



# Mesa County FAIR



## 4-H & FFA EXHIBITOR'S GUIDE



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## 4-H & FFA RULES

**Parents and Leaders:** Youth should do their own project whenever safe and practical. The Mesa County Executive Fair Board (MCEFB) recognizes that adult leaders and parents are expected to TEACH the child skills of their project, and in some cases, demonstrations on the project as deemed necessary. **Adults must ask themselves, “Am I showing the child, telling the child, or doing the project work for the child?”** Remember that each child who does not do his/her own work is the child that is cheated out of the experience.

### GENERAL RULES:

These rules apply to Livestock and Indoor Project Areas.

NOTE: All rules in this guide will be available no later than May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year and no changes except those dealing with animal or human safety may be made after that point.

#### RULE 1: AGE ELIGIBILITY AND AGE DIVISIONS

Mesa County 4-H and FFA members ages 8-18 (age as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the previous year) are eligible to enter. Enrollment deadline for 4-H is May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. **YOU MUST BE ENROLLED BY THIS DATE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MESA COUNTY FAIR.** Ages of 4-H and FFA member exhibitors will be determined as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the previous year. *JUNIORS* are members 8-10 years of age. *INTERMEDIATES* are members 11-13 years of age. *SENIORS* are members 14 to 18 years of age. (Unless stated otherwise)

#### RULE 2: JUNIOR MARKET AND BREEDING ANIMAL CLASSES

Exhibitors must be enrolled in 4-H or FFA, and must be 8 to 18 years of age as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the previous year for 4-H and 13-22 years of age for FFA as of January 1 of the current year. **4-H and FFA exhibitors must be enrolled in the project in which they are exhibiting and be a member in good standing.** It is your responsibility to ensure you are enrolled in the appropriate project. **Entries will be verified as being part of the exhibitor’s 4-H or FFA program by the Extension Office when the Fair Entry is submitted through the fair entry online system.**

#### RULE 3: CLOVERBUDS

In accordance with the Colorado State 4-H policy, 4-H members between the ages of 5 and 7, as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the previous 4-H year, are known as primary 4-H members and may not exhibit or sell 4-H livestock projects. This includes, but is not limited to cattle, goats, sheep, horses, llamas, poultry, rabbits, and/or swine. All Cloverbud members are encouraged to participate in a display.

#### RULE 4: PRE-ENTRY

Pre-entry of all projects must be submitted online through the fairentry.com program by **June 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.** Entries not submitted by that date will be ineligible for the fair.

#### RULE 5: JUDGING

Only classes listed in the Exhibitor’s Guide will be judged unless the judge and the superintendent divide or combine classes to facilitate judging. All exhibits will be placed according to their own merits, which is determined at the discretion of the official judge. Livestock will be judged on the American System. In all other categories, judging will be based on the Danish and American Systems.

#### RULE 6: PREMIUM-AWARDS

Entries awarded Champion and Reserve Champion will receive ribbons, while entries awarded Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will receive Rosettes.

#### RULE 7: CHECK-OUT & CLEAN UP

Horse exhibitor’s stalls must be cleaned by 3:45 p.m. on Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup>. Check-out for **all non-sale livestock** will be completed by 8:00 p.m. Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. Exhibit Hall check out is 9:00-11:00am., Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. Exhibitors with indoor projects must check their project out of the exhibit hall with the C Building or project superintendents. **Any exhibitor removing exhibits prior to check-out will forfeit all premiums and awards.** Clean up and take down of livestock pens and exhibit areas will be from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. **ALL EXHIBITORS ARE REQUESTED TO BE PRESENT.** All stalls must be cleaned by 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **RULE 8: DECISIONS**

The Mesa County Fair Show Management and Mesa County Executive Fair Board (MCEFB) reserve the final and absolute right to interpret the rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle questions and differences.

## **RULE 9: GRIEVANCES AND PROTEST**

### **LIVESTOCK**

Show Management is responsible for enforcing the rules and is not required to consult with any other person before rendering a decision on an issue.

- A. All protests must first be filed in writing (on approved "Grievance Form") with the project superintendent or Show Manager within 8 hours of the alleged violation.
- B. If the situation is not satisfactorily dealt with, a written appeal may be submitted to the Show Manager who will present the appeal to the Rules Committee.
- C. The Rules Committee will issue a written statement no later than 8 hours prior to the sale addressing the issue. It will be presented to the involved parties by one member who has been chosen as a spokesperson of the Rules Committee.
- D. If there is still no satisfaction, the situation can then be appealed by filing a grievance. An individual must file to the President of the Mesa County Executive Fair Board (MCEFB) within 8 hours of the Rules Committee's decision, a written and signed protest stating their grievance.
  1. The grievance must state plainly the cause of the complaint or protest.
  2. The grievance must be accompanied by a \$100 deposit (cash or certified check) which will be forfeited if the grievance is not sustained. The full deposit will be refunded if the grievance is sustained.
  3. Upon receipt of a properly presented grievance, the President will appoint a committee of three (3) disinterested persons to review the grievance and render a decision, within 8 hours, which will be final. The alleged disqualified animal may remain on the fairgrounds during the process time.

If decided there has been a violation, ALL awards earned in the project area in question will be forfeited and the animal/project will be removed from the fairgrounds immediately. The project member will be restricted from participating in that project and other related events during the current Mesa County Fair. Neither a member of the Rules Committee, Mesa County Executive Fair Board, leader/member of the Mesa County 4-H/FFA programs, or the CSU Extension Agency will be held liable for any decision or penalty invoked as a result of the grievance. All decisions of the Grievance Committee are final and not appealable.

### **INDOOR**

Grievances and protests concerning indoor 4-H projects should be referred to the Overall Indoor Superintendents who will follow the procedures as outlined above.

#### **A. CONDUCT**

Each division official will expect courteous and orderly conduct by the exhibitors and their attendants. The Mesa County Executive Fair Board (MCEFB) shall reserve the right to vacate, mark ineligible for competition and order the removal of any individual or party which violates these rules of conduct.

#### **B. DRESS CODE**

Mesa County Executive Fair Board endorses the Colorado 4-H dress code and reserves the right to vacate, mark ineligible for competition and order the removal of any individual or party which violates these rules of dress code.

#### **C. SPECIAL NOTE**

Absolutely **NO** personal ATV's allowed on fairgrounds except by permit.

## **INDOOR EXHIBIT RULES**

**For Mesa County 4-H General & Family / Consumer Sciences Projects,  
housed in the Mesa County Fairgrounds "C" Building.**

Detailed Project Guidelines for these projects follow the Colorado 4-H State Fair Exhibit Requirements. It is updated yearly and can be found at: <https://co4h.colostate.edu/statefair/StateFairExhibitReq.pdf>.

Look up your project and take note of the specific guidelines for each unit. We recommend you do this early in the year and again right before fair to note any changes and double check your product.

#### **RULE 1: INTERVIEW JUDGING**

All 4-H General and Family/Consumer Sciences projects will be interview judged. Interviews are not mandatory but are highly encouraged. If a member is unable to attend the interview judging day, they should notify the Extension Office when they pre-enter their projects to prevent problems with the interview schedule.

#### **RULE 2: CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

Judging of the divisions will be closed to the public.

#### **RULE 3: STATE FAIR**

The first-place exhibit in each class is eligible to exhibit at the State Fair, unless otherwise stated. If a project is not deemed of high enough quality to promote to the state fair, the judge has the discretion to award it a 2<sup>nd</sup> place ribbon even if it is the only entry in the project level. All State Fair 4-H Indoor Exhibits must be entered in the 4-H office by the deadline published at the County Fair. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to meet any deadlines. Assistance may be needed from the exhibitor to transport large exhibits to the State Fair.

#### **RULE 4: MERIT**

When there is no competition, the exhibit shall be judged on its own merit at the discretion of the official judge. The exhibits must merit the award. Projects must fit into a project area and be judged accordingly; if not, the project will be judged where the superintendent deems appropriate. All exhibits will be judged according to rules and guidelines listed in the current year's Colorado State 4-H Syllabus. ***All judges' decisions are final.***

#### **OTHER GUIDELINES:**

1. 4-H members turn in their projects and participate in a scheduled interview with the judge for their area on Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the interview is for the member to share the things they've learned and answer questions about the project. Members leave the project and record book at the conclusion of the interview and judging is completed. The exhibit building usually opens to the public on Tuesday.
2. A completed record book is required with each display. E-records can be found at: <https://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/colorado-4-h-project-information/> Choose your project category and look for the link to your e-record.
3. Cloverbuds: 4-H members 5-7 years old who pre-entered may drop off their projects between 9:30 am and 12 noon on judging day. Cloverbuds are encouraged to also have an interview with one of our junior judges when they bring their project in for exhibition. Please make sure that all items are labeled with name, age, and club.
4. Please label your project and record book before bringing it to the fair.
5. Fashion Revue is a contest that is open to all 4-H members who create a wearable clothing item as their 4-H exhibit. 4-H members are judged on their poise, the fit of the clothing, their choice of style and design, and the overall look of the complete outfit. Cloverbuds are eligible for this event although they do not compete in the judging session. It is usually held before the fair at a separate time.
6. Volunteers are always needed to help monitor the buildings during the fair to keep the exhibits safe. Contact the Building Superintendents to volunteer.
7. Projects must be left on display all week and picked up at designated pick up times or the week following the fair.

#### **Indoor Exhibit Superintendent List:**

We appreciate these volunteers for helping 4-H members learn and for organizing the displays and prizes for the Mesa County Fair in their project areas.

#### **Overall Building Superintendents: Julie Blevens and Ruth Shepardson**

Kay Orton: Leathercraft

Jill Young: Cake Decorating

Kourtnie Fitch: Foods & Nutrition

Amanda Avery: Scrapbooking

Jennie Windscheffel: Beekeeping

(We don't have volunteers to be Superintendents of any other projects)

## 4-H & FFA LIVESTOCK SHOW AND SALE

Livestock Show Manager: Matt Katzenberger

(For more information regarding the Livestock Show and Sale, contact Jen Landini, Livestock Sales Committee Chairperson, or contact the Tri-River Area Extension Office.)

### RULE 1: ANNUAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

All livestock must meet Colorado import requirements and Federal Interstate requirements. Any animal found showing evidence of infectious, contagious, or communicable disease or any animal deemed to present a danger to the health, safety or welfare of the participants or spectators by the Project superintendent and/or MCEFB will be immediately withdrawn from the show and the owner will take the animal home. Animals which are aesthetically displeasing to the public will be sent home. Any livestock deemed uncontrollable by at least 2 members of the show management (MCEFB, superintendents, leader, Extension Specialist/FFA Advisor, & Judge) shall be withdrawn and taken home. Animals that are febrile will be evaluated for heat stress. Animals are to be castrated prior to tagging/nomination. All animals with retained testicles will be sent home. Male beef, sheep, goats, and swine having one or both testicles retained in or outside the body cavity are not eligible for showing in market classes. All pro-lapses will be sent home. All market heifers must be accompanied by a health certificate, issued by a licensed veterinarian, verifying a blood or ultrasound pregnancy test of "OPEN", within 30 days of fair.

### RULE 2: HERDSMAN (Project Leadership Award)

A herdsman award *may be given* in the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions of each animal category. Individuals will be chosen for animal care, care of pens and alleyways, feed, supplies, and tack placements when not in use and assistance to leaders and superintendents in pen assignments, set-ups, and clean-ups. Individuals will also be evaluated on participation in 4-H/FFA related events during the year, as well as, their assistance to other members in the program.

### RULE 3: BARN LIGHTS

Livestock barn lights will be turned off at 11:00 p.m.

### RULE 4: BARN RULES

All stall users must check-in with the Project Superintendent for assignment of stalls **PRIOR TO UNLOADING OF ANIMALS.**

### RULE 5: EXHIBITOR FEES

- A. All livestock exhibitors will be charged a \$10 entry fee due by the fair entry deadline of June 12<sup>th</sup>. This is a single fee regardless of number of species.
- B. In addition, market and breeding beef, sheep, goat, swine, and llama/alpacas will have a \$5 per nominated animal fee which will be collected at the time of animal uploads. Invoices will be emailed as uploads are approved.

**RULE 6:** All poultry, rabbits, dogs, and pocket pets will have a \$1 per nominated head fee which is due at the time of animal uploads. Invoices will be emailed as uploads are approved.

**RULE 7:** The Mesa County Junior Livestock show will be held at the Mesa County Fairgrounds on Highway 50 during the week of July 12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. Entries are open to regularly enrolled FFA and 4-H club members of Mesa County (student must be currently enrolled or graduated from a Mesa County school program) and who have met the May 1<sup>st</sup> enrollment deadline.

### RULE 8: Allowable show entries and sales

- A. Each exhibitor may enter and show 2 market beef, 2 market sheep, 2 market goats, and 2 market swine. One beef, one swine, and one sheep may be designated for the carcass contests.
- B. Exhibitor will be allowed to **sell only one lot in the Junior Livestock Sale**. The only exception being those placing Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion Carcass in beef, sheep, and swine will have the opportunity to sell both Grand or Reserve Grand Champion Carcass as well as one market lot. One lot consists of 1 beef or 1 sheep or 1 swine or 1 goat or 1 turkey or 1 pen of 3 rabbits or 1 Roaster/Fryer rabbit or 1 pen of 3 chickens.

- C. Only one (1) under/overweight animal may be kept on the fairgrounds for showmanship. All other underweight, overweight, and extra animals will be taken home following the weigh-ins.
- D. No animal that is uploaded online as “market” may be shown in a breeding class at fair. Likewise, no animal uploaded for “breeding” may be shown in a market class at fair.

**RULE 9: Family nominated animals**

- A. Family members may nominate the same animal in beef, swine, sheep, and goat projects, as long as:
  - a. each family member **must** nominate a primary owned animal
  - b. the upload fee of \$5 per head is paid by EACH member uploading the family nominated animal. Nominations must be submitted online by the species-specific upload deadline.
  - c. the family nominated animal **MUST** be individually declared by a family member online in [fairent.com](http://fairent.com) by the fair entry deadline of June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 4pm.
  - d. if the family nominated animal is a beef entry, ALL family exhibitor names **MUST** be on the brand inspection as owners of the animal at time of beef tag in/weigh in date of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

**RULE 10: In all situations where an animal upload is required, the minimum information that must be included before the nomination will be approved is:**

- A. Name of the animal
- B. Breed of the animal
- C. Gender of the animal
- D. A picture of the animal
- E. A picture of the animal with the exhibitor
- F. Ownership document showing ownership by the youth exhibitor; this document may be:
  - a. a Bill of sale
  - b. a Breeding supplement showing birth of the animal from youth or youth’s family’s animal
  - c. a Handwritten statement transferring ownership from someone to the youth
- G. If animal is a beef entry, the upload **MUST** also have a brand inspection in the youth’s name.
- H. If animal is a swine entry, the upload **MUST** also include a completed Mesa County 4-H/FFA Swine Registration Sheet available on the Tri River Extension website: <https://tra.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/mesa/mesa-county-forms/> and the ear notches of the animal.
- I. If animal is a sheep or goat entry, the upload **MUST** also include the scrapies tag number of the animal.
- J. If animal is a poultry entry, it **MUST** also include in the “ANIMAL NAME” slot: the breed, the variety, and the name of the bird (IN THAT ORDER); AND in the “COLORS AND MARKINGS” slot, the ‘variety’ (APA variety such as white, buff, silver laced, barred, etc which can be found in the American Standard of Perfection book).
- K. If animal is a rabbit entry, it **MUST** also include the tattoo identifier.

**These required items **MUST** be part of the upload prior to the upload deadline for that animal type.**

**RULE 11: Animal nomination upload deadlines for the 2026 Mesa County Fair (ALL DEADLINES ARE AS OF 5PM) are:**

Market Beef - Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>

Fowl Production Layers - February 15<sup>th</sup>

Breeding & Show Poultry - April 15<sup>th</sup>

**(Showmanship birds for those in a show/breeding project (even if also enrolled in a market project) must be uploaded online by the show/breeding nomination deadline.)**

Market Sheep & Goats - April 29<sup>th</sup> (Notify the office by April 29th if purchasing an animal between 4/30-5/6)

Horse, Dog, Cat - May 1st (state deadline)

Market and Breeding Swine - May 4<sup>th</sup>

Breeding Sheep, Breeding Goats, Breeding Rabbit, Breeding Beef, Llama/Alpaca - May 13<sup>th</sup>

Market Rabbits - May 14<sup>th</sup>

Market Poultry - June 10<sup>th</sup> (**Showmanship** birds for those competing in market projects ONLY must be uploaded by the market project nomination deadline.)

