

2026 Junior Livestock Competition Requirements

Introductory Provisions

- A. To be considered timely, all Market entries must be completed online by Monday, July 27, 2026 and Open and Junior Breeding entries must be completed online by Monday, August 10, 2026. Entries submitted by mail will not be accepted.

- B. Applicability of these Junior Livestock Competition Requirements:
 - 1. These requirements are specific to the Junior Livestock Competition. These requirements do not supersede or negate the Colorado State Fair General Competition Requirements or the Colorado State Fair General Livestock Competition Requirements. Market youth exhibitors must read, be familiar with, and sign, where necessary, the IAFE National Show Ring Code of Ethics, the Colorado State Fair Exhibitor Code of Conduct, Animal Welfare Policy, and the Colorado State Fair Residue Avoidance Guidelines.

 - 2. All exhibitors must be familiar with all Authority competition requirements. Additional requirements for various livestock shows, competitions, and classes supplement these requirements.

- C. No early stall setup will be allowed before scheduled arrival times.

- D. Exhibitor vehicles will not be allowed on the grounds except during load-in and load-out. Once load-in has been completed, exhibitor vehicles will not be allowed on the fairgrounds until such time as the exhibitor will be loading the exhibitor's animals to leave after the show. Exhibitors may not enter the fairgrounds in a vehicle through any gate, including Gate 4, for the purpose of bringing additional feed or bedding.

Competition Requirements

Junior Livestock Market Competition Eligibility

- A. Jr. Market livestock exhibitors must be full-time residents of Colorado at the time of nomination and remain full-time residents through the end of the annual Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition ("State Fair").

B. For purposes of these rules, a “full-time resident” is a person:

1. Whose primary residence at the time of nomination and through the end of the State Fair is within the borders of Colorado;
2. who has not lived outside the state of Colorado for more than two consecutive weeks from the time of nomination through the end of the State Fair; and
3. who has an active membership in a Colorado 4-H or Colorado FFA program.

C. Exhibitors must provide primary care to their livestock.

D. Livestock nominated for the State Fair must reside within the state of Colorado from the time of nomination until the completion of the State Fair.

E. Livestock that spend more than two consecutive weeks away from the premises identified on their Nomination Form, whether inside or outside the state of Colorado, between the time of nomination and the end of the annual State Fair are not eligible to participate in the Junior Market Livestock Shows.

Nominations

Exhibitors must be members in good standing of a Colorado 4-H or Colorado FFA program at the time of nomination and remain members in good standing of a Colorado 4-H or Colorado FFA program until the completion of the State Fair.

1. Exhibitors must be members in good standing of, and enrolled in, a Colorado 4-H Club or a Colorado FFA Chapter and must be active in the project they are exhibiting. 4-H exhibitors must be 8 years of age and have not yet reached their 19th birthday as of December 31 of the previous year to be eligible to compete. FFA exhibitors must be enrolled and active in an approved Vocational Agriculture High School program and not yet have reached their 19th birthday as of December 31 of the previous year to be eligible to compete.

Exhibitors must have met all their county requirements.

2. For 4-H exhibitors, the exhibitor’s County Extension Specialist must sign a nomination form confirming the following:
 - a. The exhibitor’s entry is a bona fide project of Colorado’s 4-H program;
 - b. The exhibitor is a member in good standing of his or her local 4-H program;

- c. The animal entered is owned and has been in the continuous possession of the named exhibitor;
- d. The exhibitor is a resident of the state of Colorado as defined by these requirements, and
- e. The exhibitor has met all county requirements.

3. By signing the nomination form, the 4-H County Extension Specialist confirms:

- a. The specialist has read the General Competition Requirements, General Livestock Competition Requirements, Junior Livestock Competition Requirements, Junior Market Sale Competition Requirements, Animal Welfare Policy, and special Division Competition Requirements;
- b. The specialist has have advised the exhibitor of these competition requirements for the Colorado State Fair and have instructed and cautioned the exhibitor regarding sabotage, tampering, prohibited substances, unethical fitting; and
- c. The exhibitor has complied with all competition requirements to the extent of the agent's participation.

