

## 2007 4-H SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

### 1. ELIGIBILITY: Youth

- A. Open to boys and girls who are members of Adams County 4-H Organization.
- B. 4-H members are those enrolled youth 8-18 years old as of January 1 of the project year.
- C. Youth ages 5 - 7 as of January 1 of the project year may exhibit in Junior Clover project areas.
- D. 4-H Youth boys and girls are eligible to exhibit at only one County Fair in a project area or activity.
- E. Age Divisions will be determined by the 4-H'ers age as of January 1 of the current year unless otherwise stated in the specific area's Rules, see 4-H Age Divisions.
- F. The rules and conditions governing 4-H work as given in the manuals or literature will be followed unless otherwise specified.
- G. To be eligible to receive 4-H premiums, a 4-H member must be enrolled in the project in which he/she is exhibiting. Only items listed in the Fair Book/Premium List are eligible to be shown unless cleared in writing by the Extension Office, prior to entry day.
- H. No previous year's 4-H exhibits may be entered in Open Class. 4-H'ers may not enter current 4-H project areas in Open Class.

### 2. CORRECTIONS and UPDATES to the Fair book will be spelled out in the 4-H Family Newsletters.

### 3. PRE-FAIR ENTRIES:

- A. Pre-fair entries are REQUIRED on livestock including Beef, Sheep, Dairy, Meat Goats, Pygmy Goats, Swine, Dogs, Rabbits, Cats, Small Animals, Horses, Poultry, ALL Showmanship classes, and for entries in Therapeutic Horse, Fashion Show, Food Revue, Ice Cream in a Can, Junior Clover Ice Cream in a Bag Team Competition, Junior Clover Pole Bending, Junior Clover Barrel Racing.
- B. Pre-Fair Entry by the appropriate deadline date, see Deadlines, Dates and Identifications.
- C. Pre-entry is encouraged but not required for Livestock Judging Contest, Dog Skillathon Contest and Static Exhibits. All static exhibits must have the correct entry tag attached when entered with the superintendent on the appropriate entry day (see Fair Calendar section).
- D. Late pre-entry will result in exhibits being lowered a ribbon placing.

### 4. TIME of ENTRY:

- A. See scheduled events. Exhibits must be in place by the times specified on the fair schedule.
- B. OVERSIZED EXHIBITS – Prior to Entry day arrangements with the Educators must be made for early displaying of the Exhibit. (Restored vehicle, Large woodworking items, dog houses, etc)
- C. Late entries will be lowered only one ribbon placing no matter how many deadlines are missed.
- D. When deadlines fall on a weekend or an observed holiday, the forms will be due on Monday or the next business day.

### 5. NUMBER of ENTRIES:

- A. LIMIT: Exhibits – one entry per class, unless otherwise stated.
- B. Family Consumer Science divisions lists the number of entries permitted in each.
- C. Swine exhibitors may enter a maximum of three hogs\*. Exhibitors can exhibit two Market Gilts, two Market Barrows, or one Gilt and one Barrow in the show ring. The third hog will be included with the 'Pen of Three' class. May enter one hog in the Bred and Fed Contest but must be one of the show ring animals. Clubs are limited to one entry in the Club Pen of Five class.\*Does not include one entry (per species) in Carcass Contest.
- D. Beef exhibitors may enter two Breeding Heifers (including 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Bucket Calf), three Market Beef\* (including 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Bucket Calf), two Stocker Feeder calves, and one entry in Cow-Calf. May enter one market beef in the Bred and Fed Contest but must be one of the show ring animals. Clubs are limited to one entry in the Pen of Three class. \*Does not include one entry (per species) in Carcass Contest.
- E. Dairy Cattle exhibitors may enter a maximum of 3 dairy animals in the Regional Dairy Show.
- F. Sheep exhibitors may enter a maximum of three Market\* Lambs and three Sheep in Breeding. No more than two Sheep per class. The third Market Lamb can be shown within the 'Pen of Three' class. May enter one market lamb in the Bred and Fed Contest but must be one of the show ring animals. Clubs are limited to one entry in the Club Pen of Three class.\*Does not include one entry (per species) in Carcass Contest.
- G. Meat Goat exhibitors may enter a maximum of three Market Meat Goats and three Breeding Meat Goats, with no more than two Goats per class. The third Market Meat Goat can be shown within the 'Pen of Three' class. May enter one market meat goat in the Bred and Fed Contest but must be one of the show ring animals. Clubs are limited to one entry in the Club Pen of Three class.
- H. Dairy Goat exhibitors may enter a maximum of two entries per class in the Regional Dairy Show.
- I. Pygmy Goat exhibitors are limited to two entries in the Pygmy Goat Show.
- J. Poultry exhibitors may enter a maximum of seven entries (six Poultry entries and one Market Broiler entry). Not more than two entries per class.
- K. Rabbit exhibitors may enter a maximum of four entries (three single entries (no more than 2 per class) and one