**RULE 12: PRE-ENTRIES**

- A. Entry information may be obtained from the CSU Extension Office and FFA Vocational Agriculture Instructor.
- B. Pre-entry on fairentry.com is required on or before 4:00 p.m. on June 12<sup>th</sup>.
- C. No one animal can be entered as both a 4-H and FFA project.
- D. No partnership entries will be accepted. (Exception for horse entries and all horses must be nominated for show by May 1<sup>st</sup> as a joint animal.)
- E. Market animals exhibited at the Mesa County Fair may not be shown/exhibited by any individual other than the junior livestock exhibitor at any show after the pre-entry's deadline.

**RULE 13:** Livestock awards will be based on the American System. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> placing will be awarded in each class on the basis of the animals' numerical standing.

**RULE 14:** The sale order shall be Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion followed by class placing. No sifted animals will be sold. The Marketing Committee shall determine if animals are placed heaviest to lightest, or lightest to heaviest within the class placing levels.

- A. All market Sheep, Swine, Goats, Rabbits, and Poultry will be graded for market readiness by the judge during the market shows. If the judge determines an animal is not market ready, the exhibitor will be given a "white ribbon" and the animal will be considered "sifted" which makes that animal ineligible for sale at the Junior Livestock Sale. The judge will make determinations based on industry standards for each respective species. All market Beef will be graded for market readiness by a panel of evaluators following check-in/ weigh-in. If the panel determines an animal is not market ready, the animal will be considered "sifted" which makes that animal ineligible for sale at the Junior Livestock Sale and may only be exhibited in a "Feeder" class during the market show. The panel will make determinations based on industry standards.
- B. All black faced market lambs must weigh **100-170** lbs., all other breeds must weigh **80-170** lbs. Lambs not reaching minimum weight will be placed in a feeder class and will be ineligible for the sale.
- C. Market swine must weigh **235-300** lbs. to be eligible for a market class. Swine not reaching minimum weight will be placed in a feeder class and ineligible for the sale.
- D. Market goats must weigh **60-110** lbs. Goats not reaching minimum weight will be placed in a feeder class and will be ineligible for the sale.
- E. After weigh-in, all livestock will be divided into near equal classes by the superintendents. The superintendents' decision will be final as to the classification and class breaks.
- F. Only animals shown in market classes and determined to be market ready will be sold. Once an animal is identified for the sale at the fair, the animal may not be substituted for another animal after the sale.
- G. Any carcass of a market animal that is condemned is the responsibility of the seller.
- H. The judge has the final decision in determining if an animal is market ready, the judge's placings in the livestock classes will be used in preparing the sale order.

**RULE 15:** There will be no second animal buybacks at the fair. A list of buy-back buyers will be available, and it is the member's responsibility to contact these buyers and arrange for a private treaty. All extra animals must be taken home.

**RULE 16: Livestock Sale**

- A. All Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions of the Market Shows must be sold at auction after they have been exhibited and placed. **IF AN EXHIBITOR RECIEVES GRAND CHAMPION IN MULTIPLE MARKET SPECIES, ALL MUST SELL AT AUCTION.**
- B. All animals will be sold as singles and will be delivered to local packing houses at no cost to buyer. (Exceptions: Rabbits can be sold as a single Roaster or Fryer, or as a pen of three; and Poultry will be sold as exhibited. If exhibited as a pen of three, they will sell as a pen of three; if exhibited as an a single, it will be sold as a single).
- C. All animals become the property of the buyer at the point of sale.

- D. Exhibitors will be charged 4% of the selling price including “Add-ons” to be deducted at sale time to defray marketing costs.
- E. Bidding is open to the buying public.
- F. Purchase price will be computed immediately following the sale.
- G. Exhibitors’ market animals that are sold through the Junior Livestock Sale and are held for additional testing will have their check held until the testing is cleared.
- H. Exhibitors who sell an animal in the Junior Livestock Sale are required to provide written documentation from the buyer, prior to picking up their sale check. If an individual fails to provide documentation by Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026, then the individual will be ineligible to participate in the Junior Livestock Sale the following year. Any exceptions may be evaluated by the LMC PRIOR to the deadline.
  - A. Market animals will be weighed at the scheduled time for class assignments. All livestock must be on the grounds by the time specified in the schedule.
  - B. Sale weight will be based on the weight of animals at the fair weigh-in with a 2% pencil shrink calculated for sale purposes.
- I. Absolutely no re-weighs.

**RULE 17:** Exhibitors are responsible for keeping their stock properly fed and watered, and for keeping the bedding cleaned. Penalties such as forfeiture of premium and/or exclusion from Livestock Sale may be imposed at the discretion of the Show Management Committee and Mesa County Executive Fair Board (MCEFB). All animals must be fed and watered daily by 10:00am and 10:00pm. **No straw will be allowed. No muddy pens will be allowed. NOTE:** Livestock exhibitors will be required to store their extra feed and bedding in a club stall or trailer. If you choose not to follow the above items, then your pen will be **RED TAGGED** and subjected to being fined. A warning will be issued and the exhibitor will clean the pen. If the pen is **RED TAGGED** for a second time the exhibitor will be fined \$25.00 a day which will be due prior to the Jr. Livestock Sale.

**RULE 18:** All entries are accepted with the understanding that neither the Mesa County Executive Fair Board (MCEFB) nor the sponsoring groups shall be held responsible for any damage, accidents, or loss of livestock on exhibit or for sale.

**RULE 19:** Exhibitors are required to enter showmanship **except for beef & swine where showmanship is optional and must be designated on Pre-entries.** Exhibitors must be present to show their own animal. First year members may show in the novice class, then must show in their age division. All requests for exceptions must be presented in writing directly to the Extension Office and will be considered by the 4-H Specialist/FFA Advisors and species superintendent. Classes will be divided when the amount of entries exceeds the number designated by the Superintendent. The Judge will consider:

- A. Appearance of Animal.....20%
- B. Showing of Animal.....50%
- C. Courtesy and Appearance of Exhibitor.....15%
- D. Knowledge.....15%

**RULE 20:** 4-H and FFA can show in open shows. No animal that will be shown in the Mesa County 4-H and FFA beef, swine, sheep, or goat market shows can be shown in an Open Class Show.

**RULE 21:** Exhibitors will be limited to two entries per breeding class, excluding Poultry and Rabbits.

**RULE 22:** If a class has less than 5 entries it may be combined or scratched at the superintendent’s discretion. Incomplete classes of one sex and breed may be combined to constitute a special mixed class.

**RULE 23:** Specific breed divisions will be entered in the fair Exhibitor’s Guide in future years only if enough animals were entered of that breed the previous year to judge for Champion and Reserve Champion, either sex. (See Rule 22) Breeding classes will be added as entries at the fair indicate a need.

**RULE 24:** Breeding Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected in a breed only if two or more regular classes exist in that category. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners of regular and special classes would be eligible to compete.

**RULE 25:** Fair management will make every attempt to have a veterinarian on the grounds or on call for each day of the fair. If a veterinarian is called for a special problem, the owner of the animal in question must be present when

the vet arrives. The owner is responsible for any and all expenses incurred.

**RULE 26:** Each 4-H and FFA club may enter one group of three Market Steers/Heifers, Lambs, and Swine which it feels best represents the club. To be eligible, all animals in the group must have been shown in a regular 4-H and FFA Market Class, met all requirements in that class, and be shown in this special class by its owner. The club must represent three different owners. Each club may appoint no more than one herdsman to assist this group in the ring. Their herdsman must be a bona fide exhibitor from the club. It is not necessary for individual animals to be identified or pre-entered in this special class prior to show date.

**RULE 27:** No tranquilizers and/or anesthetics may be used as a means of calming a show animal. There are no labeled tranquilizers or anesthetics for meat animal use. Nondrug calming products such as Calf Calm and Attitude Adjustment will be permitted.

**RULE 28:** All market animals administered feed additives and/or growth stimulates must be removed from such additives and/or stimulates within the time specified on the label.

**RULE 29:** All market animal exhibitors will be required to sign a "statement of disclosure" listing all antibiotics, medications, pesticides, or other substances that have been administered to or used on or in the animal (60) sixty days prior to the 4-H/FFA Junior Livestock Sale.

**DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS ARE DUE WITH THE SALE DISPOSITION FORM.**

**RULE 30: UNETHICAL PRACTICES**

THIS APPLIES TO ALL ANIMALS: The following are termed unethical practices. The first violation of these rules will result in a written warning issued by the superintendent. The second violation will automatically result in disqualification.

- A. No dressing will be allowed that is not labeled as "APPROVED FOR ANIMAL USE" or cleared through the species superintendent.
- B. Any grooming materials on an entry when rubbed with cloth or glove which shows evidence of artificial color. This does not apply to hoof dressings used on hooves.
- C. Any entries adding an artificial tail head or tail fin, artificial poll, or any hair or hair-like substance.
- D. The showing of livestock of any ineligible age or showing unethically fitted livestock is prohibited.
- E. Unethical fitting will be deemed to consist of any method which alters the natural conformation of any part of the animal's body.
- F. Drench guns may be used only for oral rehydration of animals.
- G. Any mistreatment of animals by exhibitors, parents, leaders, or spectators will not be tolerated.
- H. **No** animal shall be decorated with unnecessary trappings, etc. Changing the color of hair, feathers, or wool at any point, spot or area on the animal's body or any grooming materials that allow color to come off from any animal will not be allowed on the fairgrounds. Any animals that do not pass a random swatch test will be disqualified. The Mesa County Executive Fair Board reserves the right to exclude from the grounds, any exhibit or animal, or entry that may be falsely entered, and also reserves the right to exclude those deemed undesirable, or objectionable without assigning a reason, therefore.

**RULE 31: GROOMING**

While on the fairgrounds, it is expected that animals exhibited in any Junior Show be trained, fitted, and dressed for show competition by the junior exhibitor. Junior exhibitors are expected to prepare their own project animal for exhibition. Senior members are encouraged to aid and support younger members. If assistance is needed, then another exhibitor, a 4-H Leader, parent, Mesa County Executive Fair Board (MCEFB) Official, or other individuals (after signing a waiver of liability) can aid. If assistance is provided, the member enrolled in the project must be present to benefit from the teaching and instruction. Once on the fairgrounds, there will be **NO** charging for: clipping, shearing, fitting, etc. to an animal by anyone except for vet services. If this is violated, the consequences will be decided upon by the Show Management Committee.

**RULE 32: SHOWING**

All animals being exhibited in the Junior Shows must be shown by a Mesa County 4-H member or FFA member. No 4-Hers from other counties will be allowed to show.

### **RULE 33: DRESS CODE**

The dress code will be enforced at any time an exhibitor enters the show ring to show or sell an animal. The exhibitor will wear long or short sleeve dress shirts, buttoned up if applicable, with necklines being as high as the top button of a standard dress shirt. Collars are required. Long pants or skirts are to be worn and appropriate footwear (NO open-toed shoes). Leather (or leather look alike) western or work style boots are required for all livestock exhibitors. All exhibitors must enter the show ring clean and neatly groomed. Also review specific animal categories for more information. **NO wearing sports memorabilia in the show ring or sale ring.**

### **RULE 34: MEAT QUALITY ASSURANCE**

The Wholesome Meat Act requirement will be administered on a levels program. All new members will be required to complete the wholesome meat workshop, and then as the member moves from junior level to senior level, there will be a refresher workshop. Every exhibitor will be required to agree to a "Commitment to Excellence" acknowledgement as part of their online fair pre-entry.

### **RULE 35: MARKETING TRAINING CLASS**

Each exhibitor who plans to sell an animal in the Junior Livestock Sale, must in their first year attend a training class which explains the sale process and the recruitment of buyers.

### **RULE 36: SHOW RING CODE OF ETHICS**

Each exhibitor will agree to a statement that they have read, agreeing and consenting to abide by the code of ethics as outlined below. This statement will be a part of the online pre-entries, prior to fair.

- A. When requested by show officials, be able to show proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered.
- B. When requested by show officials, provide animal health certificates from a licensed veterinarian.
- C. Exhibitors will care for and groom their own animals while at the fair or show.
- D. Animals which will enter the food chain must be free of drug residues or foreign substances. For all animals, drugs may only be used in accordance with applicable federal, state, and provincial laws. Any treatments at the show involving medications for the health of the animal must be administered by a licensed veterinarian. Show Management or regulatory officials may take any samples they wish for testing.
- E. Changing the animals' performance, natural contour, conformation, or appearance through surgery, injection, or application of substances such as irritants or counterirritants is prohibited.
- F. Showing and handling practices or devices to cause swelling are prohibited.
- G. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, Show Management, other exhibitors, or breed representatives is prohibited at all times. Problems will be resolved through appropriate channels.
- H. No one may conspire, contribute to or cooperate with others to violate this code, either by their action or inaction.
- I. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, and participants are absolutely responsible for an animal's condition whether or not they did something in violation themselves or knew of treatment that violates the code.
- J. Exhibitors upon entry consent to disciplinary action for violation of the Code of Show Ring Ethics, and of the 4-H Code of Conduct, and of the FFA code of conduct, including publishing the infraction and violator's names.
- K. Exhibitors verify that they have read and understand the Code of Ethics, the 4-H Code of Conduct, and the FFA Code of Conduct, as well as, the consequences and penalties for violations. Exhibitors understand that evidence of violation of any law will be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities.
- L. Violations of any of the three codes (Code of Show Ring Ethics, 4-H Code of Conduct, FFA Code of Conduct) by any exhibitor, parent, leader, or fair attendee will be dealt with by the fair board in this manner\*:
  1. Verbal warning
  2. Written warning
  3. Expulsion from fair

\*At any time, steps may be bypassed based on the severity of the situation.

**RULE 37:** Leaders/Parents/and Spectators will be expected to follow the “Show Ring Code of Ethics”. If problems arise, Show Management and the MCFB will issue a warning and if the behavior or issue does not change (and/or) continues, then the individuals(s) will be removed from the area or grounds.

**RULE 38: DISPOSITIONS**

Exhibitors are responsible for notifying division superintendents of the disposition of all animals. Beef, Swine, Sheep, and Goat Disposition forms are due by 10:00am Thursday morning. Rabbit and Poultry disposition forms are due by 8pm Thursday evening. **Failure to turn in a disposition form on time will result in the exhibitor being excluded from the Junior Livestock Sale.** The Junior Livestock Marketing Committee will be solely responsible for any forms accepted past this deadline.

**RULE 39:** All Beef, Sheep, Swine, and Goats must have a Mesa County Ear Tag in place to weigh-in at fair. It is the responsibility of the **Exhibitor** to notify **their Leader or the project superintendent** if any animal has lost an ear tag prior to fair. A project leader may retag an animal with approval of the superintendent.

**RULE 40: SIGNAGE**

All members must have a sign on their pen/s with their name and club on it.

**RULE 41: CHECK OUT AND RELEASE**

All market and breeding members must check out with the superintendent before removing their animal(s) from the fairgrounds.

**DIVISION 1: BEEF**

**Superintendent: Taylor Bales**

There will be a \$5/animal entry fee for market and breeding projects to be collected at the time of animal uploads. Invoices will be emailed as uploads are approved.

- RULE 1:** To be eligible for competition, Market beef must have been the property of the exhibitor with a Bill of Sale in the exhibitor’s name uploaded in 4honline, and have been officially tattooed or ear tagged at the initial weigh-in.
- RULE 2:** Breeding Beef ownership of 60 days prior to the fair. A copy of the bill of sale or the brand inspection needs to be uploaded in the appropriate slot of the animal online upload 60 days prior to fair.
- RULE 3:** Each market exhibitor is allowed to show two market beef.
- RULE 4:** After all market beef are weighed, they will be divided into class according to weight as near equal as the superintendent deems feasible. The class breaks and the approximate number of animals in each class will be left to the discretion of the superintendent.
- RULE 5:** All beef will be mouthed for age. Market Beef will be mouthed at first weigh-in and may have permanent teeth (middle incisors) up but not in wear. All breeding animals’ class assignments will be based off their birth dates and how they mouth out by age at the fair weigh-in. All females, breeding and market will be required to blood or ultrasound test for pregnancy by a licensed veterinarian within 30 days prior to fair and present the results at check-in. Females must be at least 45 days bred at show. There will be separate classes for bred and open breeding females if entries allow. Open females in the breeding division will not be eligible for grand/reserve champion placing. Entries must include a Bangs Tag.
- RULE 6:** All beef must be dehorned prior to 1<sup>st</sup> weigh in.
- RULE 7:** All exhibitors must observe designated feed times. Feeding must take place and be completed before 10:00 am and cannot begin again until after 7:00 pm. If unable to feed during these times, Exhibitor must supervise the feeding by staying with the animal until it is through eating or drinking. Unsecured feed pans and unsecured waterers must be removed from pens outside of these times. \*Porta-Cools – Personal Porta-Cools/Air Conditioners will be allowed so long as they are outside of the stalls. All water supplies to them must be shut off at night or when no one is around to monitor them. There will be absolutely no draining of them inside the

barn. All water must be removed outside of the barn and care must be taken to ensure this water is drained in a manner to avoid standing water in walkways, alleyways, and driving areas.