4. For FFA exhibitors, the exhibitor's Vocational Agriculture Instructor must sign a nomination form confirming the following:

- a. The entry is a bona fide project of Colorado's FFA program;
- b. The exhibitor is a member in good standing, and
- c. The animal entered is owned and in the continuous possession of the named participant.

5. By signing the nomination form, the FFA Instructor confirms:

- a. The instructor has read the General Competition Requirements, Junior Livestock Competition Requirements, Junior Market Sale Competition Requirements, Animal Welfare Policy, and special Division Competition Requirements;
- b. The instructor has advised the exhibitor of these competition requirements for the State Fair; has instructed and cautioned the exhibitor regarding sabotage, tampering, prohibited substance, unethical fitting; and
- c. The exhibitor has complied with all competition requirements to the extent of the instructor's participation.

6. The exhibitor's signature and a minor exhibitor's parent's/guardian's signature on the nomination form are required to certify that the entry is a bona fide, enrolled project of a Colorado 4-H or FFA program.
7. By signing the nomination form, the exhibitor, or a minor exhibitor's parent/guardian, certifies that he or she has read and has been advised of the Colorado State Fair General Competition Requirements, Junior Livestock Competition Requirements, Junior Market Sale Participation Requirements, and special Division Competition Requirements.
8. The exhibitor's signature and the minor exhibitor's parent's/guardian's signature certify that they agree to abide by all competition requirements regarding sabotage, tampering, prohibited substance, and unethical fitting.

Quality Assurance

- A. The exhibitor and the exhibitor's parent/guardian must sign the Quality Assurance Certificate and fully disclose the complete history of all vaccinations, medications, or additives given to the animal while under the exhibitor's control, whether by prescription, over the counter, or by any other means.
- B. Each exhibitor must submit a Quality Assurance Certificate for each animal being shown to the Livestock Office at the time of check-in.

Illness, disease, and medications

- A. In the event a market animal exhibits clinical signs of a contagious or infectious disease after it has arrived at the fairgrounds, the exhibitor of the animal (or the exhibitor's parent, a superintendent, or a member of Authority management on behalf of the exhibitor) must contact the Authority's on-call veterinarian for an assessment of the animal, and if deemed appropriate, for treatment of that animal.
- B. If the veterinary diagnosis is that the animal's clinical signs are not due to a contagious or communicable disease, the animal may remain on the fairgrounds and be exhibited upon approval of the veterinarian.
- C. If the affected animal needs medication, the veterinarian will manage the animal's treatment at the exhibitor's expense.
- D. The veterinarian must document the treatment in the exhibitor's packet.

- E. Exhibitors whose animals have received medications at the veterinarian's direction while at the State Fair and that have qualified for the Junior Livestock Sale shall disclose all medications administered to determine whether any withdrawal time for said medications used to treat the condition exceeds the withdrawal time, according to the medication's product label for that species.
- F. If an animal is treated with medications while on the fairgrounds, either by the Authority's on-call veterinarian as set forth above or by any other party, and if the withdrawal times for the medication(s) administered exceeds the product's label, then, the Colorado State Fair Authority ("Authority") shall have the right, but not the obligation, to take possession of or slaughter the animal if deemed necessary. In the case of slaughter, Authority officials will determine the procedure for slaughtering said animal.
- G. If at any time during, before, or following the time of the market animal inspection, it is discovered that an animal has received medication in connection with any treatment occurring before arriving at the fairgrounds for competition or exhibition at the State Fair and if, according to the medication's product label, the withdrawal time for any such medication used during said treatment surpasses the date upon which the market animal inspection occurs, that animal will not be eligible to compete. The Authority will have the right, but not the obligation, to order that the animal be removed from the fairgrounds.
- H. Pursuant to the Authority's Junior Livestock Competition requirements, an animal's carcass must contain no trace or residue of any illegal drug, or any other substance not approved for administration to such animals under applicable laws or competition requirements. This means that if positive results are reported to the Authority from its lab, the Authority must investigate to determine what circumstances led to this result.
1. Unapproved drugs are prohibited. Unapproved means not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals destined for human consumption. This includes using all products that are not FDA-approved, including, but not limited to, any diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant, or other unapproved medication meant for human usage.