doe and litter).

- L. Dog exhibitors may enter a maximum of three entries (2 in obedience and 1 in showmanship).
- M. Cat exhibitors may enter a maximum of three entries and no more than two entries per class.
- N. Small Animals exhibitors may enter a maximum of two entries.

**6. LIABILITY:**

While the greatest possible care will be exercised by the fair management, Extension staff and the superintendents to protect the exhibitors and the exhibits, the exhibitor should understand that he/she bears the risk. If accident insurance is desired, it should be provided for by the individual or through his/her club leader.

**7. OWNERSHIP of ANIMALS:**

**A. All Market and Breeding Animals:**

- 1. An exhibitor may show an animal owned (beef, goat, sheep or swine project animal):
  - a) Solely by the 4-H exhibitor or in partnership by the 4-H exhibitor and/or other members of his or her immediate family. Only the name of the showman can be on the show entry.
  - b) Immediate family is defined as members of a household including parents, brothers, sisters and youth in the care of the head of the household.
  - c) When 4-H exhibitor(s) and parent(s) sign an ownership affidavit, indicating the exhibitor(s) will feed and care for the animals, it is expected that the exhibitor(s) will have primary responsibility for the animals.
  - d) In cases where the exhibitor may not have primary responsibility for the duration of the project (i.e. separation of parents and more than one residence), it is recommended the exhibitor request exception from the local 4-H Council. The time the exhibitor will be able to care for the animal(s) should be clearly defined in the request.

**B. All Other Non-Market Animals:**

- 1. An exhibitor in a 4-H show of a Non-Market Animal may show an animal owned by someone outside of the immediate family provided:
  - a) He or she manages (cares for, feeds, trains, grooms, etc.) and has use of the animal as a 4-H project animal at least 50% of the time during the project year; and
  - b) Permission for use of the animal is certified by the owner on the 4-H member's ID sheet (ownership affidavit)
  - c) Dog Ownership: Handlers using a dog other than their own or immediate family will sign an affidavit with the owner recognizing permission to use the animal. NOTE: State Fair requires the dog to reside with the exhibitor or be cared for by the exhibitor for the majority of the year.

**8. ANIMAL HEALTH RULES:**

- A. The 4-H Council is concerned about national publicity on the use of illegal compounds and questionable animal practices of individuals exhibiting animals. We want the Adams County Shows to continue to be of value and integrity to all exhibitors and all segments of the livestock industry. Animal abuse or chemical or foreign substance administration will not be tolerated.
- B. Eligibility of Animals: All animal entries will have a healthy appearance and reflect adequate nutrition for stage of growth and use. Underfed and poorly conditioned animals, in all areas, will not be allowed to show or be stalled at the fair.
- C. Decision to excuse an animal from being exhibited for any reason is at the 4-H Council Livestock Committee's discretion.
- D. No inoculations or medications of any kind will be administered to any animal during Adams County Fair without prior approval of the 4-H Council Livestock Committee. Any approval will be predicated by the exhibitor having a veterinarian signed statement of what is being administered, why and number of days withdrawal 13 to slaughter. Violators will be prohibited from showing and/or stalling or selling through the 4-H Livestock Sale.
- E. In case of sick looking animals, a livestock committee member will visit with the exhibitor and parent. If the exhibitor doesn't agree to remove the animal from the grounds, a vet will be called to examine the animal. If the animal does indeed need to be removed from the grounds, the exhibitor and/or their family will pay for the vet call. If the animal is well enough to stay at the fair the 4-H Council will pay for the vet call.
  - 1) If an animal is sent home prior to entry deadline; a replacement animal may be brought prior to entry deadline.
  - 2) If an animal is sent home after entry deadline; no replacement animal may be brought unless approved by livestock committee members and superintendent.
- F. The fair management assumes that all heifers are calf-hood vaccinated for bangs.
- G. Swine exhibited at the Adams County Fair must meet the same requirements for pseudorabies as State Fair entries. These requirements are: Swine shall originate directly from any herd not under quarantine for pseudorabies, and 1. A Stage IV or V county; or 2. A pseudorabies qualified herd; or 3. Be individually tested