**RULE 8:** No lead ropes may be left dragging on the animal while in the stalls at any time. Halters may be left on, but the lead rope must be removed.

**RULE 9:** Paper copy (certified original) Brand inspection certificates for all beef must be available at all weigh-ins, uploaded in 4honline under animal ID's for 4-H members, uploaded in FairEntry under animal ID's for FFA members, and turned in at final weigh-in, prior to being weighed.

**RULE 10:** Any violation of the following Competition Requirements regarding fitting of livestock will result in automatic disqualification with no recourse:

(a) The natural color of the steer/heifer cannot be altered using any artificial coloring. However, products that match the natural color of the steer/heifer may be used in the fitting process. For example, black products may be used on black-legged steer/heifer, red on a red-legged steer/heifer, and white on a white-legged steer/heifer.

(b) Any entries adding an artificial tail head or tail fin, artificial poll, or any hair or hair-like substance is prohibited.

(c) The showing of livestock of any ineligible age or showing unethically fitted livestock is prohibited.

1. Unethical fitting will be deemed to consist of any method which alters the natural conformation of any part of the animal's body. This does not include clipping or fitting of hair.

(d) Any ear tag tampering or removals, other than by a Mesa County Fair official or licensed veterinarian.

**RULE 11:** During all shows if "Last call" is announced for an exhibitor and the exhibitor has not entered the ring, the show gate will be closed and the exhibitor will be disqualified from the show.

### Section #1: Market Beef

**CLASS #1: FEEDER BEEF** (only a superintendent will move entries to this class)

**CLASS #2: MARKET BEEF** (Each Market Beef may only be entered into one of the following):

**CLASS #2.1: Full Fit Beef** (Any Market Beef may enter this class and must be designated at the time of pre-entries)

**CLASS #2.2: Commercial (Slick Sheer/ Blow and Go) Market Beef** (Entries are restricted to Market Beef that have less than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch of body hair at the time of check-in. The use of any product other than shampoo in the fitting process is prohibited. Designation for this class must be done at the time of pre-entries.)

#### NOTE:

Commercial and Full Fit exhibits will be classed separately. There will only be 1 class for Grand Champion Market Beef that will be comprised of the 1<sup>st</sup> place exhibits in each class (both Full Fit classes and Commercial classes). Once the Grand Champion Market Beef is placed, ***AT THE DISCRETION OF THE JUDGE***, the 2<sup>nd</sup> place from that class will be brought in for evaluation prior to placing the Reserve Grand Champion.

**CLASS #3: 4-H AND FFA PEN OF THREE** (not necessary to pre-enter)

**CLASS #4: RATE OF GAIN - SPONSOR: FRUITA CO-OP:** (awards to the top ten placings.) (*not necessary to pre-enter*)

All 4-H and FFA exhibitors with a market beef entered for placing at the Mesa County Fair are automatically entered in competition. Rate of Gain for this contest will be calculated using initial weigh-in weight and the final weight upon entry at the fair. Any animal gaining an exorbitant amount of weight will be subject to investigation by the Rules Committee.

**CLASS #5: HOME GROWN** (*required to pre-enter to participate in this class at fair*)

To be Eligible for this class, entries must be calved and raised by the exhibitor/immediate family. Immediate family is limited to parents, grandparents, or legal guardians. This class will be formed after the Grand Champion Market Selection (and Best of Mesa County). The class will be composed of the top 2 placing animals from each market class. All discrepancies will be left to the discretion of the superintendent. If Grand

Champion or Reserve Grand Champion overall qualifies for Home Grown, they will automatically receive the award.

**CLASS #6: BEST OF MESA COUNTY** (*required to pre-enter to participate in this class at fair*)

To be eligible for this class, entries must be born and raised in Mesa County. This class will be formed after the Grand Champion Market selection. The class will be composed of the top 2 placing animals from each market class. All discrepancies will be left to the discretion of the superintendent. If Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion overall qualifies for Best of Mesa County, they will automatically receive the award.

**Section #2: Beef Showmanship**

(Market and Breeding together)

(Showmanship is optional however designation on pre-entries is **required** if wishing to participate.

No cow/calf pairs will be allowed.)

**CLASS #1:** Novice Showmanship

**CLASS #2:** Junior Showmanship (ages: 8, 9, and 10)

**CLASS #3:** Intermediate Showmanship (ages: 11, 12, and 13)

**CLASS #4:** Senior Showmanship (ages: 14 and up)

**Section #3: Breeding Beef Show**

Superintendent of Catch-A-Heifer: Joesph Kellaghan

Superintendent of Next Gen Producer: Dani Brach

Only 2 entries per exhibitor per breeding class will be allowed.

All bred heifers must be at least 45 days bred to show in the bred heifer show.

**CLASS #1:** Catch-A-Heifer—Heifer

**CLASS #2:** Catch-A-Heifer---Cow/Calf

**CLASS #3:** Next Gen Producer-Heifer

**CLASS #4:** Next Gen Producer-Cow/Calf

**CLASS #5:** Breeding Heifer Bred 0-18 months

**CLASS #6:** Breeding Heifer Open 0-18 months (Not eligible for Grand or Reserve)

**CLASS #7:** Breeding Heifer Bred over 18 months

**CLASS #8:** Breeding Heifer Open over 18 months (Not eligible for Grand or Reserve)

**CLASS #9:** Cow/Calf Bred

**CLASS #10:** Cow/Calf Open (Not eligible for Grand or Reserve)

**CLASS #11:** Dry Cow

**CLASS #12:** Bull Calf Under 12 Months

**CLASS #13:** Bull Calf Over 12 Months – (All bulls over 12 months shall be shown with a nose lead).

**Order of Beef Show will be per Superintendent's discretion and will be posted prior to the show.**

**Section #4: Mesa County Cattlewomen's Beef Advocacy Award**

Sponsored by: Mesa County Cattle Women's Association

The Mesa County Cattlewomen is sponsoring the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Beef Advocacy Award for the 2026 Mesa County Fair.

Details of the award are as follows:

**Objective-** Encourage 4-H & FFA members to increase their knowledge of the beef industry and the challenges that face it on a local, state, and national level and their role in communicating with consumers and peers about those challenges.

**Components-** Written test – 50%

Oral interview – 50%

Showmanship – tie breaker

**Prizes** - Prizes awarded in Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions

**Eligibility-** All members showing either Market or Breeding Beef at the Mesa County Fair are required to participate.

**Resources for information-** Written test will be 20-30 questions, multiple choice and True/False. Interviews will be conducted by members of the Mesa County Cattlewomen's Group. Some of the information for the test and the interview will be taken from the website [www.Beef.org](http://www.Beef.org) . A speaker will be presenting information in Mesa County during the April Beef Workshop. The current Beef manual may be another source of information. Current events affecting the industry would be possible topics of the interviews.

**More Information-** This information will be available on the Mesa County 4-H website and FFA Advisors will be updated with any new information. Contact with the Mesa County Cattlewomen: Felicia Casto.

**CLASS #1:** Junior

**CLASS #2:** Intermediate

**CLASS #3:** Senior

### **Section #5: Dairy Cattle**

**RULE 1:** Females may be pure bred or high grade.

**RULE 2:** NO **DAIRY** bull over one year will be shown. Dairy bulls under one year will be dehorned and shown with a nose ring.

**RULE 3:** Proof of ownership 60 days prior to fair.

**CLASS #1:** Bull Calf 12 months and younger

**CLASS #2:** Heifer Calf Current Year

**CLASS #3:** Heifer Calf Previous Year

**CLASS #4:** Cow

### **Section #6: Dairy Showmanship**

**RULE 1:** Exhibitors may also be eligible for showmanship classes in Market/ Breeding Showmanship if animal is shown in the same manner and if class size allows.

**CLASS #1:** Junior

**CLASS #2:** Intermediate

**CLASS #3:** Senior

### **Section #7: On the Rail Beef Carcass Contest**

**Superintendent: Aubree' Crabb**

**RULE 1:** This is open to all 4-H and FFA youth exhibitors who are enrolled in the market beef project. There will not be an open division for this project.

**RULE 2:** Beef entered in the on the rail carcass contest can be 1 of the 2 shown at the fair or a separate carcass animal may be entered. If a separate animal is used it must be tagged at the initial weigh-in. It will also be ineligible for the rate-of-gain contest. It will be the exhibitor's responsibility to transport the animal to the slaughter facility when all of the other animals are taken. No late drop-offs will be allowed.

**RULE 3:** Each exhibitor will be allowed 1 entry in the on the rail carcass animal contest.

**RULE 4:** Exhibitors must designate this class on pre-entry forms to be entered into the on the rail carcass contest. The specific animal will not need to be designated at pre-entry.

**RULE 5:** Beef entered into the on the rail carcass contest cannot go through the Junior Livestock Sale. However, the "Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Beef Carcass" will have the opportunity to be sold at the Junior Livestock Sale in addition to the exhibitor's other sale animal.

**RULE 6:** Designation of market beef to be entered into the on the rail carcass contest will be after the market beef show has ended by the exhibitor.

**RULE 7:** All market beef entries in the on the rail carcass contest will be hauled from the fairgrounds to the processing facility for slaughter on Tuesday, July 14th. Live weight at the end of the project must be provided to the processing plant upon drop-off. Weight from fair weigh-in can be used. A scale will be available at the processing facility to weight entries that did not exhibit in the market show.

**RULE 8:** Judging of this class will take place on Friday of the Mesa County Fair.

**RULE 9:** All slaughter fees for this contest will be the responsibility of the exhibitor and will be collected upon unloading of the animals at the processor.

**RULE 10:** If a member decides to utilize a different processor for the cutting of their animal, they will be responsible for transportation of that carcass to their designated processor.

### **Section #8: Bucket Calf (Open Show)**

**Superintendent: Monika Hylton**

The Bucket Calf Program will be an OPEN SHOW. The animals will arrive Tuesday morning prior to the start of the beef show. This class will show between the breeding and market shows and must check out after the show. There is a 15 exhibitor cap for the Grand Valley and 5 exhibitor cap for Plateau Valley. This will be on a first come-first served basis based on when applications are received. Applications will be available on January 2<sup>nd</sup> of each year. A wait list will be created in the event the capacity is reached.

**RULE 1:** Any youth 4-7 years old (7 years old by Jan. 1 of the current 4-H year) is eligible to enter.

**RULE 2:** Exhibitors must sign up by March 1<sup>st</sup> with the superintendent.

**RULE 3:** The Animal must be in possession of the exhibitors by April 1<sup>st</sup>. The animal will be tagged with an official Mesa County ear tag.

**RULE 4:** The animal must be born after January 1<sup>st</sup> and before March 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

**RULE 5:** Any breed of cattle as well as either sex is eligible for show. There will be no bull calves allowed.

**RULE 6:** Only one animal may be shown per exhibitor, likewise, only one exhibitor per animal.

**RULE 7:** The calf must have been or currently be fed by bottle.

**RULE 8:** The calf must be halter broke.

**RULE 9:** The Bucket Calf Class will be judged on showmanship only.

The Judge will consider:

E. Appearance of Animal.....20%

F. Showing of Animal.....50%

G. Courtesy and Appearance of Exhibitor.....15%

H. Knowledge.....15%

**RULE 10:** All dress code rules listed in the General Rule section will apply.

**RULE 11:** Exhibitors will be required to attend all bucket calf meetings in order to show at fair. Exceptions will be made directly through the superintendent.

**RULE 12:** All calves will be checked in at 8:00 a.m. on the day of the beef show and must be inspected by the designated veterinarian prior to unloading.

**RULE 13:** Exhibitor transportation is required to obtain a parking pass before fair at the Extension Office.

### **DIVISION 2: SHEEP**

**Superintendent: Joe Landini**

**RULE 1:** Market and Breeding sheep shall have NO EVIDENCE OF SURGICAL DOCKING, PROLAPSES, PURSE STRINGS, SUTURES, ETC. If any of these are evidence in any sheep it will be disqualified for the show and will be removed from the grounds.

**RULE 2:** To be eligible for competition, Market Sheep must be the property of the exhibitor and officially ear-tagged 60 days prior to the fair. All sheep must have a scrapies tag at the first weigh-in and to check-in at fair. Each 4-H or FFA member will be charged a \$5/animal nomination fee for market and breeding projects to be collected at the time of animal uploads. Invoices will be emailed as uploads are approved. Breeding sheep ownership is 60 day prior to the fair and must have a scrapies tag.

**RULE 3: \*\*\*ALL BREEDING SHEEP WILL BE SHOWN SLICK SHORN (WOOL LENGTH NO LONGER THEN ¼ INCH) UNLESS THE ANIMAL IS SHOWN AS A WOOL BREED.** This will apply to ALL breeding animals that enter the show ring to exhibit in the breeding show.

- RULE 4: \*\*\*ALL SHEEP ARE TO BE SHEARED PRIOR TO ARRIVAL ON FAIRGROUNDS.** Touch-up and fittings allowed on the grounds.
- RULE 5: \*\*\*** Speckled face sheep and whiteface sheep may show as a wool breed upon Superintendents' approval.
- RULE 6:** Lambs may be mouthed for over age. Lambs showing either or both of the first pair of permanent incisors will not be eligible to show in Market Lamb classes.
- RULE 7:** Each exhibitor may enter and show 2 market lambs. Each exhibitor may also enter 1 lamb for the carcass contest. Each exhibitor may only sell 1 animal in the Livestock Sale. However, the "Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Lamb Carcass" will have the opportunity to be sold at the Junior Livestock Sale in addition to the exhibitor's other sale animal.
- RULE 8:** Market Sheep may be divided into meat and wool breeds for judging. Speckled face lambs and white face lambs may show as wool breeds. Superintendents' decisions on classification will be final. (Black Faced Market Sheep must weigh the following to show: **100-170lbs**; all other breeds must weigh **80-170lbs**)
- RULE 9:** Homegrown class is comprised of market lambs born and raised by the exhibitor/immediate family. Immediate family is limited to parents or grandparents. This class will be formed after the Grand Champion Market Selection. The class will be composed of the top 2 placing animals from each market class. All discrepancies will be left to the discretion of the superintendent. If Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion overall qualifies for Home Grown, they will automatically receive the award.
- RULE 10:** CLEAN-UP All pens and alleys must be cleaned daily before 9:00am with refuse disposed of as posted.
- RULE 11:** WATER- A water container, with water, must be present in each pen at all times. Mesa County Livestock Leaders or Superintendents reserve the right, at its sole discretion to give water to any sheep while on the Mesa County Fairgrounds.
- RULE 12:** SIGNAGE- All members must have a sign on their pen(s) with their name and club on it.
- RULE 13:** Wet towels only will be acceptable. Towels immerse in ice water will not be allowed.
- RULE 14:** RATE OF GAIN- Award the top 10 places.
- RULE 15:** CHECK OUT AND RELEASE- All Market and breeding sheep members check out with the superintendent before removing their sheep from the fairgrounds.
- RULE 16:** Muzzles may be used in an appropriate manner.

### Section #1: Sheep Showmanship

- CLASS #1:** Novice Showmanship
- CLASS #2:** Junior Showmanship (ages: 8,9, and 10)
- CLASS #3:** Intermediate Showmanship (ages: 11,12, and 13)
- CLASS #4:** Senior Showmanship (ages:14 and up)

### Section #2: Market Sheep

- CLASS #1:** Feeders (not necessary to pre-enter)
- CLASS #2:** Market Lambs-Meat Breeds
- CLASS #3:** Market Lambs-Wool Breeds
- CLASS #4:** Home Grown (*required to pre-enter to participate in this class at fair*)
- CLASS #5:** 4-H/FFA Club Groups of Three Lambs. Three entries required for a class, if a club pre-enters, they must show. (not necessary to pre-enter)

### Section #3: Breeding Sheep

	Meat breeds	Wool Breeds
	CLASS #	CLASS #
Ram	1	4
Ewe Under 12 mo.	2	5
Ewe Over 12 mo.	3	6
Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Ram (Meat)		
Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Ewe (Meat)		
Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Ram (Wool)		

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Ewe (Wool)

**CLASS #7** Flock (consisting of one ram and two ewes)

**CLASS #8** Get of Sire (consisting of Sire and three offspring)

**CLASS #9** Dam and Produce (consisting of Dam and up to three of this year's offspring)

#### **Section #4: Lamb Carcass Contest**

**Superintendent: Aubree' Crabb**

**RULE 1:** Wether and ewe lambs are eligible for competition.

**RULE 2:** All animals must be weighed and tagged at the first weigh-in May.

**RULE 3:** Each junior exhibitor is limited to **ONE (1)** lamb in the program

**RULE 4:** Pre-entry is **REQUIRED with your online fair entry**. The tag number of the entry may be adjusted prior to the contest.