2. Non-label use of drugs is prohibited. The non-label use of approved drugs is prohibited and may result in an additional investigation around the circumstances and may result in disciplinary action.
 3. Products labeled “all-natural” that are not FDA-approved may contain ingredients that can result in a positive test. It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to know what ingredients are included in products labeled as “all natural.” This includes feed and feed supplements. Every exhibitor is responsible for knowing what is in the feed and supplements provided to the exhibitor’s animals.
- I. The satisfactory completion of the Colorado 4-H Meat Quality Assurance program or the YQCA program is acceptable to the Colorado State Fair.

Junior Livestock Breeding Competition Eligibility

Exhibitor Eligibility

- A. Exhibitors may be from any state except where outlined in individual division competition requirements.
- B. Exhibitors must be members in good standing of and enrolled in a 4-H Club or an FFA Chapter and must be active in the project they are exhibiting. Exhibitors may also be active members of a Junior Breed Association.
 1. 4-H exhibitors must be 8 years of age and not yet have reached their 19th birthday as of December 31 of the previous year to be eligible to compete.
 2. FFA exhibitors must be enrolled and active in an approved Vocational Agriculture high school program and not yet have reached their 19th birthday as of December 31 of the previous year to be eligible to compete.
- C. Junior Breed Association members must be at least 8 years of age and not yet have reached their 21st birthday as of December 31 of the previous year to be eligible to compete. Association members must verify membership and age. Members shall provide proof of membership (such as a photocopy of the current membership card, certificate, or a written verification of the entry card from the Junior Breed Association).

D. Exhibitor signature certifies the exhibitor agrees to abide by all competition requirements regarding sabotage, tampering, prohibited substances, and unethical fitting, including the

- Colorado State Fair General Competition Requirements
- General Livestock Competition Requirements
- Junior Livestock Competition Requirements
- Colorado State Fair Exhibitor Code of Conduct
- Colorado State Fair Animal Welfare Policy
- National Show Ring Code of Ethics governs all livestock competition events at the State Fair.

See individual Junior Breeding and Market Show classes for specific or special competition requirements.

Premises Identification: At the time of livestock entry exhibited in any Market competition, the exhibitor must provide the premises identification number (PID) to identify the premises at which the livestock was raised and maintained throughout any 4-H or FFA project, according to 8 CCR 1208-1 8.4(a)(i). To obtain a PID, contact the Colorado Department of Agriculture at 303-869-9130 or use the following link:

<https://ag.colorado.gov/animals/colorado-location-identification-lid-registration-premises>

Class Eligibility

- A. All Market animal entries must have a nomination form with approved DNA on file in the Authority's Livestock Office to be eligible to show.
- B. No market entry will be accepted if a nomination form is not on file.
- C. Market animals are not eligible for entry in any breeding show, with the exception of heifers, which may enter and show in the Junior Breeding Heifer Show.
- D. In all Showmanship classes, exhibitors must show their own animals.
- E. Only animals shown or exhibited during the current State Fair will be eligible for showmanship classes.
- F. The Livestock Superintendents will determine the number of animals in all classes.
- G. Any nominated junior market livestock sold through a private sale, county sale, district sale, or premium sale after the nomination date is not eligible for competition at the

current year's fair. That sale is considered consummated when the animal is sold at auction, regardless of disposition, payment, or delivery of the animal.

Cooperation

All exhibitors and their associates are asked to cooperate with all Authority personnel, including office clerks, ground admission, security, and parking personnel while on the fairgrounds.

Family Nominations

Family nominations of Junior Market Livestock will be accepted. To be eligible for family nominations, the nominated livestock must:

1. Be owned by exhibitors of the same household who reside at the same residence.
2. Be in continuous care of the exhibitors residing at the same residence.
 - a. Must not be sold or transferred out of the exhibitor's custody at any time after the nomination process is complete.
 - b. The Individual who will be showing the family-nominated animal **MUST** be declared at the time of entry. An animal may only be entered by one exhibitor, or the entry will be considered invalid, and that animal will not be eligible to show.