and classified negative for pseudorabies within 30 days prior to exhibition. Due to the concern of spreading disease the Adams County 4-H Council strongly recommends that ALL swine shown at the Adams County Fair be terminated with the packer at the Livestock Auction.

- H. Cats must be current on Rabies, Distemper, Panleucopenia, Rhino tracheitis, Calici virus and Feline Leukemia vaccinations. Kittens should have distemper shots at weaning and rabies shots at 6 months old. Current Shot records for Cats are due in the Extension Office by the appropriate deadline date, see Deadlines, Dates and Identifications. Current shot records signed by the veterinarian or by including vaccination labels on a vaccination record form which is signed by the parent. If these records are not in the office by this date your animal will not be allowed to show. Records received via fax will not be accepted.
- I. Dogs must have DHL, Rabies, Parvo and Coronavirus vaccinations. Current Shot records for Dogs are due in the Extension Office by the appropriate deadline date, see Deadlines, Dates and Identifications. Current shot records signed by the veterinarian or by including vaccination labels on a vaccination record form which is signed by the parent. If these records are not in the office by this date your animal will not be allowed to show. Records received via fax will not be accepted.
- J. Ferrets must be vaccinated for rabies. Current rabies vaccination records signed by the veterinarian and are due in the Extension Office by the appropriate deadline date, Records received via fax will not be accepted.

#### 9. ANIMAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

(Deadlines dates are listed in the "Deadlines, Dates and Identifications section of the Adams County fair book.)

All Horse, Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Cats, Rabbits, Dogs and Dairy Cattle must be properly identified by the appropriate deadline date. Those not properly identified by the dates given will be lowered one ribbon placing. This does not affect any other show only Adams County. Animals that are not properly identified by the State deadline date check with the Extension Office for these dates are not eligible to compete at District shows, State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben. Identification sheets for all species (you must indicate on original ID sheet animals that might be going to State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben) are available at the Extension Office.

- A. All Market Beef for the County Fair Beef Show must be weighed and tagged at the County Beef weigh day; and must be done with the supervision of the Extension staff or by someone else designated by the Extension staff and/or the 4-H Council. Completed Identification sheets are due in the Extension Office by the appropriate deadline date.
- B. Breeding Beef must be tattooed and the Completed Identification sheets must be in the Extension Office by the appropriate deadline date.
- C. Bucket Calf must follow guidelines for exhibit as stated in the project manual. Born January 1 - April 1st. Must be tagged with a 4-H tag by April 15th. Completed Identification sheets are due in the Extension Office by the appropriate deadline date.
- D. Stocker/Feeders must be tagged with a 4-H tag and completed Identification sheets are due in the Extension Office by the appropriate deadline date.
- E. Dairy Cattle must have Completed Identification sheets in the Extension Office by the appropriate deadline date. and will only be shown at the Regional Dairy Show in Clay Center.
- F. All Market Hogs must be tagged with 4-H tag for County Fair (ear notched for State Fair & Ak-Sar-Ben). Completed Identification sheets are due in the Extension Office Completed Identification sheets are due in the Extension Office by the appropriate deadline date.
- G. Bred and Fed Contest Market Hogs for the County Fair Swine Show must be weighed and tagged at the County Swine weigh day; and must be done with the supervision of the Extension staff or by someone else designated by the Extension staff and/or the 4-H Council. Completed Identification sheets are due in the Extension Office by the appropriate deadline date.
- H. All Market Lambs must be weighed and tagged at the County Sheep/Goat weigh day; and must be done with the supervision of the Extension staff or by someone else designated by the Extension staff and/or the 4-H Council. Completed Identification sheets are due to the Extension Office by the appropriate deadline date.
- I. All Breeding <sup>15</sup> must have Completed Identification sheets in the Extension Office by the appropriate deadline date. All Breeding Sheep must be identified according to Breed organizations. Grade Breeding Sheep must be identified with a 4-H Breeding Sheep Tag (available from the Extension Office). Require scrapies tags to be used as a secondary form of identification on all ewes (breeding and market) and breeding rams being exhibited at the Adams County Fair, State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben.
- J. Dairy Goats must have Completed Identification sheets in the Extension Office by the appropriate deadline date and will only be shown at the Regional Dairy Show in Clay Center.
- K. All Market Meat Goats must be weighed and tagged at the County Sheep/Goat weigh day; and must be done with the supervision of the Extension staff or by someone else designated by the Extension staff and/or the 4-H Council. All Market Male Meat Goats will have blunted horns. Completed Identification sheets are due to the Extension Office by the appropriate deadline date.
- L. All Breeding Market Meat goats must have a 4-H grade breeding sheep tag and be identified using the Breeding Heifer/Ewe (4H F105) ID sheet. Completed Identification sheets are due to the Extension Office by the appropriate deadline date.
- M. Horses must have identification and district entry sheets in the Extension Office by the appropriate deadline