**RULE 5:** The actual animal being entered in the carcass program must be of one designated at the May weigh-in.

**RULE 6:** Required weights for carcass entry. Black face 100lbs. All other breeds are 80lbs.

**RULE 7:** Animals entered in the contest will be delivered to the designated processor on a specific date TBD.

**RULE 1:** Carcass may be observed at a processing facility; date and time will be determined and information distributed prior to the event.

**RULE 8:** AWARDS- Carcass 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place-cash awards.

**RULE 9:** Exhibitors must secure their own buyers except for the "Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Sheep Carcass" which will have the opportunity to be sold at the Junior Livestock Sale in addition to the exhibitor's other sale animal.

**CLASS #1:** Lamb Carcass Contest

#### **DIVISION 3: SWINE**

**Superintendents: Chase & Amanda Spaid**

**RULE 1:** To be eligible for competition, market and breeding swine must be the property of the exhibitor and animal uploads completed online on or before **Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 by 5pm**. Proof of Homegrown and Best of Mesa County designated animals must be uploaded at the same time of nominations. Forms are available on the Extension website: <https://tra.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/mesa/mesa-county-forms/>. A \$5/animal nomination fee for market and breeding projects will be collected at the time of animal uploads. Invoices will be emailed as uploads are approved. This will be used to purchase awards for the Mesa County Fair Swine Show. Every animal nominated must have ear notches.

**RULE 2:** Jr. Market Hogs will be weighed and divided into as near equal classes as feasible by breed. There must be 5 or more in a breed division to establish individual breed classes. Classes will be divided when more than 12 entries constitute a class. With less than 5 in a breed division, breeds will be combined and shown in the other purebred (OPB) division with no minimum number of animals for this class.

#### **JUNIOR MARKET HOG CLASS ORDER:**

**Duroc**

**Hampshire,**

**Yorkshire**

**Other Purebred Breeds (OPB)**

**Light (color) Crossbreeds**

**Dark (color) Crossbreeds**

**SWINE SHOW CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS** (will come from the respective breed registries)

**RULE 3:** Feeder classes will only be classified by weight divisions. **OVERWEIGHT SWINE MAY ONLY BE SHOWN IN SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES.**

**RULE 4:** If pen space is available one (1) swine per pen, otherwise we will adhere to the two (2) swine per pen as in the past years.

**RULE 5:** Each exhibitor is allowed to tag two (2) breeding swine for the Mesa County Fair. Tagging will be done by the tagging committee. Exhibitors may check-in any swine that has been nominated for the market class. However, each exhibitor must select only two (2) swine to weigh-in. Only if one or both of the swine do not make weight may the exhibitor weigh their remaining animals. The first two (2) swine that make weight will be entered into the show. Only two (2) market swine may remain on the grounds after weigh-in at the Mesa County Fair.

**RULE 6:** Swine must have been washed and cleaned for check-in, weigh-in, and show. No swine will be allowed to unload at check-in if they have not been washed thoroughly. All swine will be checked by a veterinarian before unloading at check-in. Any trailer containing animal(s) deemed unfit by the Vet, Fair Management, or Superintendent will not be allowed to unload; the exhibitor(s) will be disqualified from participating in the Mesa County Fair.

**RULE 7:** Hogs must be shown and sold without hairdressing compounds including oils, paints, powders, artificial coloring, or other dressing to include hoof ointments or treatment paints. Violation will result in automatic disqualification.

**RULE 8:** Alleyways and walkways are to be kept clear at all times. Equipment and supplies should be kept in club stalls.

**RULE 9:** All exhibitors must observe designated feed times. These will be from 6:00 am to 9:00 am and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. If unable to feed during these times, the exhibitor must supervise the feeding by staying with the animal until it is through eating or drinking. Unsecured feed pans and unsecured waterers must be removed from pens outside of these times.

**RULE 10:** Swine Superintendents will inspect Exhibitors pens, and if they are not cleaned and dry, the pen will be **RED TAGGED**. A warning will be issued and the exhibitor will clean the pen. If the pen is **RED TAGGED** for a second time, the exhibitor will be fined \$25.00 a day, and payment will be due immediately that day of Fair.

**RULE 11:** Tube style waterers must be no larger than 10" in diameter. Exhibitors with leaking waterers must remove them immediately until repairs are made. All waterers must be placed so the nipples are no less than two (2) inches above the animals back.

**RULE 12:** There will be no dogs or strollers allowed in the swine barn at any time during the week of fair. Both will be asked to leave the barn.

**RULE 13:** Non-sale animals will leave following the Swine Show. The exhibitor and their family are responsible for loading the correct non-sale animals to go home.

**RULE 14:** All participants showing in the swine show will be assigned a back number to be worn in each class they are in. The number must be either on the exhibitors back or the pocket with a number holder.

**RULE 15:** No corded personal fans are allowed in the swine barn. Portable battery-operated personal fans are allowed.

**Order of Swine Show will be per Superintendent's discretion and will be posted prior to the show.**

#### **Section #1: Market Hogs**

**CLASS #1: DUROC:** (swine (gilts or barrows only) weighing 235-300 pounds)  
(NSR- March, 2016)

- A. Must be red in color and possess Duroc Breed characteristics (ears must be down and medium size).
- B. Must **NOT** have any white hair located on the animal.
- C. Must **NOT** have any black hair located on the animal.
- D. Must **NOT** have more than three (3) black spots on the skin and none of these spots can be larger than two (2) inches in diameter.
- E. Must NOT have any shading or indication of a belt.

**CLASS #2: HAMPSHIRE:** (swine (gilts or barrows only) weighing 235-300 pounds)  
(NSR- March, 2016)

- A. Must be black in color with a white belt starting on a front leg. The belt may partially or totally encircle the body. Animal is eligible if it has a black head and body is totally white only if it is registered Hampshire.
- B. Must possess Hampshire Breed characteristics (ears must be erect and not rounded).
- C. Must **NOT** have any white hair or indication of streaking on the forehead.
- D. Must **NOT** have any red hair.

**CLASS #3: YORKSHIRE:** (swine (gilts or barrows only) weighing 235-300 pounds)  
(NSR- March, 2016)

- A. Must be white in color and possess Yorkshire Breed characteristics (ears must be erect).
- B. Must NOT have any colored hair other than white.
- C. Must NOT have colored skin pigmentation larger than a silver dollar.
- D. Must NOT have more than two (2) pigmentation spots larger than a U.S quarter. These pigmentation spots (combined) can NOT exceed a U.S. minted silver dollar.

**CLASS #4: OPB:** (swine (gilts or barrows only) weighing 235-300 pounds)

- A. All hog breeds excluding crosses, but can include any of the above breeds if there is not a sufficient number of given breed.

**CLASS #5: LIGHT CROSS:** (swine (gilts or barrows only) weighing 235-300 pounds)

- A. Blue butt and any pig with less than 20% black or red in color.

**CLASS #6: DARK CROSS:** (swine (gilts or barrows only) weighing 235-300 pounds)

- A. Black Headed hogs and any pig with more than 20% black or red in color.

**Breed registry papers will be the only thing to supersede classifier decision.**

**For more information on classifications please visit the following websites:**

Yorkshire, Hampshire, Duroc, Landrace: [nationalswine.com](http://nationalswine.com)

Berkshire: [americanberkshire.com](http://americanberkshire.com)

Chester Whites, Polands, Spots: [cpsswine.com](http://cpsswine.com)

**CLASS #7: FEEDER CLASS** (Any swine under 235lbs. - classes will be determined at fair)

**CLASS #8: HOME GROWN** (*required to pre-enter to participate in this class at fair*) Market swine that was farrowed and finished in Mesa County by the exhibitor/immediate family. Immediate family is limited to parents or grandparents, and proof of homegrown form must have been uploaded online at the time of nomination to be eligible for this class. Breeding swine are not eligible for this class. If Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion overall qualifies for Home Grown, they will automatically receive the award. The class will be composed of the top placing swine from each market class. Placing from this class will not determine sale order. A Homegrown animal may also show in the Best of Mesa County class. Must be designated at pre-entry.

**CLASS #9: BEST OF MESA COUNTY** (*required to pre-enter to participate in this class at fair*) To be eligible for this class, entries must be born and raised in Mesa County. This class will be formed after the Grand Champion Market selection. The class will be composed of the top two (2) placing animals from each market class. All discrepancies will be left to the discretion of the superintendent. Must be designated at pre-entry.

### **Section #2: Swine Showmanship**

Participating in showmanship is optional. Exhibitors wanting to participate **MUST** designate the Showmanship Class on Pre-entries. Exhibitors **WILL NOT** be allowed to add Showmanship Classes at Fair. Showmanship Classes will be divided when more than 10 entries constitute a class.

**CLASS #1:** Junior Showmanship: Any exhibitor age 8-10 as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the previous year.

**CLASS #2:** Intermediate Showmanship: Any exhibitor age 11-13 as a December 31<sup>st</sup> of the previous year.

**CLASS #3:** Senior Showmanship: Any exhibitor age 14-18 as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the previous year.

Grand Champion (1<sup>st</sup> Place) and Reserve Grand Champion (2<sup>nd</sup> Place) Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Showmanship.

### **Section #3: Breeding Swine**

**RULE 1:** Breeding swine must be property of the exhibitor and uploaded as a breeding animal online by May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**RULE 2:** Each exhibitor will be allowed to enter two (2) breeding swine. Both of those animals will be allowed to be weighed and checked in at the Mesa County Fair.

**RULE 3:** Breeding animals will pass a vet check before being unloaded at the Mesa County Fair.

**RULE 4:** A \$5 tagging fee will be collected per breeding animal at the time of animal uploads. Invoices will be emailed as animal uploads are approved.

**CLASS #1:** Gilts - all breeds and crossbreeds

\*Due to pen size, sows older than 12 months of age must go across the scales at the Mesa County Fair weigh-in to verify that they are under 300lbs. No sows weighing over 300lbs are eligible to stay on the Fairgrounds.

#### **Swine Barn Awards**

**RULE 1: Individual Herdsmanship:** A herdsmanship award may be given in the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions. Individuals will be chosen for animal care, care of pens and alleyways, feed, supplies, and tack placement when not in use, and assistance to leaders and superintendents in pen assignments, set-ups and clean-ups.

**Nominations will be submitted to the swine superintendent by 4-H leaders or parents.**

**RULE 2: Club Herdsmanship:** A herdsmanship award may be given to one club. One club will be chosen for animal care, care of pens and alleyway, feed, supplies, tack placement when not in use, and assistance to leaders and superintendents in pen assignments, set-ups and clean-ups. **Nominations will be submitted to the swine superintendent by 4-H leaders or parents.**

**RULE 3: Educational Display:** Each club may enter one (1) educational display to exhibit in the swine barn during the Mesa County Fair. The exhibit will be critiqued by: Topic, Organization, Information, and Format.

#### **Section #4: Swine Carcass Contest**

**Superintendent: Aubree' Crabb**

The Market Swine Carcass Contest is a hanging contest. The swine entered in the market swine carcass contest will be killed and prepared by a qualified meat processing facility.

**RULE 2:** This contest is open to all 4-H and FFA youth exhibitors who are enrolled in the market swine carcass contest. There will not be an open division for this contest.

**RULE 3:** Hogs entered in the market swine carcass contest must be one (1) of the market swine uploaded online.

**RULE 4:** Each exhibitor will only be allowed to enter one (1) carcass animal.

**RULE 5:** Each exhibitor must enter the carcass class as a fair pre-entry.

**RULE 6:** Required weight for carcass entry will be **235 to 300** pounds.

**RULE 7:** Weigh-in for the carcass animals will be from 7:00 am to 8:00 am at a processing facility; date and time will be determined and information distributed prior to the event.

**RULE 8:** Exhibitors must secure their own buyers except for the "Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Swine Carcass" which will have the opportunity to be sold at the Junior Livestock Sale in addition to the exhibitor's other sale animal. All carcasses will be FDA inspected and judged for contest placing.

**RULE 9:** Viewing and interview time will be announced.

**RULE 10:** Placing will be 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>, including and Grand and Reserve Champion.

**RULE 11:** Awards will be presented at the Parade of Champions.

**CLASS #1:** Swine Carcass

#### **Section #5: Little Squealers (Open Show)**

**Superintendent: Amanda Spaid**

**RULE 1:** Any youth 5-7 years old as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the previous year that has not shown a 4-H or FFA swine project is eligible to enter.

**RULE 2:** Exhibitors must sign up with the Little Squealers superintendent on the day of the show. This program is limited to the first thirty (30) individuals to sign up.

**RULE 3:** Exhibitors can show any swine that belongs to a sibling, or another 4-H or FFA swine member at the Mesa County Fair. Swine must have been tagged in for the Mesa County Fair. Exhibitors will not be allowed to bring their own swine to this event due to a lack of pen space.

**RULE 4:** The Little Squealers will not be judged, but exhibitors will get pointers and helpful information to encourage them to continue to work on their showmanship skills and participate in the swine program as they become of age.

**RULE 5:** All dress code rules listed in the General Rule section will apply.

#### **DIVISION 4: GOAT**

**Superintendents: Meat Goats-Mikayla Miracle and Joni Brown; Dairy & Utility Goats- Jill Young**

NOTE: Scrapies tags required for all Market goats, Scrapies tags or tattoos along with the tag or registration in which you tattooed the number from are required for dairy and Breeding goats and must be present at May weigh-in & Fair.

**RULE 1:** All goats must have been owned by the exhibitor continuously 60 days prior to the fair, except for kids born within 60 days to a doe owned by the exhibitor. Market Goats must be the property of the exhibitor and officially ear tagged 60 days prior to the fair. No leasing of goats is permitted.

**RULE 2:** All dairy goats and miniature goats must be disbudded or dehorned before exhibition. Utility goats may have horns.

**RULE 3:** All goats must be sheared prior to arrival to Fair Check-in. Fitting for show will be allowed.

**RULE 4:** Milk production does will be milked out under supervision of goat superintendent at designated times.

**RULE 5:** All dairy goats over 6 months old and all market goats must be sheared within 30 days prior to fair, or if determined by the superintendent to have too much hair for an accurate appraisal. Trimming of all goats is recommended.

**RULE 6:** Market Goats will be weighed and divided into weight groups if necessary. Each exhibitor may weigh, tag and show a maximum of two (2) market goats.

**RULE 7:** All goats are to be broke to lead and shown in a halter or collar.

**RULE 8:** Market Goats minimum weight range at fair weigh-in is 60-110 lbs. Market Goats that weigh above or below this weight range will show, but will be ineligible to sell in the junior livestock sale.

**RULE 9:** No goats shown in a 4-H class may be shown in the open classes. **(Except for open class peewee).**

**RULE 10:** Each exhibitor will be limited to 2 market, 8 meat type breeding goats and 8 dairy type goats of any variety at the fair.

**RULE 11:** Dress Code:

For dairy classes-Black or white pants/skirt, white shirt.

For non-dairy classes- overall dress code rules. The general 4-H/FFA Dress Code rules apply to all classes and will be enforced.

**RULE 12:** All goats (breeding, market, open) will be checked by a vet at the fair check-in for overall health.

**RULE 13:** CLEAN-UP- All pens and alleys must be cleaned daily before 9:00 am with refuse disposed of as posted.

**RULE 14:** WATER – A water container, with water must be present in each pen at all times. Mesa County Livestock Leaders or Superintendents reserve the right, at its sole discretion to give water to any goat while on the Mesa County Fairgrounds.

**RULE 15:** SIGNAGE- All members must have a sign on their pen(s) with their name and club on it.

**RULE 16:** Wet towels only will be acceptable. Towels immersed in ice water will not be allowed.

**RULE 17:** Any bucks past weaning age brought to the fair will be required to be housed in the horse barns for safety reasons.

**RULE 18:** All market goats that are brought to the Mesa County Fair that have horns must be blunted off flat. Goat not within the parameters of the rule will be sent home.