Proof Of Ownership and Certificates of Veterinary Inspection

1. A valid brand inspection or a bill of sale, dated prior to April 1 of the current year, is required on all Market Beef.
2. An ownership certificate is required on all recorded grade junior breeding animals shown.
3. All grade ewes must have a bill of sale or certification of ownership executed to show a transfer of ownership no later than July 20 of the current year.
4. All livestock must have a certificate of veterinary inspection individually identifying each animal, which must be presented to the Colorado State Veterinarian upon arrival at the fairgrounds.
5. The certificate of veterinary inspection must be dated not more than seven (7) days before the date of arrival to the fairgrounds.

Registered Animals

1. All registered animals must be registered solely in the junior exhibitor's name.
2. No junior animal that is owned in any type of partnership is allowed to show in the junior livestock division (except FFA and CCI special project heifers).
3. Females shown in this division may be registered or grade animals unless otherwise specified.
4. All male animals must be registered in the respective breed association.

Entries

Market Livestock Entry Limitations

1. An exhibitor may enter for competition as many livestock (animals) as the exhibitor has previously nominated for competition.
2. Of those nominated and entered, the exhibitor will be limited at the time of competition to a total of four (4) livestock (animals) in each species.

Entry and Entry Payment

Full payment for every entry made must accompany each entry at the time of application. Only online entries will be accepted.

Show Requirements

Show Ring

1. Exhibitors are required to show their own animals in the show ring.
2. Should an exhibitor have more than one animal in a class, that exhibitor may have another exhibitor show the additional animal.
3. Additional market animals to be shown in a class must be indicated by a current 4-H/FFA member who is properly entered and exhibiting at the fair.

Unethically Fitted Livestock

The following are deemed unethical practices and may result in disciplinary action:

1. The injection, use, or administration of any drug or substance that is prohibited by federal, state, or local law;
2. The use of any drug in a manner prohibited by federal, state, or local law;
2. The injection (or internal or external administration) of any product or material – whether gas, solid, or liquid – to an animal for deception, including concealing, enhancing, or transforming the true conformation, degree of firmness, color, breed, condition of age, or by making the animal appear sounder than otherwise would appear;
3. Cutting or tearing of the hide, cutting or tearing underneath the hide, or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter, change, or modify the shape or appearance;
4. Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects or conformation (i.e., doctoring, doping, tubing, injecting, or lifting or filling under the skin);
5. Any type of injection where oils, glycerin, or like substances are used to alter and change the conformation of an animal;
6. The administration, use, or application of any drug, feed additive, or substance affecting the central nervous system;
7. The administration of diuretics for cosmetic purposes, tissue manipulation, removal, surgical attachment, or otherwise to change, conceal, enhance, or transform the true conformation or configuration of the animal;
8. Any unnatural means of providing an animal feed, water, or other fluids (i.e., stomach pump, I.V.) with the exception of the drenching process;
9. Any physical or physiological attempt to alter the natural musculature or weight by use of injections or ingested material not conducive to the continued health and marketability of beef, sheep, swine, or goat carcasses or for deception;
10. Artificial color (paint) will be allowed on cattle only, but any attempt to change the original color or markings of any animal will be prohibited;

11. Prohibited practices also include the use of artificial tail-heads, switches, polls, and hair as well as any internal or external hoof treatments or artificial substances meant to improve soundness.
12. External application of such things as liniments and blistering agents that would cause edematous condition; and
13. Use of ice packs or other refrigerants to alter the quality of the finish of an animal.

Fitting

Fitting of Animal

1. All junior exhibitors named as owners will accept and acknowledge responsibility for the custody, care, and feeding of their animal(s).
2. On the fairgrounds, it is expected that the junior exhibitor will participate in the handling, fitting, dressing, washing, grooming of their animal; all animals must be shown by the listed junior exhibitor.

