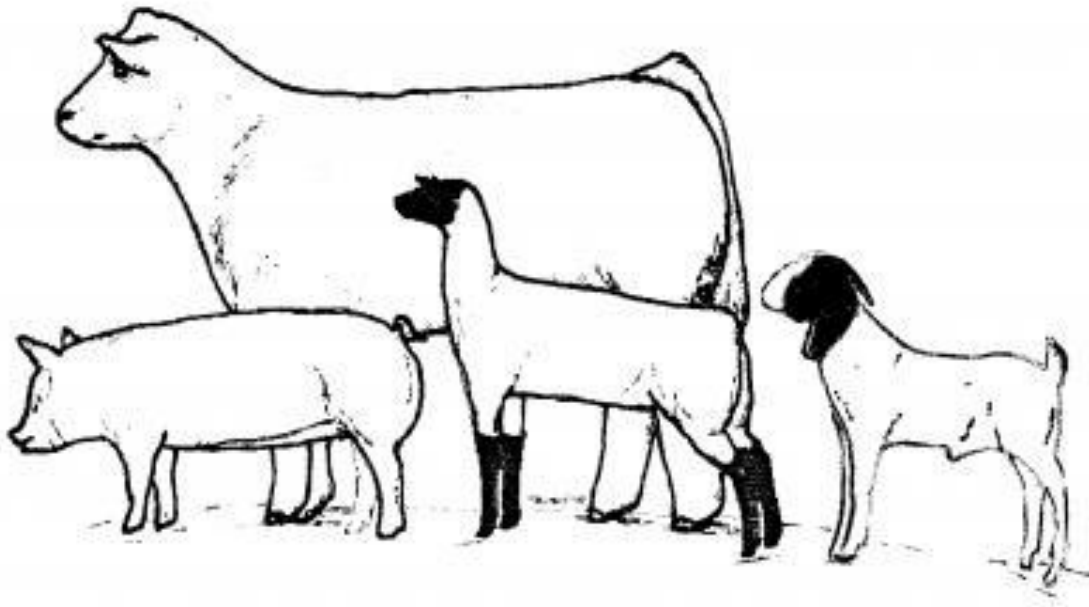


# JOHNSON COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK SHOW RULES



The Johnson County Livestock Committee has adopted the following guidelines/rules to provide a platform for exhibitors to showcase their efforts in an equitable manner at fair. It is our intent that the following document be utilized to educate more than regulate our livestock exhibitors. The Johnson County Livestock Committee will have the final say in all decisions regarding the guidelines/rules. Any discrepancies should be addressed to the Johnson County Livestock Committee at one of the regular scheduled meetings. The policies and by-laws outlined in this booklet were voted on and approved by the Johnson County Livestock Committee on (pending date).

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## **Wyoming State Fair:**

- Johnson County Exhibitors have traditionally been very competitive at the Wyoming State Fair. Thus, the Johnson County Livestock Committee had adopted the WY State Fair rules in order to prepare our exhibitors for the state level and to provide a detailed and thorough set of guidelines for the Johnson County Fair.
- Please refer to the Wyoming State Fair Book [www.wystatefair.com](http://www.wystatefair.com) for a more detailed explanation of all rules pertaining to each project area as well as the International Association of Fairs and Expositions National Code of Show Ring Ethics.
- The minimum/maximum weights for market animals at the Johnson County Fair shall be the same as the Wyoming State Fair. These weights are subject to change so for current verification please refer to the Wyoming State Fair Book for individual requirements for each species.
- All 4-H and FFA Exhibitors going to the Wyoming State Fair must notify the Extension Office by 6 p.m. on Thursday of the Johnson County Fair. (Subject to change depending on fair schedule) A mandatory State Fair meeting will be held during fair week after the conclusion of all livestock shows. We encourage all exhibitors to attend state fair.