**RULE 19:** Each 4-H or FFA member will be charged a \$5.00/animal nomination fee at the time of animal upload.

**RULE 20:** Any violation of the following Competition Requirements regarding fitting of livestock may result in automatic disqualification with no recourse:

- (a) Doctoring, doping, tubing or injecting show animals for body "fill-ins" or the alteration, changing, defacing or any modification of the markings of show animals and the anatomical structure of an animal, the removal, alteration, changing or purposely damaging ear tags; any type of injection where oils, glycerin or like

substances are used for body "fill-in," external applications of such things as liniments and blistering agents that would cause an edematous condition; use of ice packs or other refrigerants to alter the quality of the finish of an animal.

- (b) Icing of animals will not be allowed.
- (c) No animal may be decorated with any unnecessary paraphernalia during judging.
- (d) Changing the color of hair at any point, spot or area on the animal's body or any grooming material that allows color to be rubbed off from any animal will result in disqualification.
- (e) No altering structure of hair or wool coat except for trimming and blocking will be allowed.
- (f) Injection, drenching, or application of any substance per rectum is prohibited.
- (g) Any entry adding any hair or hair-like substance will be disqualified.

### **Section #1: Market Goat**

**RULE 1:** Initial weigh-in will be done in conjunction with ear-tagging 60 days prior to the fair, final weigh-in will be done upon entry at the fair.

**RULE 2:** Fair weights 60-110 lbs.

**RULE 3:** Exorbitant weight gains will be subject to investigation by the Rule Committee.

**CLASS #1: Market Goats**

**CLASS #2: Rate of Gain**

**CLASS #3: Home Grown** (*required to pre-enter to participate in this class at fair*) To be eligible for this class, entries must be born and raised by the exhibitor/immediate family. Immediate family is limited to parents or grandparents. This class will be formed after the Grand Champion Market Selection (and Best of Mesa County). The class will be composed of the top 2 placing animals from each market class. All Homegrown animals may also show in the Best of Mesa County class. All discrepancies will be left to the discretion of the superintendent. If Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion overall qualifies for Home Grown, they will automatically receive the award.

**CLASS #4: Best of Mesa County** (*required to pre-enter to participate in this class at fair*) To be eligible for this class, entries must be born and raised in Mesa County. This class will be formed after the Grand Champion Market selection. This class will be composed of the top two (2) placing animals from each market class. All discrepancies will be left to the discretion of the superintendent. If Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion overall qualifies for Best of Mesa County, they will automatically receive the award.

**CLASS #5: Feeder Goats**

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Awarded

### **Section #2: Meat Goat Breeding**

**CLASS #1:** 0-6 months does

**CLASS #2:** 6-12 months does

**CLASS #3:** 12-24 months does

**CLASS #4:** 2 and over does

**CLASS #5:** Bucks 0-12 months

**CLASS #6:** Bucks 1 year and older

**CLASS #7:** Dam and Produce (consisting of Dam and Produce of the current year off spring. May be of different owners.)

**CLASS #8:** Get-of-Sire (consisting of Buck and Produce of the current year off spring. May be of different owners.)

**CLASS #9:** Best of Herd

Grand and Reserve Champion Doe

Grand and Reserve Champion Buck

### Section #3: Goat Showmanship

	Dairy	Meat (Market & Breeding)
Novice Showmanship	Class #1	Class #6
Junior Showmanship	Class #2	Class #7
Intermediate Showmanship	Class #3	Class #8
Senior Showmanship	Class #4	Class #9
Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Awards		

### Section #4: Dairy Goat

- CLASS #1:** Doe Kid- 0-6 months
- CLASS #2:** Doe Kid- 6 months to 12 months
- CLASS #3:** Milking Doe- 1 to 2 years
- CLASS #4:** Milking Doe- 2 to 3 years
- CLASS #5:** Milking Doe- 3 years and over
- CLASS #6:** Dry Doe- 1 year and over
- CLASS #7:** Wether, all ages
- CLASS #8:** Dairy Buck- all ages
- CLASS #9:** Best Udder
- CLASS #10:** Dam and Daughter (consisting of Dam and Daughter(s) up to total of any three. May be of different owners)
- CLASS #11:** Milk Production contest
- CLASS #12:** Get-of-Sire (any set of three (3) offspring from the same sire, representing both sexes).
- CLASS #13:** Premier Dairy Goat
- Grand and Reserve Champion Dairy Doe Overall
- Grand and Reserve Champion Dairy Buck Overall

### Section #5: Miniature Breeds

- CLASS #1:** 0-6 month does
- CLASS #2:** 6-12 month does
- CLASS #3:** 1-2 year does
- CLASS #4:** 2 years and over does
- CLASS #5:** Breeding bucks, all ages
- CLASS #6:** Wether, all ages
- CLASS #7:** Dam and Daughter(s)
- CLASS #8:** Get-of-Sire
- CLASS #9:** Premier Miniature Goat
- Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Pygmy Doe
- Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Pygmy Buck

### Section #6: Performance Goats

- CLASS #1:** Packing Driving Exhibitions (does and wethers)
- CLASS #2:** Utility – Divisions: Junior, Intermediate, Senior
- CLASS #3:** Confirmation class Utility Doe 0-12 months
- CLASS #4:** Confirmation class Utility Doe 1 year & over
- CLASS #5:** Confirmation class Utility Wether 0-12 months
- CLASS #6:** Confirmation class Utility Wether 1 year & over

## **DIVISION 5: LLAMA/ALPACA**

**Superintendent: Danielle Yahn**

### **Section #1: Llamas Class**

- CLASS #1:** Juvenile Females (0 to 7 months of age)
- CLASS #2:** Yearling Females (8 to 23 months of age)
- CLASS #3:** Two Year Old Females (2 to 3 years of age)
- CLASS #4:** Adult Females (4 years and older)
- CLASS #5:** Juvenile Males (0 to 7 months of age)
- CLASS #6:** Yearling Males (8to 23 months age)
- CLASS #7:** Two Year Old Males (2 to 3 years of age)
- CLASS #8:** Adult Males (4 years and older)
- CLASS #9:** Yearling Geldings (8 to 23 months age)
- CLASS #10:** Over two years – Geldings (2 years and older)

### **Section #2: Alpacas Class**

- CLASS #1:** Juvenile Females (0 to 7 months of age)
- CLASS #2:** Yearling Females (8 to 23 months of age)
- CLASS #3:** Two Year Old Females (2 to 3 years of age)
- CLASS #4:** Adult Females (4 years and older)
- CLASS #5:** Juvenile Males (0 to 7 months of age)
- CLASS #6:** Yearling Males (8to 23 months age)
- CLASS #7:** Two Year Old Males (2 to 3 years of age)
- CLASS #8:** Adult Males (4 years and older)
- CLASS #9:** Yearling Geldings (8 to 23 months age)
- CLASS #10:** Over two years – Geldings (2 years and older)

### **Section #3: Performance**

- CLASS #1:** Packing, Driving, and obstacle

### **Section #4: Camelid Showmanship**

- CLASS #1:** Junior Showmanship
- CLASS #2:** Intermediate Showmanship
- CLASS #3:** Senior Showmanship
- Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Award

## **DIVISION 6: 4-H HORSE SHOW**

**Superintendent: Tammy Clark**

Committee Division Leaders:

Western: Tara Carleo & Mistalynn Meyeraan

English: Jennie Windscheffel

Gymkhana: Kaylee McIntosh

Ranch: Dustin Welsh & Tammy Clark

### **GENERAL RULES**

**RULE 1:** Where applicable, the most current Colorado 4-H Horse Rule Book will govern all classes with Mesa County Fair specific exceptions to supersede where applicable. Deference to the AQHA Rule Book will be given when necessary. All patterns will be released one week prior to the show.

**RULE 2:** The Superintendent will be in charge of the show. All efforts will be made to hold all classes in the exhibitors' guide. The Superintendent reserves the right to combine or eliminate classes or entries as warranted. The

Superintendent will handle questions or complaints. Their decisions are final. All grievances/complaints must follow the guidelines stated in the Mesa County Fair exhibitors' guide on page 5 under rule 9 and be accompanied with a \$100 deposit (cash or certified check) as stated under this rule.

**RULE 3:** All exhibitors must enroll in 4-H for the horse project, but may show as an FFA member. FFA required attire may be worn while showing.

**RULE 4:** All horses entering the Mesa County Fair must be declared a project horse by May 1<sup>st</sup>. All horses must be IDed through 4honline by May 1<sup>st</sup> to be eligible to be shown. Exhibitors may bring a total of two (2) equines to compete in the Horse Show. Horse show to be defined as the Mesa County Fair 4-H Horse show which includes four (4) divisions: English, Western, Gymkhana, and Ranch. Each exhibitor may only show one (1) horse per class. No equine may be shown by more than 1 exhibitor in the same division. Two exhibitors may share an equine and must be showing in separate age divisions. A horse may be shown by siblings if they show or are entered in different age divisions or classifications at the option of show management. Stallions of any age are prohibited in all classes. No wet (nursing) mares may be shown.

**RULE 5:** Only 4-H horse project members may ride while at the Mesa County Fair. All other riders must have a current riding pass with the Mesa County Fairgrounds. Trainers and/or parents will not be allowed to ride an exhibitor's horse at the fairgrounds during the fair.

**RULE 6:** The written test is mandatory for 4-H Horse members to exhibit at the Mesa County Fair. The test will be considered a class of its own, separate from the other divisions. The test will also be open to all HORSELESS HORSE members and will be eligible for awards in the written test class. Written questions MAY come from the Horse Manual or Rule Book. There will be separate tests for each age division. Walk/Trot will take the test that is reflective of their current 4-H age. Show management will provide an adult reader for any exhibitor who may need assistance with the written test.

**RULE 7:** Showmanship is required to be eligible for horse show Overall High Point Champions.

**RULE 8:** Everyone is expected to help keep the areas clean. Everyone is responsible for cleaning their own stalls and hauling waste to specific areas. The stall fee will be \$50; this fee will be refunded once your stall is cleaned and you have been checked out by a Superintendent or show management. This fee should not be included with the pre-entry fees, but as a separate check. (so we can simply void the check instead of issuing a new one). Only one horse will be allowed per stall. Shavings only for bedding.

**RULE 9:** All levels and competency testing must be completed prior to entry date. The exhibitor's level at the time of entry will be used. Entries shall be based on the exhibitor's age division and no cross-division entries are permitted.

**RULE 10:** All patterns will be at show managements discretion.

**RULE 11:** In any class where a lead change is required, riders may use either simple lead changes or a flying lead change. The lead changes must stay consistent throughout the ride. **Please know that a well-executed simple lead change will hold the same value in scoring as a flying lead change.**

**RULE 12:** There shall be no horse's age restriction for types of bits or bridles used; however, all chosen equipment must be used correctly. Snaffles and bosal must be ridden two handed (with the exception of while using a rope or any other task requiring the use of a free hand), curb/leverage bits must be ridden one handed, a two (2) rein outfit must be ridden one handed. For a two (2) rein outfit refer to rules #58 and #61 of the Colorado 4-H Horse Rule Book.

**RULE 13:** Exhibitors must have horses, whether owned or leased, in their possession and/or providing primary care management by May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. Horses may be boarded at commercial facilities. Mesa County specific lease agreement must be declared to superintendent and on file with the county extension office and 4honline by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**RULE 14:** Horses deemed unsafe in the arena or un-controllable by at least 2 members of the show management (superintendents, leaders, & judge) shall be immediately excused from the arena for that class. Further infractions or continued disruptions may result in being withdrawn from the show.

### **SCORING/TIE BREAKERS**

**RULE 1:** Zero scores may be placed but not above anyone which receives a score above a zero. Disqualification will be due to illegal equipment, illegal use of hands, abuse of a cow or a horse, loss of control of the horse, fall by horse or exhibitor, schooling, verbal or physical unsportsmanlike conduct towards judge or show management, or as specifically listed on the class scoresheet. The judge's decision is final.

**RULE 2:** Classes will be scored on an individual basis. However, they may be judged individually or as a group. Once a show order is drawn, the exhibitor must appear in this order in the time specified by the officials. When a class is being delayed by an exhibitor, the exhibitor will be given 2 minutes to which appear at the in gate. Failure to do so will disqualify the exhibitor from the class.

Each class will be placed 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>.

The following weighted system will be used for all divisions with the max 1<sup>st</sup>= 6 points.

1<sup>st</sup>= 6 pts 2<sup>nd</sup> = 5 pts 3<sup>rd</sup>= 4pts 4<sup>th</sup> = 3 pts 5<sup>th</sup> = 2 pts 6<sup>th</sup>= 1 pts

If only 4 animals in class then 1<sup>st</sup> will be 4 points etc.

\*Age Division High Points will be awarded in each division: Ranch, English, Western, Gymkhana, Written test, and Overall High-Point age-division awards.

There will be a Champion and Reserve Champion in each Gymkhana, English, Western, and Ranch Division. All classes will count towards division high points.

**RULE 3:** Tie Breakers for the County Fair will be as follows:

Ranch Horse Division: Cutting, Ranch Trail, Written Test.

English Horse Show Division: Equitation, Showmanship, Written test.

Western Horse Show Division: Showmanship, Western Horsemanship, Written test.

Gymkhana Division: Barrels, Poles, Written test.

Written test will include tiebreaker questions. Any ties after that will be at the discretion of the show management.

### **CLASS FEES**

**RULE 1:** Class fees will be \$4 per class. If you are participating in the Ranch Horse classes (not including Walk/Trot), there will be a cattle charge of \$30.00. All fees must be paid to the extension office at time of fair entries.

### **DIVISIONS:**

**RULE 1:** Walk/Trot: This is a WALK/TROT division only. When mounted, walk/trot riders are required to wear a helmet regardless of class. The rider may show with both hands on the reins, maintaining a light contact with the horse's mouth in any legal bit. If walk/trot riders break into more than three (3) canter strides, the exhibitor will be penalized 5 points for every three (3) strides taken at a canter. For Gymkhana, 5 seconds will be added on to their time for every 3 strides at a canter. Exhibitors may only stay in the walk/trot division for a maximum of 2 years. The exhibitor must then move up into their respective age division at a Level 1.

**RULE 2: JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE, & SENIOR:** For safety reasons, Colorado State 4-H Levels testing for Western and English disciplines, Gymkhana Competency, Ranch Competency, and Over Fences Competency (if Jumping) are required to be able to register for appropriate age division classes at the Mesa County Fair. See Divisions (Sections # 1, 2 & 3) for specific requirements.

### **ROUND ROBIN COMPETITION:**

**RULE 1:** The first and second place winner from Junior, Intermediate, and Senior showmanship divisions will participate in the Round Robin Showmanship Classes. If the first (1<sup>st</sup>) or second (2<sup>nd</sup>) exhibitors decline, the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) place winner will take their place. Superintendent must be notified by the end of the show if an exhibitor chooses to compete or not. Beginner Senior division and Walk/Trot division winners may be included as alternate Round Robin participants as necessary to fill the slots.

### **Section #1: Timed Events (Gymkhana)**

Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 5:30pm (*HELMET REQUIRED for all exhibitors*)

DIVISIONS: Senior (14-18) Senior division will be split into Senior (level II, III and IV) and Beginner Senior (level I and II), Intermediate (11-13), Junior (8-10), Walk/Trot (all ages)

(For safety reasons, Western Discipline Levels Tests and Gymkhana Competency Test are required prior to entry date)

(class orders will be Sr., Int., Jr., and then Walk/Trot)

Gymkhana Order of Events

Barrel Racing

Flag Race

Figure 8 Stake Race

Pole Bending

Keyhole

**Section #2: Performance Horse Division**

Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026 8:00am

DIVISIONS: Senior (14-18) Senior division will be split into Senior (level II, III and IV) and Beginner Senior (level I and II), Intermediate (11-13), Junior (8-10), Walk/Trot (all ages)

(For safety reasons, Western and English Discipline Levels Tests are required prior to entry date.

For Jumping Classes, Over Fences Competency Tests are also required)

**Walk/Trot classes – ALL AGES** (Walk/Trot only; **HELMET REQUIRED** for all classes):

Western Showmanship

Western Horsemanship

Western Pleasure

Western Trail (Western tack and apparel only)

Reining

Hunter Under Saddle (rail class)

Hunt Seat Equitation

Show Hack

Senior (14-18), Intermediate (11-13), and Junior (8-10) classes:

Beginner Senior (Western/English Level I or II required prior to entry date - Jumping Classes require Beginner Over Fences Competency Test)

Senior (Western/English Level II, III, or IV required prior to entry date - Jumping Classes require a minimum of Limited Over Fences Competency Test)

Intermediate and Junior (Western Level I/English Level I required prior to entry date - Jumping Classes require a minimum of Beginner Over Fences Competency Test)

Western Showmanship

Western Horsemanship

Western Pleasure

Western Trail

Western Riding

Reining

Hunt Seat Equitation

English Control

Show Hack

\*Hunt Seat Over Fence (Helmet Required)

\*Hunter Hack (Helmet Required)

\*Over Fence classes will be determined by competency levels at the time of fair entries.

