

4-H & FFA Jr. Livestock Rules

Junior Livestock Committee

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Eligibility and Show/Sale Rules

1. Group Affiliation: An exhibitor may participate in the Cache County Junior Livestock Show and Sale as a 4-H or FFA member only, not both. Exhibitors must declare one or the other at time of entry and pay applicable membership fees.
2. 4-H youth are encouraged to update or register for this 4-H year by April 1 of the current year to be eligible to tag in an animal. 4-H and FFA entries for the fair will enter online at: <https://cachecounty.fairentry.com>. (ALL users sign in using the blue log-in.)
3. All exhibitors will be responsible to designate/enter his or her market animal through FairEntry and pay the \$5.00 entry fee per market animal PRIOR to tag-in.
4. To be eligible to participate in the Cache County Junior Livestock Show and Sale exhibitors must be in the 3rd grade AND 8 years of age, as of October 1st of the previous year. Exhibitors can show through the same season as their high school graduation but not past their 19th birthday. Exception: Disabled persons as defined by Public Law 98-527.
5. FFA participants must complete all record keeping requirements set by his/her chapter advisory. 4-H youth must submit a completed 4-H livestock portfolio.
6. Anyone who is married is ineligible to participate.
7. The exhibitor will own, feed, and care for his/her project animal(s) for no less than 100 consecutive days for market beef and commercial dairy heifers, and 60 consecutive days for market swine, market goats, and market lambs immediately prior to the show time. No interruption of ownership can occur. All livestock project animals must be located in the same county as the exhibitor during the required ownership period.
8. Tag-in dates will be set by the Junior Livestock Committee to comply with ownership requirements. (See rule #7) Exhibitors can tag-in two animals of the same species (one as an alternate) but will only be permitted to sell one animal. No animals will be tagged in after the last advertised day of each species tag in. Any conflicts or adaptations must be presented to the species chair PRIOR to the tag in day.
9. Exhibitors must be present with their animal at the designated times for entry into the Cache County Fair shows and the Cache County Sale. Animals not presented at the entry times will not be allowed to show or sell. Extreme cases should be presented to the species chair for approval.
10. All 4-H exhibitors must wear a long or short sleeve shirt which fastens down the front with a collar, long pants and close toed shoes to participate in livestock shows (including the Round Robin), and the Jr Livestock Sale. This also includes the parade of champions during the Friday night rodeo. Shirts must be white or predominately white in color. The following will not be allowed: T-shirts, tank tops, tube tops, or sleeveless shirts. There is to be a 4-H emblem or patch on all 4-H members' shirts. All FFA members must be in official dress, which includes a white shirt, tie, and FFA jacket. Exhibitors who fail to abide by dress standards will forfeit premium money.
11. The fitting of animals will take place in areas designated by the Jr Livestock Committee. Adults and older exhibitors are encouraged to help the younger exhibitors. However, each exhibitor is expected to work with the project animal and must be in attendance with that animal during the entire fitting process.
12. All market animals will be weighed at the appointed times according to species. Animals must be dry, have all blankets removed and have a clean tag before they will be allowed across the scale. Each animal is only allowed to cross the scale once. The species minimum weights are as follows: Beef: 1,100 lbs. Sheep: 100 lbs. Goats: 50 lbs. Swine: 230 lbs. Exhibitors whose animals are sifted because of weight restrictions, may still participate in showmanship classes.
13. 4-H and FFA exhibitors may exhibit two market animals if they are different species. For example: An exhibitor could exhibit one lamb and one goat, or one lamb and one hog, but exhibitors cannot enter two lambs or two goats.
14. Exhibitors can have both animals (different species) judged and placed, however, only one animal can be sold through the auction. The sale animal must be designated by the exhibitor following the market show. If exhibitor fails to designate which animal they wish to sell, the committee will choose the highest placing animal for the sale.

15. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion market animals must be sold through the Junior Livestock Sale and must be harvested. If an exhibitor wins Grand or Reserve champion with two animals they may sell both animals. (Commercial Dairy Heifer winners are exempt from the slaughter rule.)
16. A 5% sales fee will be charged on all animals sold in the Junior Livestock Auction. Proceeds will be used for sale promotion and expenses directly related to the Junior Livestock program.
17. There will be a 5% commission on all boosts as well as convenience fees.
18. Once an animal has gone through the Jr Livestock Auction, regardless of buy-back or no-sale, ownership has changed. All sale slips are FINAL. Market animals cannot be removed from the stalls, pens, or fairgrounds without prior approval of each department chair.
19. Exhibitors must FEED and WATER animals through Sunday at 10AM. Feed and water need to be species specific. No buckets for pigs. Waterers and feeders can be picked up Sunday afternoon. Any exhibitor that fails to properly care for their animals will be subject to \$100 fee taken out of their sale check.
20. In the Market classes, exhibitors must personally exhibit and sell their own animals unless prior arrangements are made with the committee. Exceptions are made only in extreme cases.
21. An exhibitors age in showmanship classes, for all species, is determined by the grade completed in May of the current year. Exhibitors participating in showmanship must use the animal they entered in the market class of that species.
22. Judges will award placings of Blue or Red according to the type, quality, breed characteristics and condition of the animals. All placings and ribbons are determined by the hired judge of the current year.
23. Premiums for swine, sheep, goats, dairy and beef are as follows: Blue \$11.00; Red \$9.00; White \$7.00; The Showmanship premiums for swine, sheep, goats, dairy and beef are as follows: First Place \$10.00; second Place \$9.00; third Place \$8.00 and so forth, down to \$1.00.
24. Pens, stalls and surrounding areas must be clean and free of clutter. Exhibitors not taking appropriate care of their animals will be subject to \$100 deduction to their sales check. A warning will be issued prior to the \$100 fine. All money collected will be put into the scholarship fund.
25. All cattle must be secured with both a halter and a neck rope.
26. Commercial Dairy Heifers must be confirmed a minimum of 5 months pregnant at fair time to be exhibited in the market show and sale. Heifers must be Bangs vaccinated and have a legible tattoo, a negative TB test and are subject to other health requirements set by the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food.
27. Market swine exhibitors are strongly encouraged to do all clipping at home prior to weigh-in and wash all animals prior to Thursday's show. Facilities will be provided Monday-Saturday from 6:00 am - 8:30 pm.
28. Market sheep are not eligible to be in the Open Show. Before purchasing a ewe lamb, make sure the breeder has attached a scrapies tag identifying the farm where the lamb was born.
29. Market goats must have horns removed or "tipped" and females must have scrapies tag before weigh-in.
30. No exhibitor will be allowed to show an animal if he or she cannot control the animal in the show or auction ring. Assistance will be permitted at the discretion of the ring officials. Any animals not fitted, cleaned or cattle not broke to lead may be sifted by the committee.
31. Each division chairperson is responsible for judges and any decision for the department.
32. Identification signs must be displayed on each pen or stall showing ownership.
33. Each class is determined by the FairEntry program. Market shows are determined by animal weight and showmanship classes are determined by grade and age. All class are final and non-negotiable.
34. Specific dates for tagging and entry information will be made available as soon as those dates are set by the Junior Livestock Committee. Additional regulations and requirements will be provided to all exhibitors prior to the County Fair Show.
35. All exhibitors are encouraged to attend at least 2 approved educational classes before the fair. (These educational classes will be MANDATORY for participation in fair 2023.)
36. All livestock barns are closed each night of the fair from 11:00PM-5:30AM.
37. No dogs are allowed in any of the livestock barns.