

Fergus
Petroleum
4-H
Livestock



Fergus & Petroleum County 4-H Large Animal Policy and Guidelines

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Fergus Petroleum 4-H Livestock Committee

Objectives:

- To educate youth and adults for living in a global and ever-changing world by using the resources of the Land Grant Universities and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
- To encourage 4-H members to learn as much as they can about livestock while developing their leadership skills.
- To promote and develop good sportsmanship in all aspects of the program.

The Livestock committee shall:

- A. Develop and carry out educational programs for members enrolled in livestock projects
- B. Develop and carry out policy and guidelines for the livestock program to function under
 - 1) Approve all policies developed by livestock sub-committees
- C. Develop an annual budget
- D. Preside over the county 4-H livestock program as deemed necessary

Members of the Committee shall include:

1. A representative from each club with members in livestock projects (youth and adults)
2. Independent leaders
3. Livestock Superintendents: Beef, Sheep and Swine
4. Junior Livestock Sale Coordinator
5. Livestock Judging Coordinator
6. County Agent (or representative from the Fergus County Extension office)

Officers

Chair—

- 1) Preside over all Livestock Committee meetings
- 2) Work with Extension staff and Leader's Council
- 3) Call any special meetings as necessary
- 4) Appoint committees to facilitate the workings of the Livestock Committee

Vice Chair—

- 1) Preside over meetings in the absence of the Chair
- 2) Notify leaders of special meetings or workshops
- 3) Notify Extension office staff and/or Leader's council of special meetings or workshops
- 4) Serve as Chair of all sub-committees

Secretary—

- 1) Take minutes at Livestock committee meetings, e-mail to Extension Office to be posted to the web within one week after the meeting.
- 2) Take care of correspondence for the committee

Extension Agent— (Or office representative)

- 1) Be a facilitator to the Livestock committee
- 2) Be responsible for getting any complaints received in the Extension office to the committee in a timely manner
- 3) Be the liaison between the 4-H Center for Youth Development and the Livestock Committee
- 4) To provide guidance and assurance that all activities and project work are in compliance with state and county guidelines.

Voting--To be eligible to vote, committee members must be enrolled in a livestock project or as a livestock leader

Quorum--A quorum will consist of those members present at a Livestock Committee meeting

Policy & Guidelines printed in the Central Montana Fair book take precedence over any other policy or guidelines.

Central Montana Junior Livestock Show

--Animal treatment

1. The Montana and FFA programs recommend that animals be handled in a proper and ethical manner in accordance with accepted modern animal husbandry and scientific practices. In addition, adequate care, including, watering feeding and comfort should be appropriately provided for all animals. Any individual treating an animal in any other manner may be asked to leave the grounds.
2. Exhibitors, their parents, leaders and instructors have a serious responsibility to follow animal health practices that are approved by the industry and the U S Department of Agriculture to assure that meat customers are receiving wholesome food. Health aids and other approved products should be used with care, according to prescribed practices, only when needed, and in the correct amounts.
3. The Montana 4-H and FFA programs recommend that market animals meet the Food and drug Administration regulations governing management and safety practices. Approved withdrawal times from health aids and growth stimulants must be followed. Animals that have not met these standards will not be allowed to show or sell during any authorized, fair related, sale. The 4-H Livestock Committee strongly discourages the use of growth enhancing drugs, (such as Optaflexx and Paylean).

--Dress Requirements for showing Livestock

Beef, Sheep and Swine—Long sleeved, WHITE shirt with a collar, buttons or snaps; BLACK pants; hard shoes or boots; western hat is optional—NO CAPS. Clothes should be neat and clean.

Dairy and Dairy Goat—WHITE shirt and light colored pants. Neat and clean.

Official FFA dress is recommended for FFA members.

Dress requirements apply to conformation and showmanship classes.

White shirts can be "checked out" from the Extension office

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-- Entries

1. Open to 4-H members in Fergus/Petroleum and adjacent counties and FFA Chapter members in Denton, Harlowton, Hobson, Judith Gap, Lewistown, Moore, Grass Range, Winifred, Roy and Stanford.
2. All Fergus/Petroleum 4-H entries are to be made on 4-H enrollment computer reports supplied by the Fergus County Extension office. FFA and out of County 4-H members should contact the Fergus County Extension office for entry forms. All forms will be available May 1 of each year.
3. No entry fees are required if entry is received in the Extension office by June 1. \$5.00 per member late fee will be charged for entries received June 2 to June 15. No entries will be accepted after June 15.
4. All entries must be made in the member's own name and be approved by the Fergus County Extension Agent or local club leader. Members from surrounding counties must have their County Extension Agent or local club leader signature and an attached

copy of their current 4-H enrollment form. FFA members must have their FFA advisor signature on the entry form.