**Section #3: Ranch Horse Division**

Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 7:00am

DIVISIONS: Senior (14-18) Senior division will be split into Senior (level II, III and IV) and Beginner Senior (level I and II), Intermediate (11-13), Junior (8-10), Walk/Trot (all ages)

(For safety reasons, Western Discipline Levels Tests and Ranch Competency Tests are required prior to entry date)

**Walk/Trot classes - ALL AGES** (Walk/Trot only - **HELMET REQUIRED** for all classes):

Ranch Trail  
Working Western Rail  
Ranch Horsemanship  
Ranch Riding

**Senior (14-18), Intermediate (11-13), Junior (8-10) classes:**

Beginner Senior (Western Level I or II and Beginner Ranch Competency required prior to entry date)  
Senior (Western Level II, III, or IV and a minimum of Limited Ranch Competency test required prior to entry date)  
Intermediate and Junior (Western Level I and a minimum of Beginner Ranch Competency test required prior to entry date)

Ranch Cutting  
\*Individual Cow Work  
Working Western Rail  
Ranch Horsemanship  
Ranch Riding  
Ranch Trail

\*Cow classes will be determined by competency levels at the time of fair entries

**Section #4: Written Test**

Date, time, and location will be announced by the Extension Office.

Junior  
Intermediate  
Senior

Walk/Trot - will take the test of their respective age division

**Section #5: Miniature Horse**

Showmanship  
Halter Obstacle

**Section #6: Lead-Line (Open Show)**

Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> after lunch

Ages 7 and under only (pre-enter through FairEntry or with superintendent by June 12<sup>th</sup>)

Lead-line  
Lead-line Trail

**DIVISION 7: POULTRY**

**Superintendent: Brooke Hahn**

**ALL ANIMALS ARE REQUIRED TO BE CHECKED BY A VETERINARIAN PRIOR TO UNLOADING**

**RULE 1:** All exhibitors are encouraged to sign-up for barn duty. Exhibitors may pick their times. The superintendent will have a sign-up sheet.

**RULE 2:** All birds are required to have leg bands.

**RULE 3:** All judging will be according to the American Poultry Association (APA) guidelines.

**RULE 4:** Chickens hatched prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year are cocks and hens.

**RULE 5:** Chicken hatched after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year are cockerels and pullets.

**RULE 6:** All breeding stock must have been the exhibitor's property for at least 3 months prior to fair.

**RULE 7:** Market poultry members may bring a separate bird for showmanship if it has been uploaded in 4honline during the nomination time.

**RULE 8:** All entries will be completed through FairEntry prior to the entry deadline.

**RULE 9:** Each exhibitor is expected to either set up or to fold cages and properly discard debris. Dates TBD

**RULE 10:** No bird will be shown more than once with exception of the bird used for the showmanship class

**RULE 11:** Trio must consist of 2 females and 1 male of the same breed and age group.

**RULE 12:** Superintendents can combine classes at their discretion to facilitate judging.

**RULE 13:** Anyone may enter a bird in open class. Exhibitors may not use the same bird for open class and 4-H exhibits.

Exhibitors must fill out a separate entry form for open class and the form must clearly state "Open Class Entry".

**RULE 14:** Birds who arrive at the show dirty will be required to be washed before entry. Birds showing signs of disease or parasites will be sent home or will not be eligible for show.

**RULE 15:** All dress code rules listed in the general rule section will apply.

### **Heritage Breed Conservation Project**

This addition to the poultry program is designed to encourage the development of sustainable agriculture and promote the stewardship of heritage poultry lines. No additional records will need to be included in the record book. The judge will need to evaluate the project via a display board presented at fair along with the formal interview (75% of overall score) and bird(s) presentation within their class (25% of overall score) at fair. Ribbons will be awarded based upon the presentation of the board, interview performance as well as how well your bird(s) fits the APA standards for the heritage bird presented. All heritage project birds will compete together for the Heritage Conservation award buckle. There will also be a Champion and Reserve Champion Heritage Breed Conservation Project awards.

Heritage Chickens, Ducks, Turkeys, Geese, and Guineas must adhere to all the following:

1. **APA Recognized Breed:** Heritage Poultry must be from parent stock of breeds recognized by the American Poultry Association (APA) prior to the mid-20th century; whose genetic line can be traced back multiple generations; and with traits that meet the APA Standard of Perfection guidelines for the breed. Heritage Poultry must be produced and sired by an APA Recognized breed. Heritage eggs must be laid by an APA Recognized breed.
  - a. If an entered heritage poultry breed is listed on the Livestock Conservation list, but is not on the APA list the judge must be given the breed standard for the fair entry and will judge the bird according to the breed standard provided.
  - b. Large fowl breeds must have been developed for egg meat, or dual-purpose production.
  - c. Bantam breeds must have been derived from and have a large fowl equivalent that is intended for egg, meat, or dual-purpose production. **Bantams are excluded from the Heritage Conservation market Project.**
2. **Naturally mating:** Heritage Poultry must be reproduced and genetically maintained through natural mating. Heritage Poultry must be the result of naturally mating pair of parent stock.
3. **Long, productive outdoor lifespan:** Heritage Poultry must have the genetic ability to live a long, vigorous life and thrive in the rigors of pasture-based, outdoor production systems. Breeding females should be productive for 5-7 years and males for 3-5 years.
4. **Slow growth rate:** Heritage Poultry must have a moderate to slow rate of growth, reaching appropriate mature weight for the breed in no less than 16 weeks for chickens and 28 weeks for turkeys. This gives the poultry time to develop strong skeletal structure and healthy organs prior to building muscle mass.
5. **Abbreviated Definition:** A Heritage Egg can only be produced by an American Poultry Association Standard breed. Heritage Poultry is hatched from a heritage egg sired by an American Poultry Association Standard breed established prior to the mid-20th century, is slow growing, naturally mated with a long productive outdoor life.
6. Heritage game birds are allowed (utility pigeons, quail, pheasants, and partridge) these birds must meet their breed standard, according to their respective associations, and all the other points above.
7. The 4-H member **must own** the parent birds at the time of hatching.
8. Member must hatch the birds that will be shown at fair.
9. Parent birds do not need to be shown at fair, however they do need to be documented via the display board and contain a hatching record.
10. Hatching records must include:

- a. Date the eggs are set.
  - b. Date the eggs hatch.
  - c. Document incubation and hatch via hen or incubator.
  - d. If by incubator; include relative humidity, temperature and turning rate.
  - e. How many eggs are set and how many hatch (hatch rate).
11. The display board and interview should give the judge a good idea of your experience with this class.
  12. Regardless if the bird(s) are being entered in the heritage market show or the heritage breeding show, all offspring must be deemed by the judge to be fully mature weight at fair time. The point of this class is to raise APA quality birds that can be sent to market or used as Heritage Conservation breeding birds. Birds that are deemed not to be at fully mature weight, or poorly fit their breed standard, at the time of fair will not be eligible for the Heritage Conservation award.
  13. Please note, if a heritage conservation bird(s) is entered in the market class the bird will go to the auction along with the other market birds regardless of any other awards earned in the Heritage Conservation class.
  14. You must decide at the time of 4honline animal uploads deadline if your Heritage Conservation Birds will be shown in the Market Class or the Breeding Class. Once the animal upload is complete, the classes cannot be changed.
  15. **Weights shall fall within 20% of the APA standard or the equivalent standard for game birds.**

### **Section #1 Heritage Conservation Breeding Project**

- CLASS #1:** Heritage Chickens max age 1 year (pen of 3 must consist of all female, all male, or 1 male and 2 female)  
**CLASS #2:** Heritage Geese (pen of 1 bird) max age 1.5 years  
**CLASS #3:** Heritage Turkeys (pen of 1 bird) max age 2 years  
**CLASS #4:** Heritage Ducks (can be shown as single or as a pair) max age 9 months

### **Section #2 Heritage Conservation Market Project**

- CLASS #1:** Heritage Chickens max age 1 year (pen of 3 must consist of all female, all male, or 1 male and 2 female)  
**CLASS #2:** Heritage Geese (pen of 1 bird) max age 1.5 years  
**CLASS #3:** Heritage Turkeys (pen of 1 bird) max age 2 years  
**CLASS #4:** Heritage Ducks (can be shown as single or as a pair) max age 9 months  
**CLASS #5:** Heritage Gamebird- (pen of 3 must consist of all female, all male, or 1 male and 2 female) max age 1 yr.  
**CLASS #6:** Heritage Guineas (pen of 1 bird) max of 1 year

### **Section #3: Chicken Breeding (Show birds)**

**Each class will have sub-classes of: Cock, Cockerel, Hen, Pullet, Young Trio, and Old Trio that MUST be chosen at time of pre-entry.**

- CLASS #1:** American  
**CLASS #2:** Asiatic  
**CLASS #3:** English  
**CLASS #4:** Mediterranean  
**CLASS #5:** Continental  
**CLASS #6:** All Other Standard Breeds  
**CLASS #7:** Game Bantams  
**CLASS #8:** Single Comb Clean Legged Bantams  
**CLASS #9:** Rose Comb Clean Legged Bantams  
**CLASS #10:** All Other Combs Clean Legged Bantams  
**CLASS #11:** Feather Legged Bantams

**Section #4: Production Layers**  
**A maximum of 6 birds (two (2) breeds) per exhibitor**

**CLASS #1:** 3 Hens (record book judged with hens)

- a. Birds must have been laying for at least 5 months prior to fair. (Must be owned, laying, and uploaded by February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026)
- b. Birds will be shown as a pen of three (3) females.
- c. Birds will be judged on health, vigor, uniformity in type, weight and production. A copy of egg production record is required.

**Section #5: Market Class**  
**MAXIMUM OF TWO (2) ENTRIES PER MARKET CLASS**

All birds must fit the following criteria to sell:

**CLASS #1:** Chickens-Fryers (one pen of three) 5-8 weeks old weigh between 4-6 lbs. (Try to make sure there is no more than ½ lbs. difference in weight between your three (3) birds) Birds must be of the same breed.

**CLASS #2:** Chickens- Broilers (one pen of three) 5-10 weeks old and weigh between 6 to 10 lbs. (Try to make sure there is no more than ½ lbs. difference in weight between your three (3) birds) Birds must be of the same breed.

**CLASS #3:** Turkey- (1 bird) 16 to 24 weeks old and weigh 16 lbs. minimum on Toms and 14 lbs. minimum for hens with a maximum weigh of 30 lbs.

**CLASS #4:** Ducks- (can be shown as single or as a pair) 7 to 10 weeks old and weigh between 5 to 8 lbs. each.

**CLASS #5:** Geese- (1 bird) 10 to 20 weeks old and weigh a minimum of 9 lbs.

**CLASS #6:** Gamebird- (pen of 3 must consist of all female, all male, or 1 male and 2 female) max age 1 yr. Must be an APA recognized breed. Weights shall fall within 20% of the APA standard or the equivalent standard for game birds.

**CLASS #7:** Guinea- (pen of 1 bird) max age of 1 year

**Each market class will have a champion and reserve champion with an overall grand and reserve champion being chosen from the champion and reserve champions of each class.**

**\*\*NOTE: Order Information to meet weight requirements by fair. Below are the dates you want to receive your birds. Place your order mid-January to ensure that your birds will be delivered at the appropriate time.**

Fryers: May 19 – June 9

Ducks: May 5 – May 26

Turkeys: January 28-March 24

Broilers: May 5 – June 9

Geese: February 25 – May 5

**LARGE POULTRY BREEDING**

**Section #6: Ducks Breeding/Show**

**Each class will have sub-classes of: Old Drake (Cock), Young Drake (Cockerel), Old Duck (Hen), Young Duck (Pullet), and Pair (1 Drake, 1 Hen of the same breed) that MUST be chosen at time of pre-entry.**

**CLASS #1:** Heavy weight

**CLASS #2:** Medium weight

**CLASS #3:** Light weight

**CLASS #4:** Bantam

**Section #7: Geese Breeding/Show**

**Each class will have sub-classes of: Old Gander (Cock), Young Gander (Cockerel), Old Goose (Hen), Young Goose (Pullet), and Pair (1 Gander, 1 Goose of the same breed) that MUST be chosen at time of pre-entry.**

**CLASS #1:** Heavy

**CLASS #2:** Medium

**CLASS #3:** Light

**CLASS #4:**

## Section #8: Turkey Breeding/Show

- CLASS #1: Old Tom
- CLASS #2: Young Tom
- CLASS #3: Old Hen
- CLASS #4: Young Hen
- CLASS #5: Pair (1 Tom, 1 Hen of the same breed)

## Section #9: Game and Exotic Birds Breeding/Show

Each class will have sub-classes of: Cock, Cockerel, Hen, and Pullet that MUST be chosen at time of pre-entry.  
(This category does not include parrots or songbirds.)

- CLASS #1: Quail
- CLASS #2: Peafowl
- CLASS #3: Guinea
- CLASS #4: Pheasant
- CLASS #5: Pigeon
- CLASS #6: Partridge
- CLASS #7: All Other

## Section #10: Showmanship

(May use a bird not entered in a breeding/show or market class if uploaded by the Poultry upload deadline)

- CLASS #1: Junior Showmanship (8-10)
- CLASS #2: Intermediate Showmanship (11-13)
- CLASS #3: Senior Showmanship (14-18)
- CLASS #4: Novice Showmanship (1<sup>st</sup> year)

## Show Awards

Grand Champion Heritage Conservation	Reserve Grand Champion Heritage Conservation
Champion Standard	Reserve Champion Standard
Champion Bantam	Reserve Champion Bantam
Champion Game	Reserve Champion Game
Champion Waterfowl	Reserve Champion Waterfowl
Grand Champion Turkey	Reserve Grand Champion Turkey
Best of Show	Reserve of Show
Champion Market Chicken	Reserve Champion Market Chicken
Champion Market Turkey	Reserve Champion Market Turkey
Champion Market Waterfowl	Reserve Champion Market Waterfowl
Champion Market Game Bird	Reserve Champion Market Game Bird
Grand Champion Market Poultry	Reserve Grand Champion Market Poultry

## Section #11: Poultry (Open Show)

Entry and Show Information, Rules, Regulations (Entry Form available at the Extension Office or from the superintendent)

1. Entries and payment must be simultaneously submitted to CSU Extension Tri-River Area Office by 4:00 pm on June 12, 2026.
2. Fees: \$1.00 per entry (bird) + \$10.00 per exhibitor - No double coops are available.
  - a. Accepted payment: Checks made out to Mesa County 4-H Livestock Council, Memo Line: Poultry funds.
3. All entries must have color or numbered leg bands.

4. Birds at the time of show that are one year or older are classified as Cocks and Hens. Under one year are classified as Cockerels and Pullets.
5. All Entries must fall into one of the following sections: 3, 6, 7, 8, or 9 in Division 7 of the 4-H/FFA 2024 Exhibitor's Guide.
6. All entries must be fully filled out, complete, and accurate. Any incomplete or inaccurate entries will be barred from showing.
7. The open class poultry show or any number of individual entries may be canceled or barred from showing for reasons of space limitations, disease and pest concerns/risk, incomplete or inaccurate entry forms, or any other reason deemed applicable by those in positions of management and oversight of the Mesa County Fair and the Poultry Show and Program. This includes but is not limited to: Mesa County, Mesa County Fair, Mesa County Fair Board, Poultry Superintendent, and CSU Tri-River Area Extension.
8. Fees are considered a donation to the Mesa County 4-H Poultry Program and therefore are not refundable for any reason.
9. All rules and judging will follow the General rules and Division 7 rules and guidelines of the 4-H/FFA 2024 Exhibitor's Guide.
10. Exhibitors will not be allowed in the aisle/s during judging.
11. Judging will take place after the 4-H/FFA show on Thursday, July 18th, 2024. There will be no set time for judging to take place.
12. No one will be allowed to handle birds except the owner, judge, show committee, or fair-appointed veterinarians.
13. All birds will be vet inspected at check in. Any birds showing signs of illness or parasites will be removed by show officials.
14. Check-in will be 8 am, Thursday, July 18th, 2024. This is subject to change if needed.
  - a. Birds that arrive late to check in will be barred from showing.
15. Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering their own birds. No feed, feeders, waterers, or bedding will be supplied. Because of the extreme heat, any instance of a bird not having water will be cause for the bird to be removed from the show.
16. Birds must be checked out by 8 pm, Thursday, July 18th, 2024. Check-out begins after all Open Class judging is completed and ribbons have been distributed. You must notify Brooke Hahn (970-596-6587, [bhahn123@hotmail.com](mailto:bhahn123@hotmail.com)) upon check-out.
  - a. When checking out, take the shaving out of your cages. Do not throw them on the ground, dispose of them properly. If you are the last bird out of your row of cages, fold the cages down where they are.
17. Mesa County and Mesa County Fair will not be responsible for any losses, accidents or damage to any animals, individuals, or personal property. Every precaution will be taken to ensure incidents do not occur.
18. No out-of-state birds will be accepted.
19. Open class exhibitors do not need to be enrolled in 4-H or FFA.
20. There is no age requirement to participate.

