and Reserve Champion Market Beef, sheep and goats will have their eyes retinal scanned to verify animal identity.
15. Any animal missing their pre-weigh in tag will have their eyes retinal scanned, or ear notches checked to verify the identity to animal used at the spring pre-weigh.
16. Any exhibitor found to be substituting animals intended for exhibition at the Adams County Fair will immediately forfeit any and all premiums accrued at the current fair. This may be grounds for disqualification from the current year's fair and from future membership in Adams County 4-H and/or Colorado 4-H.



17. All Grand and Reserve Grand Champion market animals will be drug tested immediately following their selection. Exhibitors are held responsible for the cost incurred for drug testing an animal if suspicious compounds are found. All premiums and sale checks will be forfeited if illegal compounds are found.

18. Failure to walk through the Sale Ring with your animal at your designated sale time may result in disqualification from the sale and may result in the sale of your animal at resale value only. As Determined by the Adams County Sale and Livestock Committees.

19. Sale checks will be available for pick-up at the Extension Office in September following the Fair. Livestock Sale participants will be notified when they become available and a thank you note MUST be submitted before any check will be released.

BUYER THANK YOU NOTES

1. A thank you note must be written to each buyer (including add-ons) of your animal. (If you have one buyer with two add-ons, you write 3 notes.)
2. Buyer's thank you notes are due to the Extension Office Friday August 12th.
3. The Adams County Junior Livestock Sale Committee Strongly encourages exhibitors to write thank you notes to add-on buyers also. A list of add-on buyers will be available at the Extension Office and they will also be listed on your sale check.
4. Standard stationary (3.5" x 5") designed for correspondence or large greeting cards (blank inside) must be used. Binder paper (lined paper of any kind) plain printer paper and index cards are unacceptable.
5. Thank you notes must be written in ink or typewritten; for those with weak penmanship, erasable ink pens are acceptable.
6. No home-made envelopes allowed.
7. Envelopes must be properly addressed (in ink) and stamped before you receive your check.
8. Envelope must have the complete name of buyer.
9. Envelope must have complete return address.
10. Photos of exhibitors and animals will be sent directly to the buyers by the Adams County Junior Livestock Sale Committee.
11. All notes must be a minimum of 25 words. Minimum of 50 words for those exhibitors over 12 years of age.
12. Dirty or smudged thank you notes will not be accepted.
13. Thank you notes must be turned in 15 days after the Livestock Awards Social or checks will be forfeited.
14. Thank you letters must be turned in unsealed and stamped to the Adams County Extension Office. If your thank you is deemed unacceptable, you will be asked to re-write them.
15. A \$50 dollar award will be given to the top thank you notes written by Junior, Intermediate and Senior Market exhibitors, they must be turned in by the first Friday following Adams County Fair in order to be eligible.

Notes:

Your note should thank your buyer for supporting the Junior Livestock Auction and that you hope they will continue to support young 4-H exhibitors into the future. You can also tell them a little about yourself, such as age and how long you have been active in 4-H and/or the Adams County 4-H Livestock Sale. Tell them about your plans for the future (money saved for education, purchase of more animals etc.) The buyers are all interested in the young people that they are supporting during the Livestock Sale.