## General Rules:

- 4-H and FFA Members who have graduated from high school but have not exceeded the national membership ages (19 for 4-H and 21 for FFA) will be allowed to show and sell at the Johnson County Fair and 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale.
- Animals weighing less than minimum weight (established by the WY State Fair) may be shown in a feeder class and in showmanship. They will **NOT** be eligible for sale at the Johnson County 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale.
- Weights will be absolute. No re-weighing will be allowed at the Johnson County Fair. First time the weight is taken at the scheduled weigh-in for the Johnson County Fair will be the animal's show/sale weight.
- During weigh-ins at the Johnson County Fair, scales will be balanced to zero (0) before each animal enters the scale.
- The scale head at each scale will be available for the exhibitor to see what their animal weighs and a ticket system with a carbon copy will be issued to the youth exhibitor and the weighing party in order to minimize discrepancies.
- **Mandatory** member and parent meeting will follow the weigh-in on the Monday of Fair week.
- It is mandatory that all market animals be tagged with a Wyoming State Fair tag at the designated weigh-ins set by the Livestock Committee and prior to ownership dates set by the Wyoming State Fair. **No market animal will be allowed to weigh in at the Johnson County Fair without a Wyoming State Fair tag (Goats and Lambs must also have a Scrapie Tag).** Market animals must

be tagged by a University Extension Educator, FFA advisor, or designated Livestock Committee member/superintendent. It is the member's responsibility to have animals at the scheduled weigh-ins or prior arrangements are to be made. **Title/brand inspection must be presented at tagging for proof of ownership.**

- 4-H and FFA members may tag as many animals as they wish to bring to Fair. However, no more than two (2) animals per weight class will be shown.
- An animal will not be shown at the Johnson County Fair if the owner is not available when member's name is called three (3) times. Prior arrangements need to be made in special circumstances with the livestock committee.

### **Showmanship:**

- Showmanship is a compulsory entry at the Johnson County Fair. Members that do not participate in showmanship classes are not allowed to participate in any market class. Participation in a market class is required to be eligible for the 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale. Therefore, individuals not participating in a Showmanship class (within the species they consign) will not be allowed to sell an animal at the 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale. Each member must have individual ownership of the animal used for showmanship class. Allowing another member use of your showmanship animal will result in disqualification of both participants. Members in both 4-H and FFA **may not** enter the same animal in both showmanship classes. Members unable due to unforeseen circumstances must make prior arrangement with Johnson County Livestock Committee/Superintendents.

- The dress code for **all** showmanship classes will be clean, collared shirt with neat, clean pants. No open-toed shoes or shorts will be allowed in the show or sale ring!

### **Beef:**

- Beef Superintendents will have discretion regarding barn assignments, tie-outs, show orders, etc., and shall field any questions regarding the beef project at the Johnson County Fair. Please work in cooperation with this volunteer.
- The Johnson County Cattlemen's Supreme Cow weigh-in will be the same date as market beef tagging and weigh-in. For further rules pertaining to this project area please consult the Johnson County Cattlemen.
- Market heifers will be shown with market steers, and will compete for overall champion market beef.
- BANGS vaccination for heifers will be enforced by the Beef Superintendent.

### **Sheep:**

- Sheep Superintendents will have discretion regarding barn assignments, show orders, etc., and shall field any questions regarding the sheep project at the Johnson County Fair. Please work in cooperation with this volunteer.
- All sheep must have Scrapie tags, and these numbers will be recorded at initial tagging and weighing. It is the member's responsibility to ensure the animals they purchase have Scrapie tags

from the breeder; or animals will **NOT** be tagged or weighed in at Fair.

- All breeding sheep must have Scrapie Tags.
- Tail Docking (as per Wyoming State Fair)
- All market lambs need to be shorn once prior to weighing in at the Johnson County Fair. **NO WET** lambs will be weighed. No blankets on lambs during weighing.

### **Swine:**

- Swine Superintendents will have discretion regarding barn assignments, show orders, etc., and shall field any questions regarding the swine project at the Johnson County Fair. Please work in cooperation with this volunteer.
- Swine exhibitors will be required to fill out the Swine PEDV - Swine Exhibition Declaration Form 2015 (<http://wlsb.state.wy.us>) Wyoming Livestock Board, Jim Logan DVM – State Veterinarian.

### **Goat:**

- Goat Superintendents will have discretion regarding barn assignments, show orders, etc., and shall field any questions regarding the goat project at the Johnson County Fair. Please work in cooperation with this volunteer.
- All goats must have Scrapie tags, and these numbers will be recorded at initial tagging and weighing. It is the member's

responsibility to ensure the animals they purchase have Scrapie tags from the breeder; or animals will **NOT** be tagged or weighed in at Fair.