## **DIVISION 8: RABBITS**

**Superintendents: Ashley Guggemos & Amy Cyr**

**RULE 1:** Animals will be entered between 9am-10am on Monday, July 13th, **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**RULE 2:** All judging will be based on American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) Standards.

**RULE 3:** Each rabbit of an exhibitor must have a different legible tattoo number to check-in.

**RULE 4:** An exhibitor is limited to a maximum of ten (10) rabbits and two (2) meat classes.

**RULE 5:** All rabbits must be property of exhibitor at least 60 days prior to the rabbit show if they are purchased animals, they must be declared by the animal upload deadline in 4honline.

**RULE 6:** All market rabbits must be brought to the market rabbit tattooing day which will be held 4 weeks prior to fair on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The market rabbits will be tattooed (unless already tattooed) and recorded. Intended market animals that do not come to tattooing day will not show or sell at fair – **NO EXCEPTIONS**

- RULE 7:** No rabbits, market or breeding, are to be placed in cages until checked in by the superintendent. Those showing signs of illness or disease will be sent home, NO EXCEPTIONS.
- RULE 8:** No rabbit may be shown in multiple classes except for showmanship.
- RULE 9:** No sale of rabbits is to be conducted on the grounds except in Market Class during the Livestock Auction.
- RULE 10:** Livestock Auction sale order will be based on class order and placements in classes.
- RULE 11:** Sale Dispositions are due by 8 pm on Thursday. If your disposition is not received by this deadline the animal WILL NOT sell. It is the member's responsibility to have this turned in. It is not the responsibility of the Superintendents to track members down. Selling at this Auction is a privilege, not a right.
- RULE 12:** Exhibitors shall wear showmanship attire (long-sleeved button up shirt with pants or long skirt and closed toed shoes) when in the show ring.
- RULE 13:** Showmanship is required for all age divisions. Age divisions shall be 8-10, 11-13, 14 and up.
- RULE 14: NO RABBIT MAY BE EXCHANGED FOR ANOTHER**
- RULE 15: AGE CLASSIFICATIONS:**  
 See A.R.B.A. Standards:  
 Junior Doe.....3 to 6 months  
 Junior Buck.....3 to 6 months  
 Senior Doe..... over 6 months  
 Senior Buck.....over 6 months
- RULE 15:** Written test is required for all age divisions. Age divisions shall be 8-10, 11-13, 14-18.
- RULE 16:** No parents will be allowed in the ring during the show. **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- RULE 17:** Classes will be broken down into breed, sex, and age (Classes will not be divided by variety). There will be a mixed breed class for rabbits that are not purebred. Breed where there are not at least 4 in the breed can be combined in any other purebred classes. Please do your Fair Entry into the correct Breed, Sex, and Age for each rabbit.

**Section #1: Market Rabbits**

- Market Classes: Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected in each of the following four (4) classes. The winners of those classes will compete against each other for the **Grand** Champion and **Reserve Grand** Champion Market Rabbit entry.
- CLASS #1 Producer Meat Pen:** A pen of three (3) market rabbits that are no more than 10 weeks old and between 3.5 and 5.5 lbs. each. There can be no more difference of 1/2lb between the 3 animals. This entry is *strictly bred and raised* by the exhibitor.
- CLASS #2 Single Producer Fryer:** A single market rabbit no more than 10 weeks old and between 3.5 and 5.5 lbs. This entry is *strictly bred and raised* by the exhibitor.  
 \*Fryer sized rabbits that are over 5.5lbs will be shown as a Roaster.
- CLASS #3 Single Producer Roaster:** A single market rabbit over 11 weeks of age but less than 6 months and weighs between 5.5lbs and 8lbs. This entry is *strictly bred and raised* by the exhibitor.
- CLASS #4 Roaster:** A single market rabbit over 11 weeks of age but less than 6 months old and weighs between 5.5lbs and 8lbs. This entry is *purchased* and raised by the exhibitor at least 60 days before fair.

**Section #2: Breeding Rabbits**

(Divisions offered for each breed: Jr and Sr Doe; Jr and Sr Buck)

**BREED**

- CLASS #1:** American Fuzzy Lop  
**CLASS #2:** Angora  
**CLASS #3:** Californian  
**CLASS #4:** Champagne D'Argent  
**CLASS #5:** Chinchilla  
**CLASS #6:** Cinnamon  
**CLASS #7:** Dutch  
**CLASS #8:** Flemish Giant  
**CLASS #9:** Florida White

- CLASS #10:** Himalayan
- CLASS #11:** Holland Lop
- CLASS #12:** Jersey Wooly
- CLASS #13:** English Lop
- CLASS #14:** Mini Lop
- CLASS #15:** Mini Rex
- CLASS #16:** Netherland Dwarf
- CLASS #17:** New Zealand
- CLASS #18:** Polish
- CLASS #19:** Rex
- CLASS #20:** Satin
- CLASS #21:** Silver Marten
- CLASS #22:** Dwarf Hotot
- CLASS #23:** Velveteen
- CLASS #24:** Other Pure Breeds
- CLASS #25:** Mix Breeds

### **Section #3: Showmanship**

Showmanship is mandatory for all age categories. The judge will use the ARBA Showmanship Scorecard and his or her judgement in selections. Novice will do individual showmanship before the show as a learning practice then show again in their age category.

Order of showmanship will be assigned at check in.

- CLASS #1:** Novice
- CLASS #2:** Junior
- CLASS #3:** Intermediate
- CLASS #4:** Senior

### **Section #4: Written Test**

All members are REQUIRED to take the written test after check in. Resources for reference include the 4-H Rabbit Project Guide Book (green bunny book), ARBA Standard of Perfection, ARBA website, rabbit monthly meetings, and Annual Field Day presentations.

- CLASS #1:** Junior
- CLASS #2:** Intermediate
- CLASS #3:** Senior

### **Section #5: Premier Producer**

This addition to the rabbit program is designed to encourage the development of sustainable agriculture. This category is for the member who maintains a production rabbitry, majority of the year, using a purebred class 4 or class 6 breed. The member is in constant ownership of the family group which will consist of a Doe, Buck and up to 3 kits, from a breeding of the declared pair, that are under 1 year of age. Judging will be based on the most improvement on the breed standard in the kit(s), as well as overall health and presentation of the animals and the knowledge the member has about the breed and operation practices of the rabbitry. ARBA standards will be considered, and minimum show weight, age and other breed specific requirements must be met for the most appropriate evaluation. The member will bring a completed poster board for display with the family group during Fair. The member must address not just qualities that are worth continuing in offspring but also qualities that the member is working on improving. The member must address how the biosecurity, overall health, and nutrition are being maintained; as well as what resources are used for culls and waste; and other aspects of uses the member has

for the animals. A pedigree for the family group will be attached to the poster board. First year members are not eligible for this entry.

**CLASS #1** Junior

**CLASS #2** Intermediate

**CLASS #3** Senior

**PRIZES WILL BE FINANCED BY MEMBERS FUNDRAISING AND SPONSORSHIPS, AND AWARDS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Junior Showmanship  
Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Intermediate Showmanship  
Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Senior Showmanship  
Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Rabbit Entry  
Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Rabbit  
Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Junior Premier Producer  
Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Intermediate Premier Producer  
Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Senior Premier Producer  
Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Junior Written Test  
Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Intermediate Written Test  
Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Senior Written Test

**DIVISION 9: DOG**

**Superintendent: Leah Burnham**

**EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY RULES:**

**RULE 1:** The 4-H dog project is designed for members to spend time throughout the year working with and training their dogs. Dogs that show up to fair and are deemed to be out of control or are a danger to people or other dogs can and will be removed from the show grounds and all classes forfeited. This will be determined by a consensus of the Superintendent.

**RULE 2:** The members must provide the majority of the care of the dog during the complete duration of the project. Dog need not be pedigreed.

**RULE 3:** Exhibitor may enter one or more dogs. Exhibitor may enter one dog in showmanship and one or more dogs in obedience and rally.

**RULE 4:** If an exhibitor of a dog finds it necessary to compete in a class lower than a class in which he is eligible, he/she must be approved by the Dog Superintendent and his leader.

**RULE 5:** A dog with an AKC title is disqualified from entering the class for which the degree was awarded, or any lower class, except if the title was won less than four months before the fair, and then the dog is eligible for entry in the same class.

**RULE 6:** Dog must be 6 months by Fair to show.

**RULE 7:** No bitch in heat, obviously pregnant or lactating bitches will be allowed to compete in any classes at the County or State Fair.

**RULE 8:** Proof of approved effective vaccination of the dog for rabies must be downloaded onto the online dog ID form by May 1<sup>st</sup>. This is a hard deadline. You will not be eligible to show if you don't have this done.

**RULE 9:** No dog to be professionally groomed within two (2) weeks prior to showing.

**RULE 10:** Dress Code: Ladies: no thick soled shoes, see through blouses, short skirts, flip flops, dangling jewelry, earrings or bracelets. Wear something you can bend over in and run in, but still be dressed as if you were attending church. Wear nylons with comfortable closed toed shoes. Gentlemen: wear nice slacks, dress shirt, tie, and jacket if you have one. No jeans, T-shirts, nothing with holes or tears. Tennis shoes are preferred.

Show rules and guidelines are modeled after AKC Rules and will follow Colorado State Fair regulations.

## **SHOWMANSHIP**

- CLASS #1: Junior Novice Showmanship:** This class is for members who are 8-10 years old as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the previous year, are in their 1<sup>st</sup> year of participation in the project, and have no prior experience with any other dog showing entity.
- CLASS #2: Junior Open Showmanship:** This class is for members who are 8-10 years old as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the previous year and have previous experience in showmanship.
- CLASS #3: Intermediate Novice Showmanship:** This class is for members who are 11-13 years old as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the previous year, are in their 1<sup>st</sup> year of participation in the project, and have no prior experience with any other dog showing entity.
- CLASS #4: Intermediate Open Showmanship:** This class is for members who are 11-13 years old as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the previous year and have previous experience in showmanship.
- CLASS #5: Intermediate Advanced Showmanship:** This class is for members who are 11-13 years of age as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the previous year. Any member who has placed 1<sup>st</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> at a previous State Dog Trial Intermediate Open Showmanship must enter Intermediate Advanced Showmanship.
- CLASS #6: Senior Novice Showmanship:** This class is for members who are 14-18 years old as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the previous year, are in their 1<sup>st</sup> year of participation in the project, and have no prior experience with any other dog showing entity.
- CLASS #7: Senior Open Showmanship:** This class is for members who are 14-18 years old as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the previous year and have previous experience in showmanship.
- CLASS #8: Senior Advanced Showmanship:** This class is for members who are 14-18 years of age as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the previous year. Any member who has placed 1<sup>st</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> at a previous State Dog Trial Intermediate Open Showmanship must enter Intermediate Advanced Showmanship.

## **OBEDIENCE**

### **PUPPY CLASS**

Puppy classes will be for puppies under 2 years of age which are not ready for regular obedience classes. The purpose of this class will be to introduce obedience commands to a puppy without the stress of perfection seen in regular obedience classes. This class will introduce the puppy to dog shows in a positive manner, thus setting the puppy up for a lifetime of enjoyment in the show ring. This will be a NO SCORE CLASS. The score sheet will consist of Excellent, Good, or needs work. The exercises are:

1. Loose Lead Walking: Dog no more than two (2) feet away from handler.
2. Sit for Exam
3. Recall: Handler six (6) inches in front of dog. The dog is called while the handler walks backwards.
4. Down Stay: Dog is placed in a stay while handler walks to the end of lead and walks around dog back into heeling position.
5. Serpentine Walking: Loose lead walking between a straight line of three (3) people.

### **BEGINNER NOVICE DIVISION**

- CLASS #1: Beginner Novice A:** This class is open only to handlers and their dogs in their first year of dog obedience training work.
- CLASS #2: Beginner Novice B:** This class is open only to second-year dog obedience training members and must be the same youth and dog team that showed in Beginner Novice A.
- CLASS #3: Beginner Novice C:** This class is open to handlers with previous obedience training who are working with a new dog or a dog with previous experience in an organized training class working with a new 4-H member.

*Note:* All heeling in this class will be performed on leash. The exercises in this class will include:

1. Heal on Leash
2. Figure Eight
3. Sit for Exam

4. Sit Stay
5. Recall

#### **NOVICE DIVISION**

**CLASS #1: Novice A:** This class is open to members with no prior experience in Novice Dog Training.

**CLASS #2: Novice B:** This class is open to experienced members in their second year or above who have never received a blue ribbon at a previous state fair in this class.

*Note:* All exercises in this class are according to AKC specifications except registration of dog is not required. Handbook page 80.

The exercises in this class will include:

1. Heel on leash, then figure eight(8)
2. Stan for exam (off leash)
3. Heel free
4. Recall
5. Sit and stay (1 Minute)
6. Down and stay (3 Minutes)

#### **GRADUATE NOVICE DIVISION**

**CLASS #1: Pre-Grad Novice A:** This class is open to members with no prior experience in Pre-Grad Novice Dog Training. The Class was previously called "Grad Novice".

**CLASS #2: Pre-Grad Novice B:** This class is open to experienced members in their second year or above of Pre-Grad Novice 4-H Dog Training. This class was previously called "Grad Novice".

*Note:* All exercises in this class are according to AKC specifications except registration of dog is not required.

The exercises in this class will include:

1. Heel on leash
2. Moving stand for exam
3. Heel free and figure eight
4. Moving drop on recall
5. Recall over broad jump
6. Down and Stay

**CLASS #3: Grad Novice A:** This class was previously called "Pre-Open". This class is for members in their 1<sup>st</sup> year of Grad Novice training.

**CLASS #4: Grad Novice B:** This class was previously called "Pre-Open". This class is for members in their 2<sup>nd</sup> or higher year of Grad Novice Training.

*Note:* All exercises in this class are according to AKC specifications except registration of dog is not required. Hand Book page 82.

The exercises in this class will include:

1. Heel off lease & Figure Eight
2. Drop on Recall
3. Dumbbell Recall
4. Recall Over High Jump
5. Recall Over Board Jump
6. Long Down (out of sight)

#### **ADVANCED DIVISION**

**CLASS #1:** Open: A & B: All exercises in this class are according to AKC specifications except registration of dog is not required. Handbook page 82.

The exercises in this class will include:

1. Heel free and figure eight
2. Drop on recall
3. Retrieve on flat
4. Retrieve over high jump

5. Broad jump
6. Sit and stay
7. Long stay

**CLASS #2:** Graduate Open: A & B: All exercises in this class according to AKC specifications except registration of dog is not required. Handbook page 88.

The exercises in this class will include:

1. Signal Exercises
2. Scent Discrimination
3. Directed Retrieve
4. Moving Stand and Exam
5. Go Out
6. Directed Jumping

**CLASS #3:** Utility: A & B: All exercises in this according to AKC specification except registration of dog are not required. Handbook page 92.

The exercises in this class will include:

1. Signal Exercises
2. Scent Discrimination-Leather
3. Scent Discrimination-Metal
4. Directed Retrieve of glove
5. Moving stand and exam
6. Directed Jumping

**VETERANS DIVISION:** This class is open for all dogs over 7 years of age. The dog can compete in any class from Novice through Utility.

### **RALLY**

**CLASS #1: Rally Novice A Class:** This class is for members and their dogs in their first year of Rally Training who have not received a blue ribbon at any State 4-H Dog Trail and/or have not received an equivalent title from any national dog association A member may only compete in Rally A for one (1) year.

**CLASS #2: Rally Novice B Class:** This class is for any member who is in their second (2<sup>nd</sup>) year or above of Rally training with the same dog used in the Rally Novice A Class or whoever is starting a dog that has never competed in Rally. Members are allowed to compete in this class until they have obtained a blue ribbon at a State 4-H Dog Trial, or the dog being shown has received an equivalent title from a national dog association. Rally Novice is performed on leash.