Show Photographer

Beverly Englert Photography is the exclusive livestock photographer at the State Fair and the only entity with the right to sell livestock images. All exceptions, or requests for exception, must be directed to Beverly Englert Photography and Authority show staff.

Barn/Stalling Information

Bedding

- A. Exhibitors are responsible for their own livestock bedding.
- B. Entry into competition at the State Fair does not include bedding.
- C. Exhibitors may pre-order bedding and shavings through the Authority's approved bedding provider or bedding and shavings will be available to purchase on-grounds from the Authority's approved bedding provider upon arrival. The phone number and order portal will be posted on the Authority's website.
- D. Straw may only be used for dairy cattle, dairy goats, breeding sheep, and open breeding cattle

tie-outs. All other uses of straw are prohibited.

E. Outside bedding for livestock exhibitors is permitted.

Generators/Coolers/Fans/Blocking Chutes/Trim Chutes and Portable Scales

A. There will be a one-time, non-refundable \$25 charge for all generators payable at the time of entry or added on at the time of check-in.

B. Generators must be approved by a Superintendent.

C. A permit tag will be assigned after payment is made.

D. Any generator not having an Authority permit will be moved or confiscated by the Authority.

E. Any such confiscation will result in a one-time charge of \$50 and a daily storage fee of \$25 per day until the generator is retrieved from the Authority and properly located.

F. Please observe all no generators or cooler signage. Generators and coolers not in specified areas may be confiscated by the Authority.

G. Generators and refrigerated free-standing coolers are not allowed in the Market Lamb barn, the Sheep and Swine barn, or the Goat barn and refrigerated free-standing coolers brought into any of these areas may be confiscated by Authority officials.

H. Fans, blocking chutes, generators, trimming chutes, and trim tables are restricted to the individual exhibitor's assigned stalling area so as not to interfere with any other exhibitor's stalling area or aisle ways.

I. Free-standing fans will not be allowed. Hanging fans will only be allowed when attached to the tie rails or to supports attached to the tie rails.

J. No fans will be allowed to blow from behind an animal, regardless of attachment or location.

K. All fans must be hung above the stalling area.

L. All extension cords must be UL approved minimum 16.3.

Market Beef Exhibitor Provisions

1. One (1) oversized and refrigerated free-standing fan will be allowed per family.
2. There will be a \$25 fee for all oversized and refrigerated coolers, payable at the time of entry or added on at the time of check-in.
3. A cooler permit tag will be issued after payment is made.
4. The Authority will move or confiscate any cooler that does not have an Authority permit.
5. Confiscation of coolers will be handled in the same manner and with the same fees as generator confiscations.
6. Superintendents have the authority to remove any non-approved equipment.
7. State Fair management may charge a one-time fee of \$50 to anyone with non-approved equipment, including, but not limited to, fans, coolers, blocking chutes, generators, trimming chutes, and trim tables.
8. Anyone using prohibited equipment may be subject to discipline as outlined in the Determination of Violations Section of the Colorado State Fair General Competition Requirements.
9. No outside scales will be allowed in Market Barns. Those scales will be provided by the Authority.

Stalls, Tack Stalls, Pens and Tie Outs

1. All tack stall requests must be submitted in writing and received in the Livestock Office no later than the entry deadline. There is no guarantee the request can or will be honored.
2. Superintendents will allow 4-foot (4') beef stall space and a pre-set pen for lamb, goats, and hogs within the barns when entry fees are completely paid.

3. Participants will only receive one (1) stall/pen for every animal delivered to the fairgrounds, regardless of the number of entries made for the show, with the exception of hogs which will be stalled two (2) per pen.
4. A cow-calf pair is considered as one (1) entry.
5. A limited number of tie-out stalls are available and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.
6. Tampering with other exhibitors' stall, pen, or tie-out assignments, any misuse of stalls and aisle ways will subject the exhibitor to discipline as set forth in the Determination of Violations section of the Colorado State Fair General Competition Requirements.
7. Exhibitors must coordinate with the Superintendent on duty for tie-out schedules. All stalls and tie-outs must be cleaned daily before 8:30 a.m.
8. The Authority is not responsible for any animals in the tie-out area at any time of the day or night.