- All breeding goats must have Scrapie tags.
- No Dairy Buck's will be allowed to show at the Johnson County Fair.
- **NO WET** market goats will be weighed. No blankets on market goats during weighing.

### **Poultry:**

**1.** 4-H, FFA, and Open Class Poultry check-ins will be posted on the Fair Schedule. All birds coming to the Johnson County Fair shall remain on the Fairgrounds for the duration of Fair unless removal is authorized by the Poultry Superintendent or veterinarian for health reasons.

**\*Only animals to be exhibited at JC Fair may be brought onto the Fairgrounds.**

**2.** Upon check-in, the Poultry Superintendent designates barn assignments, show orders, etc., and will field any questions regarding poultry projects at the Johnson County Fair. All poultry must be free of apparent illness, disease or parasites. A



vet check prior to coming to the Fair is highly recommended. Birds are weighed only at check-in with the exhibitors declaring their pen of three at that time.

3. Care of birds (feed & water) is the responsibility of the exhibitor and if birds are neglected the Superintendent, any Fair Board member or the UWE 4-H Educator may require the birds to be removed from the fair.
4. Showmanship is required for all 4-H and FFA exhibitors with the Poultry Show. Show day requirements: Exhibitor must be in attendance and able to present their birds unless alternative arrangements have been made in advance through the poultry superintendent. Birds are judged according to the American Standard of Perfection as authorized by the American Poultry Association. Clean birds are expected.
5. Breeding birds must be owned by May 1st, Pullets or Cockerels that are chirping at fair will be sent home. They are not old enough and do not have the antibodies to be away from home.
6. Market Poultry requirements to sell in the Junior Livestock Auction. Chickens may be any commercially **accepted** meat breed (ex. Cornish broiler). Birds entered in any other classes are not eligible to compete in this market class and are not eligible to sell in the Junior Livestock Sale. In order to avoid over-finished birds, they must meet age requirements (8-10 weeks of age as of weigh-in). To sell at the Junior Livestock Sale weight of 5.5-pound minimum to 8.5-pound maximum is based more on the commercial standard for broilers/roasters rather than fryers. Johnson County has no max weight for sale. This is the optimal weight for your animal.
7. Other Meat Production Birds which may be sold

Turkeys: shown as a pen of 3.

*Hens 15 to 20 weeks should weigh 16 to 25 lbs. at weigh in. Toms 15 to 22 weeks should weigh 22 to 41 lbs.*

Ducks Shown as a pen of 3.

Standard Meat Ducks 12 to 24 weeks old weigh 8lbs to 15 lbs.

Jumbo Meat Ducks 12 to 24 weeks old weigh 9lbs. to 18 lbs.

- 8.** Market geese-gosling shown as a pen of 3 of either sex weights as follow:

Heavy Weight Gander 20 to 28 weeks old 22 to 26 lbs.

Goose 20 to 28 weeks old 18 to 20 lbs.

Medium Weight Gander 20 to 28 weeks old 14 to 18 lbs.

Goose 20 to 28 weeks old 12 to 16 lbs.

Light Weight Gander 20 to 28 weeks 6 to 12 lbs. Goose 20 to 28 weeks 4 to 10 lbs.

*\*If any of these rules are not complied with, 4-H or FFA exhibitors will not be eligible to sell birds at the Junior Livestock Sale. The Fair Board or UWE will NOT be responsible for any accident, mistake, loss, or damage to animals from any cause.*

### **Rabbit:**

Rabbit Superintendents will have discretion regarding barn assignments, show orders, etc., and shall field any questions regarding the Rabbit projects at the Johnson County Fair. Please work in cooperation with this volunteer. Check in times will be posted in the fair schedule.

- ❖ Rabbits will be judged by the Standard of Perfection ARBA.
- ❖ If an animal is shown in a Fur Class, it must also have been shown in its respective Breed Class.
- ❖ All Rabbits must be tattooed.
- ❖ Showmanship is required.