**CLASS #3: Rally Advanced A Class:** This class is for members in their first year of Rally Advanced Training who have not received a blue ribbon in Rally Advanced at any State 4-H Dog Trial, and/or have not received an equivalent title from any national dog association. A member may only compete in Rally Advanced A class for one (1) year. This class is performed on leash.

**CLASS #4: Rally Advanced B Class:** This class is for any member who is in their second year or above a Rally Advanced Obedience. Members are allowed to compete in this class until they have obtained a blue ribbon at a State 4-H Dog Trail, or the dog being shown has received an equivalent title from a national dog association. This class is performed on leash.

**CLASS #5: Rally Excellent A Class:** This class is for members who are in their first (1) year of Rally Excellent training who have not received a blue ribbon in Rally Excellent at any State 4-H Dog Trial, and/or have not received an equivalent title for any national dog association. A member may only compete in the A class for one (1) year. This class is off leash.

**CLASS #6: Rally Excellent B Class:** This class is for any member who is in their second year or above of Rally Excellent Training. Members are allowed to compete in this class until they have obtained a blue ribbon at a State 4-H Dog Trail, or the dog being shown has received an equivalent title from a national dog association. This class is performed off leash.

**CLASS #7: Rally Advanced/Excellent A:** This class is for members who have received a blue ribbon in Rally excellent at a previous State 4-H Dog Trial or who has received the equivalent of an excellent title from a national dog association. A member may only compete in the A class for one (1) year.

**CLASS #8: Rally Advanced/Excellent B:** This class is for any member who is in their second year or above of Rally Excellent Training. Members are allowed to compete in this class until they have obtained a blue ribbon at a State 4-H Dog Trail, or the dog being shown has received an equivalent title from a national dog association. Rally Excellent is performed off leash.

**CLASS #9: Rally Advanced/Excellent A:** This class is for members who have received a blue ribbon in Rally excellent at a previous State 4-H Dog Trial or who has received the equivalent of an excellent title from a national dog association. This class is for member in their 1st year of Advanced/Excellent Training.

**CLASS #10: Rally Advanced/Excellent B:** This class is for members who have received a blue ribbon in Rally excellent at a previous State 4-H Dog Trial or who has received the equivalent of an excellent title from a national dog association. This class is for members in their second (2nd) year or above of Advanced/Excellent training.

**CLASS #11:** Rally Master A

**CLASS #12:** Rally Master B

### Awards

#### Obedience:

1. Blue-170 or more points earned provided each class exercise received 50% or more of the possible points.
2. Red-140 through 169 and all scored of 170 or more not qualifying for blue.
3. White-139 or fewer points earned.

#### Showmanship

1. Junior Exhibitor-anyone 8-10 years of age (January 1 of current year)
2. Intermediate exhibitor-anyone 11-13 years of age (January 1 of current year)
3. Senior Exhibitor- anyone 14-18 (January 1 of current year)

#### Rally

1. Excellent A & B
2. Advanced A & B
3. Novice A & B

### **Section #1: Obedience**

Class #1: Sub Novice A

Class #2: Sub Novice B

Class #3: Sub Novice C

Class #4: Novice A

Class #5: Novice B

Class #6: Grad-Novice A

Class #7: Grad- Novice B

Class #8: Open A

Class #9: Open B

Class # 10: Utility A

Class #11: Utility B

### **Section #2: Showmanship**

**CLASS #1:** Junior Novice Showmanship (8-10) (1<sup>st</sup> yr. members only)

**CLASS #2:** Intermediate Novice Showmanship (11-13) (1<sup>st</sup> yr. members only)

**CLASS #3:** Senior Novice Showmanship (14-18) (1<sup>st</sup> yr. members only)

**CLASS #4:** Junior Open Showmanship (8-10)

**CLASS #5:** Intermediate Open Showmanship (11-13)

**CLASS #6:** Senior Open Showmanship (14-18)

**CLASS #7:** Advanced Senior- Anyone that has previously been awarded Grand or Reserve in the Senior division at the State Level

**CLASS #8:** Winners Circle- Any senior that has won Grand or Reserve Grand at the state level may enter in this class. Once entered into this class you may not show in any other showmanship class, you must remain in this class for the remainder of your 4-H career.

### Section #3: Rally

- CLASS #1:** Rally Novice A  
**CLASS #2:** Rally Novice B  
**CLASS #3:** Rally Advanced A  
**CLASS #4:** Rally Advanced B  
**CLASS #5:** Rally Excellent A  
**CLASS #6:** Rally Excellent B  
**CLASS #7:**

### Section #4: Record Books

- CLASS #1:** Record Book- Junior (8-10)  
**CLASS #2:** Record Book- Intermediate (11-13)  
**CLASS #3:** Record Book- Senior (14-18)

#### RIBBONS

Grand Champion Record Book  
Grand Champion Obedience  
Grand Champion Rally  
Grand Champion Showmanship  
Overall Grand Champion

Reserve Grand Champion Record Book  
Reserve Grand Champion Obedience  
Reserve Grand Champion Rally  
Reserve Grand Champion Showmanship  
Overall Reserve Grand Champion

- Determined by highest combined total score in obedience, showmanship, rally, agility and record book
- If more than one dog is entered by a single participant, the dog with the highest score will be used in obedience, agility or rally classes.

**VERSATILITY AWARD - To be awarded at the Awards Banquet**

### Section #5: Dog Agility

#### **4-H Dog Agility Participation Rules**

**RULE 1:** Each participant should bring a dog crate, or some other means to control their dog while they are walking the course. They should also bring a leash, water, a bowl for their dogs, poop bags, some form of shade for their dog's crate (towel, sheet, or some other cover, which allows for air to circulate), treats if desired, and a drink for themselves. It is also advised to bring chairs and shade if you have them.

**RULE 2:** This event will be run similarly to an AKC Dog Agility Competition. State guidelines will be followed and can be found at <http://co4h.colostate.edu/statefair/DogAgilityRules.pdf>

**RULE 3:** Keep in mind that there are a lot of new scents and sights for your dog. Allow them to have some time to sniff and become acclimated to their surroundings. Keep a tight hold of your leash as there are many animals there and your normally docile controlled dog may become very excited in this new environment.

**RULE 4:** Have fun! Eagerly show what you have learned, don't worry, people love what they see and they will cheer and clap whether you do it right or not. Love your dog no matter what he/she does. He/she has worked hard for you all year and you have both had a lot of fun!

**RULE 5:** You are responsible for you and your dog's behavior. Harsh treatment of your dog will not be tolerated. It will result in temporary or permanent removal or participations. Remember this needs to be fun for the dogs, too.

**RULE 6:** Entrants will have a chance to walk the course without their dogs before any participant runs with their dog.

#### **Rules for the Competition Run**

**RULE 1:** 4-H member's dogs must be at least one year old to run.

**RULE 2:** 4-H members must run the dog they have trained in 4-H agility. Participants must have attended at least 6 trainings with a leader or trainer experienced in agility to show in any class other than on leash novice. All members, including novice, are encouraged to get training in order to ensure a fun and safe event.

**RULE 3:** The agility course will roughly follow the AKC rules and guidelines.

**RULE 4:** Each level, Novice, Open and Excellent will have a course appropriate to that level.

**RULE 5:** Dogs will run one at a time from small to tall.

**RULE 6:** Participants must be on the start line ready to go when it is their turn or they will be skipped from that round of competition.

**RULE 7:** Dogs must be on leash or confined at all times except when they are running their course. Also, participants must have their dog under control and back on leash at the conclusion of their course.

**RULE 8:** As the sun sets, all students will help break down the equipment and pack into the trailer for transportation.

**RULE 9:** The leader or show manager may ask any participant or dog to leave the course if she feels that the handler, dog, or crowd is unsafe or unfamiliar with the equipment. This may be temporary or permanent removal at the discretion of the leader. Aggressive dogs may be asked to leave by the leader.

**CLASS #1** Agility Novice (Novice class is on leash)

**CLASS #2** Agility Open

**CLASS #3** Agility Advanced

### **DIVISION 10: CAT/POCKET PET**

**Superintendent: Matt Lemon**

#### **GENERAL RULES**

**RULE 1:** Members must be enrolled in the 4-H Cat or Pocket Pet Project. Animals entered must have been a part of the project since May 1<sup>st</sup> or earlier. Record books are due to the Extension office for final evaluation on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 by 5:00 p.m.

**RULE 2:** The member must have cared for the animal during the period of the project. Animals need not be pedigreed

**RULE 3:** Any exhibitor may bring only one animal per project, but they will not be left on exhibit during the week of fair.

**RULE 4:** Owners must bring cages for animals. Cages shall be open enough for inspection of the animal by the judge.

**RULE 5:**

#### **Section #1: Cat and Pocket Pets**

**CLASS #1:** Cats

**CLASS #2:** All Other Pocket Pets

### **DIVISION 11: ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST**

**Superintendents:**

**Large Animal: Matt Lemon**

**Small Animal: Cassidy Bornschein**

**RULE 1:** Entries will be limited to the **Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion (ONLY)** in the junior, Intermediate, and Senior divisions in the following Species:

**Large Animal:** Beef, Horse, Market Goat, Sheep and Swine.

**Small Animal:** Dairy Goat, Dog (if there are enough to participate), Llama (if there are enough to participate), Poultry and Rabbit.

**RULE 2:** If the first or second place winner chooses not to compete in their division, the exhibitor must notify the superintendent immediately so the next highest showman can participate.

**RULE 3:** Contestants must show the same animal with which they won their respective showmanship division. Substitutes are allowed at the discretion of the superintendent. Swine Superintendent will arrange substitute swine as needed. Each exhibitor must furnish an assistant to assist with the animal between rounds of competition.

**RULE 4:** Each species superintendent will assign a representative to be present in the show ring.

**RULE 5: Dress Code:** Shirts will be provided to each exhibitor in the Large Animal Round Robin and must be worn with jeans, belt, and appropriate shoes. Small animal Round Robin exhibitors will wear white long sleeved shirts, dark pants or skirt, belt, and closed toed shoes.

**RULE 6:** The following score card will be used:

- A. 50 Point Test Score (5 questions/ species worth 2 points each). Questions will come from the FFA test databank and 4-H manuals.
- B. 25 Points Grooming score from qualifying species.
- C. 200 Points from each species that participant did not qualify with (50 points per species).
- D. Perfect Score: 275 Points

**RULE 7:** Contestants will have 10 minutes judging with each species and 5 minutes for each rotation. Contestants will start the contest by showing their own animal.

**RULE 8:** The contest will be coordinated by a time keeper who signals “start” and “stop” for each species. Seniors will show Senior entries, Intermediates will show Intermediates entries, and Juniors will show Junior entries, to the extent possible.

**RULE 9:** Contestants must show all species of livestock.

**RULE 10:** The highest accumulative score determines the winner. Ties are broken using the following criteria, in this order:

- A. Test Score
- B. Grooming Score
- C. First rotation judging score followed by rounds 2, 3, then 4.

	<b>Section #1: Large Animal</b>	
Class #1: Junior	Class #2: Intermediate	Class #3: Senior
	<b>Section #2: Small Animal</b>	
Class #1: Junior	Class #2: Intermediate	Class #3: Senior

## DIVISION 12: SHOOTING SPORTS

**Superintendent: Kristina Teal**

Project Exhibit Rules:

1. There will be no abuse of line officials! (All workers are volunteers and deserve to be treated with respect.)
2. There will be no abuse of the shooter!
3. All shooters, coaches, and parents are subject to the 4-H code of Conduct and will be held responsible for their actions.
4. Guidelines and rules governing Shooting Sports are found in the current year’s Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports State contest Rule Book and in the Colorado State Fair 4-H Syllabus found at:  
<https://co4h.colostate.edu/state-fair-information/>
5. All members need to have or obtain a hunter safety card in order to complete the project.
6. All shooters must obtain a signature from a leader certified in each discipline they are competing.

If you have a problem, contact the event superintendent.

**To successfully complete the Shooting Sports Project, 4-H members will:**

1. Choose one of the disciplines that they are enrolled in as their primary focus.
2. Complete their record book. **Members shooting more than one discipline will complete (1) Record Book containing a supplement log for each discipline that they are shooting. Record Books are due September 11<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 p.m. to the Extension Office. (Premiere Shooter award Program participants must have their Record Books with them for the interview on the morning of July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at the fairgrounds.)**
3. Premiere Shooter Award Program **(for classes/ entry information please see pages 54-56):** Boards or projects, and record books will be judged and displayed at County fair. Eligible projects will also be displayed at State Fair. 4-H members who fail to achieve a 70% or higher score on their record book will not be allowed to participate in

the project the following year. (Exception: Continued participation will be allowed if the member attends a record book class held by the Extension Office)

Firearm Safety Rules:

1. Treat every firearm as if it were loaded.
2. M- MUZZLE: always point the muzzle in a safe direction (skyward or down range).
3. A-ACTION: keep the action open and firearm unloaded until you are ready to shoot.
4. T-TRIGGER: keep your finger off of the trigger until you are ready to fire.
5. T-TARGET: know target and what is beyond it.

Range Safety Rules:

1. The officer will govern the shoot.
2. Follow all commands given by the range officer. DO NOT ANTICIPATE!
3. Never handle a firearm when someone is down range.
4. Eye and ear protection are required.
5. When anyone on the line or behind the line gives the command, "Cease fire", immediately open the action and unload your firearm, place it on the ground so that the chamber is visible.
6. Always think before acting.
7. Spectators must distance themselves 10' behind ready line (if possible).
8. If a safety violation is discovered, shooter may be pulled off of the line at the discretion of the range officer.
9. Only one firearm allowed in the ready area of firing line per shooter.

Dates for the 2026 County Shoots are:

Rifle - Orchard Mesa Gun Club, Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 8am

Pistol – Orchard Mesa Gun Club, Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 6pm

Muzzleloader - Orchard Mesa Gun Club, Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

Archery - Orchard Mesa Gun Club, Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> 6pm

Shotgun – GJ Trap Club, Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> 6pm

Shotgun – GJ Trap Club, Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> 8am

Shooting Sports Awards Banquet – GJ Trap Club, Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> 5pm

**Record Books are DUE September, 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 by 5:00 p.m. to the Extension Office**

Section #1: .22 Rifle

- CLASS #1:** 50 ft. Hunt- Junior
- CLASS #2:** 50 ft. Hunt- Senior
- CLASS #3:** 50 ft. 4 Position Sporter- Junior
- CLASS #4:** 50 ft. 4 Position Sporter- Senior
- CLASS #5:** 50 ft. International 3 Position- Junior
- CLASS #6:** 50 ft. International 3 Position- Senior
- CLASS #7:** 50 ft. Scope- Junior
- CLASS #8:** 50 ft. Scope- Senior

Section #2: .22 Pistol

- CLASS #1:** .22 Pistol- Junior
- CLASS #2:** .22 Pistol- Senior

Section #3: Air Rifle

- CLASS #1:** 25 ft. Utility- Junior
- CLASS #2:** 25 ft. Utility- Senior
- CLASS #3:** 10 Meter 4 Position Sporter- Junior
- CLASS #4:** 10 Meter 4 Position Sporter- Senior
- CLASS #5:** 10 Meter Precision 3 Position- Junior

**CLASS #6:** 10 Meter Precision 3 Position- Senior

**CLASS #7:** 10 Meter Olympic Off-Hand- Junior

**CLASS #8:** 10 Meter Olympic Off-Hand- Senior

Section #4: Air Pistol

**CLASS #1:** 10 Meter- Junior

**CLASS #2:** 10 Meter- Senior

Section #5: Muzzleloading

**CLASS #1:** Muzzleloader- Junior

**CLASS #2:** Muzzleloader- Senior

Section #6: Shotgun

**CLASS #1:** Trap- Junior

**CLASS #2:** Trap- Senior

**CLASS #3:** Skeet- Junior

**CLASS #4:** Skeet- Senior

**CLASS #5:** 5 Stand- Junior

**CLASS #6:** 5 Stand- Senior

Section #7: Archery

**CLASS #1:** Compound Unlimited- Junior

**CLASS #2:** Compound Unlimited- Senior

**CLASS #3:** Compound Limited- Junior

**CLASS #4:** Compound Limited- senior

**CLASS #5:** Compound Traditional- Junior

**CLASS #6:** Compound Traditional- Senior

**CLASS #7:** Long Bow/ Recurve Limited- Junior

**CLASS #8:** Long Bow/ Recurve Limited- Senior

**CLASS #9:** Long Bow/ Recurve Traditional- Junior

**CLASS #10:** Long Bow/ Recurve Traditional- Senior



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