Barn Security/Restricted Area

For security reasons, all Market Hog, Market Lamb, Market Goat, and Market Beef barns will be locked at 9:00 p.m. every night before the sale date and remain locked until 6:00 a.m. the following morning. Each barn will have Authority Public Safety Officers to secure the area and enforce the nightly lockdown. Exhibitors must confine their animals within their designated stall or pen assignment and wash rack so they do not wander in general public areas.

Clean Up

All stalls and alleys must be cleaned daily before 10:00 a.m. Dirty shavings and manure must be piled in the designated area of the barn. No manure should be put into trash cans.

Livestock Pavilion - West end Disposal

Sheep And Swine - South side Disposal

Anyone found dumping manure or trash in undesignated areas (including trash cans) will be

subject to a fine of \$100 or disqualification, determined by the Authority.

Water

1. A water container, with water, must be visible and available for watering regularly in each penned/stalled area at all times.
2. No feeding or watering of livestock in show rings, holding pens, or to and from re-weigh stations will be permitted.
3. The Authority reserves the right, at its discretion, to contact the Authority's on-call veterinarian to determine if water should be given.

Weighing

1. By the deadlines set forth in each species' Competition Requirements, an exhibitor must declare on the "Junior Market Animal Weight Certification" form the official weight of the exhibitor's market beef, lambs, hogs, goats, chicken, turkey or rabbit. That weight will be the animal's official show weight.
3. Immediately following placement in the show ring, the Authority will cause the top five in each class of market beef, market lambs, market hogs, market goats, market chickens, market turkeys, and market rabbits to be re-weighed on the Authority's official scale..
4. Any beef, lambs, hogs, goats, chickens, turkeys, or rabbits that deviate more than 5 percent from its official show weight will be immediately disqualified, and the animal will be marked appropriately.
5. The Authority will provide check-weigh scales for exhibitors to weigh animals for weight declarations. The Authority will use State of Colorado Certified Weigh Masters to calibrate these scales on a daily basis. No exhibitor may use any outside scales.
6. Exhibitors may use the check-weigh scales to monitor animal weights after submitting the "Junior Market Animal Weight Certification" form and up to show time.
7. The Management will use the Authority's official scale, located near, but not inside, the

show ring for weigh-back of animals upon each animal's exit from the show ring to confirm that no animal's weight has deviated more than 5 percent from its official show weight. .

8. Any exhibitor using the official scale without authorization to weigh animals may be disqualified and removed from the fairgrounds.

Objectionable Exhibits, Interpretation, Interference and Testing

Objectionable Exhibits

- A. The Authority reserves the right to exclude from the fairgrounds any exhibit, animal, or entry that may be falsely entered, including those deemed undesirable or objectionable, without assigning a reason.
- B. Persons or persons who violate any of the competition requirements herein may be subject to discipline as outlined in the Determination of Violations Section of the Colorado State Fair General Competition Requirements.

Interpretation or Administration of Competition Requirements

- A. The Authority reserves to itself the final and absolute right to interpret these competition requirements and to fairly and impartially settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incident to any competitive event, and the right to amend or add to these competition requirements as its judgment may determine.
- B. The Authority reserves the right to cancel events or change scheduling if deemed necessary.
- C. Specific or special competition requirements or conditions are published in each division where necessary.

Interference with Judging or Judges

- A. Under no circumstances may any person interfere with any judge during such judge's adjudications.
- B. If any exhibitor, in any way, whether in person, by agent or representative, interferes with any judge during that judge's adjudication or behaves in a manner that interferes with any show or with Fair Management, the Authority may immediately remove said exhibitor from the judging area, may disqualify the exhibitor from further competition, may remove the exhibitor from the fairgrounds, and may withhold any prizes that may have been awarded in any other event at the State Fair.