5. Members are required to be enrolled in the project in which they are entering.
6. Members must have ownership/possession of project animal from weigh date to project end date.
7. Members must be responsible for care of project animals from weigh date to ending date of project.
8. All market animals must be tagged and weights (and hip height for beef) turned in to Fergus County Extension office by the date set by the Livestock committee. Dates are posted in the county 4-H newsletter. There is a ten-day grace period to get information to the office. The ear tag must be in the animal's ear within the grace period. The Fergus County Extension office provides tags.
9. Replacement heifers must be ear tagged by January 15th.

~Fitting and Showing

1. Only 4-H and FFA members will be permitted to care for, fit and show their animals. Other 4-H and FFA members may be of assistance to members. MINIMAL assistance will be allowed by parents and other adults. Abuse of rules will be dealt with in the following manner:

1st offense: Warning (warnings will be reported to and recorded by the Extension Agent in the 4-H/FFA Livestock office on the fairgrounds. Warnings will be issued by the Extension Agent, Livestock superintendents, or a member of a three person review committee.)

2nd offense: Violator will be asked to leave the barn. (Violator is the person doing the work for the member).

3rd offense: Mandatory dismissal for the 4-H or FFA member from further showing and forfeiture of awards for the current fair.

1-A SAFETY HAS PROIRITY OVER ALL RULES CONCERNING 4-H AND FFA MEMBERS AND THEIR ANIMALS

2. All color alterations to animals are prohibited (Clear sprays only),
3. Only one entry per lot will be allowed, except a market animal lot may have a maximum of three (3) entries. However, a member may show only two market animals and the third animal must show as a feeder animal provided that animal meets the weight requirements for the feeder class. No substitutions and no switching of animals and/or ear tags.
4. Livestock entries from each club or chapter will be exhibited together.
5. Each member will be responsible for cleanliness of area occupied by his or her animal.
6. Tack boxes and equipment are to be kept only in designated area.
7. No cross entries will be allowed except Showmanship
8. Exhibitors must show their own project animal in showmanship: no substitutions or exceptions.
9. FFA exhibitors who show in showmanship must show in the senior division.
10. All 4-H members age groups are considered as of October 1 of each year.
11. Exhibitor numbers must be worn while exhibiting animals in any class.
12. The 4-H Livestock Committee must approve exceptions due to special circumstances regarding the showing and selling of 4-H and FFA project animals, in advance of the show or sale.
13. All livestock exhibitors must attend the livestock exhibitors meeting at the fair. Parents are encouraged to attend also. (Usually held Tuesday of fair before weigh-in starts)

14. All members carrying a livestock project must attend quality assurance training before they are eligible to show their animal at the fair. Members must take the training every two years to remain certified.

---Beef

15. Market beef minimum weight is set at 950 pounds. Maximum pay weight is 1,200 pounds. A feeder class will be offered for those animals not making market weight.
16. Steers and heifers are eligible for beef market classes. All male animals must be completely neutered prior to weigh and tag deadline. No stags will be allowed.
17. Beef breeding classes may be combined with similar breeds at the discretion of a committee consisting of 1) County extension Agent 2) 4-H and FFA beef superintendent 3) representative of the breeds being considered for combining.
18. Replacement sale heifer project record books must be completed and presented to the County Agent or beef superintendent by noon on Wednesday of the fair. (This special book can be obtained from the Fergus County Extension office).
19. If a replacement heifer cannot be determined pregnant at time of livestock check-in at fair, they will be shown in a breeding class and not be eligible for the market sale.
20. Members must provide a bill of sale for market animals at weigh-in time at fair, unless the animal is branded with their own brand. (Brand must be in members name)

---Sheep & Goats

21. All market lambs must be slick sheared within two weeks of show date. Members are responsible for their own slick shearing, however the livestock committee may arrange for a county wide shearing usually to take place on pre-fair interview day. (Tuesday before fair)
22. Market lamb minimum weight is 95 pounds with a maximum pay weight of 145 pounds. A feeder class will be offered for lambs that do not make minimum weight.
23. Market classes are open to wether and ewe lambs. All male animals must be completely neutered prior to weigh and tag deadline.
24. A scrapies's ear tag will be placed in all market lambs at time of weigh-in at the fair.
25. Male animals must be completely neutered for market goat class prior to weigh and tag deadline.
26. Members may exhibit two market goats; all market animal sale rules apply.