### **MEAT PEN REQUIREMENTS**

❖ Must be exhibited as a meat class only and may not be exhibited as a single entry or in a breed class. 11

❖ Meat Pens shall consist of 3 rabbits, all the same breed and variety. Broken meat pens must also be the same variety. A meat pen does not necessarily have to come from the same litter. Age limit is not over 9 weeks at County Fair, not over 10 weeks at State Fair. Minimum of 3 lbs. maximum of 5 lbs. each. All rabbits must be weighed in the presence of the judge.

❖ Single Fryer – Not over 9 weeks of age by County Fair and not over 10 weeks by State Fair. Minimum weight of 3 lbs. and maximum weight of 5 lbs.

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- Single Fryer – Not over 9 weeks of age by County Fair and not over 10 weeks by State Fair. Minimum weight of 3 lbs. and maximum weight of 5 lbs.

## **Livestock Care and Showing:**

- 4-H/FFA members from other counties will not be allowed to compete in the Youth Livestock Shows unless enrolled in a Johnson County 4-H club or Johnson County FFA Chapter.
- Livestock Fitting Rule: 4-H and FFA members are expected to take care of, groom, and fit their own animal(s) at the Johnson County Fair. However, in the interest of safety and education, a member may be assisted by another Johnson County 4-H or FFA member, Parent of such member, Johnson County 4-H Leader or Johnson County FFA Advisor. Be prepared to prove membership or leadership. Assistance from a non-Johnson County member will not be tolerated.
  - Assistance is defined as a learning situation, where the person doing the assisting is teaching the member A technique or proper skill.
- Substitute Showmen: Exhibitors must show and sell their own animals. Exceptions are allowed only in the case of two animals in the same class, or illness or injury of the owner. It is the owner's responsibility to bring forth their substitute reason and who will be substituting them to the Livestock Committee/Superintendents. (Substitute Showmen must be enrolled in Johnson County 4-H or Johnson County FFA Chapters.)
- Random drug testing of show animals can/will be enforced on the county level.

- Youth that do not properly care for their animal, bedding, alleys etc. will be asked to leave the Fair, and will forfeit all premiums, awards, and sale privileges.
- All beef, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine are considered to be checked in at the end of weigh-ins and will remain on the grounds until the end of fair/the Junior Livestock Sale.
- Early dismissal of an animal at the Johnson County Fair will require a written release from a veterinarian or permission from the Johnson County Livestock Committee/Superintendent.

### **4-H/FFA Livestock Sale:**

- The Johnson County Livestock Committee and/or buyers of livestock at the Johnson County 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale will NOT be responsible for any animal before, during, or after the sale. The Johnson County Livestock Committee does provide an insurance program for exhibitors to purchase for their animals.
- Proof of ownership is required in order to tag/sell animals at the Johnson County 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale. As well each exhibitor will be required to complete the sale information/consignment form within 60 minutes of the completion of that species show. Prior consignment is encouraged.
- The animal will not be sold at the Johnson County 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale if the owner is not available when member's name is called three (3) times. Prior arrangements need to be made in special circumstances with the livestock committee.
- Novelty entries (i.e. poultry and rabbits) will start the Johnson County 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale.

- Each seller must give the ticket and buyers ribbon to the buyer of the animal before leaving the sale area.
- The grand and reserve champion animals will sell at the beginning of each species. Beef will always lead the sale, with sheep/goat and swine to alternate from year to year.
- Exhibitors may begin removal of animals/equipment **AFTER** the 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale, and must be off the grounds by 6:00 p.m. Sunday (last day of Fair). In unforeseen circumstances, please contact the Livestock Committee/Fair Board. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in loss of awards/premiums.

### **Round Robin:**

- Combined 4-H and FFA
- Grands Champions will compete, only. If they have won multiple species the next in line for the species not chosen by exhibitors will be filled by this person. Will only take **THIRD** placing as the maximum lowest placing to draw from.
- Exhibitors may only win **ONE** time per organization
- Receive points for number of times qualified into Round Robin, points will be based off of the judging rubric
- Same judges
- Time per species is 4 minutes.
- 5 main species (Horse, Goat, Sheep, Swine, Beef)
- Both organization champions receive a buckle, high point overall wins the awarded scholarship.