Testing and Fees

- A. The Authority reserves the right to administer random testing, including DNA, urine, tissue, blood, and retinal scanning, for any foreign substances on any animal at any time while that animal is on the fairgrounds.
- B. All Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion animals of each species in the Market divisions will be tested and identification coordinated with the original nomination form. Charges for all testing will be deducted from sales or buyback proceeds.
- C. The Authority will deduct from proceeds as required pertaining to slaughter by state regulations such as, but not limited to: Colorado Beef Board, Colorado Pork Producers' tax, Colorado Brand Board, lamb tax, freight charges, etc.

Using Animals in Judging Contests

- A. Exhibitors understand that by entering their livestock into competition at the State Fair, the livestock may be used for judging purposes by the judging teams of Colorado's collegiate judging teams or for the Colorado State Fair Premier Exhibitor Contests. When an exhibitor is called upon to furnish one or more animals for the students to judge in the Dairy or Livestock Judging Contests, the exhibitor is expected to do so.
- B. An exhibitor who refuses to allow the exhibitor's animal to be used in this manner may forfeit any prizes the exhibitor has won up to that point.

Animal Carcass

The Authority will take immediate control and possession of any livestock that dies while on the fairgrounds and determine the cause of death and method of disposal per the Colorado State Fair Animal Welfare Policy.

Junior Livestock Sale

Market Animal Disposition

- A. The Authority strives to ensure a fair price for market animal projects.
- B. Buy-back bid prices are subject to the highest local quote from qualified slaughter facilities and the USDA Agri-Marketing Service National Daily Summary.
- C. The Authority is not liable for individual sales conducted through a private party.

Procedures For Selection of Sale Qualifiers:

- A. The Colorado State Fair Authority Board of Commissioners (“Board”), through its Competitive Exhibits Committee (“Competitive Exhibits Committee”), will select up to 40 Beef, 40 Goats, 40 Hogs, 40 Lambs, 2 Market Chicken Pens, 2 Market Meat Pen of Rabbits, and 2 Turkeys (including Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions) to sell at the 2026 Junior Livestock Sale (“Sale”). No animals lower than 3rd Place will be eligible to qualify for the Sale.
- B. Sale qualifiers will be approved, and final decisions will be made under the direction of the Competitive Exhibits Committee. The Sale selection process is as follows:

Grand Champion

Reserve Grand Champion

Top Overall 3 – 5 placing animals

Weight or Breed Division Champions in order of showing

Weight or Breed Division Reserve Champions in order of showing

Continue going through the highest placing in order of showing

In the Market Beef show, a similar percentage of the heifer classes will sell.

- A. If all equivalent placing within the species cannot make Sale, the eligible participants' names will be put into a drawing and will be selected at random until the maximum numbers are reached.
- B. A tentative Sale list will be posted immediately after each Grand Champion drive, listing the maximum allowed Sale number for that species (40 Beef, 40 Goats, 40 Hogs, 40 Lambs, 2 Pens of Chickens, 2 Pens of Rabbits, and 2 Turkeys). No alternates will be posted.
- C. Those animals posted will be in the Sale. No animal posted will be allowed to leave the fairgrounds, except by movement directly to slaughter after the Sale.

Participant Warranties of Sale/Buy Back Animals

All qualified sale participants warrant:

1. That the carcass of the animal complies with the United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act and is fit for human consumption.
2. That the carcass of such animal contains no trace or residue of any illegal drug, or any other substance not approved for administration to such animal under applicable laws or the Authority's competition requirements and regulations;
3. That the carcass of such animal reveals no evidence of any unethical fitting practice, as defined in the Authority's competition requirements and regulations; and
4. That there exists no unusual circumstances or condition of the carcass of such animal that would materially diminish the value of such carcass.

Release of Animals

- A. Participants must obtain a release form from the species-specific Livestock Superintendent or Program Manager before leaving the grounds to release all their animals, equipment, tack, feed, or bedding. Exhibitors/representatives must provide the Authority ear tag numbers for all Market animals being released.
- B. The Authority will check all vehicles and trailers, and the release form will be collected at the exit gate.

C. Animals removed from the fairgrounds without a signed release or prior to scheduled release time may be subject to discipline as set forth in the Exhibitor Admissions Section of the Colorado State Fair General Competition Requirements and any penalties prescribed by law.

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