---Swine

27. Due to the large number of hogs being exhibited, and the wide geographic area from which the hogs come, all hogs must have a current vaccination for erysipelas, rhinitis and swine influenza.
28. Market swine minimum weight is 210 pounds with a maximum pay weight of 280 pounds. A feeder class will be offered for pigs that do not make the minimum weight.
29. Barrows and gilts are eligible for market classes; all male animals must be completely neutered prior to weigh and tag deadline.

--- Herdsmanship Competition (Open only to 4-H Clubs)

2. The 4-H Club that maintains its area in the best herdsman's manner throughout the barns will receive the traveling herdsman's trophy for the following year. The winners will be announced at the Market Sale.
3. Competition applies to all the following classes of animals: Sheep, Goats, Beef, Dairy, Swine, Rabbits, Poultry and Horse.
4. Judging will be done daily on the following criteria:
 - a. Neatness of stalls and alley ways (15 points)
 - b. Care and grooming of animals (15 points)
 - c. Herdsman's business-like attitude and cooperation (20 points)

- d. Care of Equipment (20 points)
- e. Courtesy of visitors (20 points)
- f. Promptness in showing and other comments (20 points)

---Outstanding Large Animal Project Awards

1. Open to only 4-H members in Fergus and Petroleum Counties.
2. Awards to Junior and Senior aged members based on:
 - a. Interview on Pre-Fair interview judging day
 - b. Participations in county and club events
 - c. Completion of 4-H book
 - d. Participation in fair activities
3. Members must apply by signing up for the award on their fair entry form.
4. Completing the interview at the fair and submitting a completed 4-H record book, to the Extension office by October 15th, are mandatory requirements

---Pre-Fair interviews

1. All exhibitors, including out of county and FFA, must complete a pre-fair livestock interview (usually set Tuesday before fair starts). You are required to bring complete and up-to-date records and workbooks. Exhibitors who fail to complete their interviews before the Junior Livestock show commences will not be allowed to exhibit or sell their animal.
2. Livestock extended study projects will be judged on pre-fair interview day.
 - a. Project notebook cannot be entered in extended study projects.

Junior Livestock Market Sale

1. All Grand and Reserve champion market animals must sell in the sale.
2. An exhibitor may sell only one animal. If an exhibitor has more than one grand or reserve placing animal, then they will be allowed to sell more than one
3. Exhibitors must notify appropriate livestock superintendents as to which market animal they intend to sell before the deadline set by the livestock committee. (Usually noon Thursday of fair).
4. Members must be present at the sale or their animal will not sell. (Contact County Extension Agent or Livestock Committee member of extenuating circumstances.)
5. No white ribbon animals will sell.
6. Maximum sale pay weights are Market beef-1,400 lbs, market lambs-145, market pigs 280 lbs. Animals over these weights will be allowed to sell, but the owner will only receive payment on pounds up to the weight limit.
7. Sale animals must be ear tagged and weights (and hip height for beef) turned into the Fergus County Extension office by deadlines set by the Livestock Committee. Dates are posted in the County 4-H newsletter. Beef-Dec, Swine-April and Lambs- May There is a ten-day grace period to get information to the office. The tag must be in the animal's ear within the grace period. The Fergus County Extension office provides the tags.
8. Replacement heifers must be ear tagged by January 15th.
9. Animals will be sold in order of placing within their species.

10. Check-in weights, with a shrink adjustment to be determined by the Livestock Committee, will be the sale weight.
11. The livestock committee determines species sale order.
12. Livestock committee sets the percentage members will be assessed from sale of stock.
13. Market Beef exhibitor must have a bill of sale showing proof of ownership. This must be presented to Livestock superintendent at check-in time at fair.
14. Members are responsible for making their own arrangements for harvesting of any market animal that does not go through the Junior Livestock Sale.
15. Members must provide proof of thank you note to buyer before they may receive their sale proceeds. Sale checks will be picked up at the Extension office. Checks cannot be released until all buyer checks have been received.
16. The Livestock Committee will be responsible for making arrangements for the harvesting of sale animals.
17. Buyers must pay for sale animals within specified time frame or a late payment fee will be assessed.
18. Buyers must inform sale committee what processing business they wish their purchase to be received by.

Market Animal Carcass Contest

1. Only market Beef, market Sheep and market Swine sold through the Junior Livestock Sale are eligible to participate in the carcass contest.
2. Exhibitors may have the opportunity to have an ultrasound done on their animals at the fair.

General Policies

1. Members are required to attend at least one workshop, on the club or county level, pertaining to livestock each year.

Approved and Accepted November 2005 Livestock Committee Meeting