date.

- N. Rabbits – County Fair only do not need an ID sheet turned in. State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben – you must have Completed Identification sheets in the Extension Office by the appropriate deadline date.
- O. No boars or bulls may be shown or sold. Steers or barrows showing masculine coarseness or evidence of late and/or incomplete castration will be discriminated against by the judge. Cryptorchid rams can be shown and sold; however, they cannot receive a purple ribbon or be eligible for grand or reserve champion.
- P. All ‘Bred & Fed’ and ‘Rate of Gain’ animals must be shown in the regular market live shows.
- Q. Ethics affidavit and statement of disclosure will be required on all beef, sheep, meat goats or swine at time of check-in.
- R. Quality Assurance training is required for all exhibitors in Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy, Dairy Goats and Meat Goats. All youth who wish to exhibit any of these species must complete Quality Assurance requirements by the appropriate deadline date, see Deadlines, Dates and Identifications.
- S. All Animal Superintendents decisions with regard to type or breeds will be made as per livestock committee approval.
- T. Faxed copies of Identification sheets are not acceptable.
- U. Any animals needed or used in a contest or event must have been ID’d by the appropriate deadline date, see Deadlines, Dates and Identifications

#### **10. SAFETY:**

In the interest of safety, animals that cannot be safely and ethically handled will be disqualified from the show. This decision will be made by the Superintendent and Livestock Committee members.

- A. Cats must be shown on a leash.
- B. Dogs must be on a leash when not in show ring.
- C. No stallions are to be allowed on the fairgrounds during fair.
- D. During the shows, the ring stewards will not show animals. If an animal gets out of control twice in one class it will be tied to the fence.
- E. All non-participating animals are not allowed on the fairgrounds.

#### **11. SUBSTITUTE SHOWMEN:**

- A. Only animals exhibited by their owners will receive ribbons or premiums, unless the owner is excused and a substitute is approved by the superintendent.
- B. An exhibitor who has more than one animal in the same class need not secure approval for another 4-H member to show the second animal, but the 4-H'er should let the superintendent know who will be exhibiting their second animal before or upon entering the ring for that class.

#### **12. OFFICIAL SHOW ATTIRE for 4-H MEMBERS:**

- A. 4-H members showing any animal including small animals are to wear light colored official\* 4-H T-shirts or blouses with the 4-H chevron showing with jeans or dark slacks. \*Official 4-H T-shirts show the Adams County 4-H logo.
- B. No Club T-shirts, State Fair T-shirts, AK-SAR-BEN T-shirts shall be worn when competing in front of a judge.
- C. It is recommended that cat and rabbit exhibitors wear long sleeve garments to reduce injury from animal bites and scratches.
- D. Boots and hard soled shoes are required for beef, hogs and horses, and are recommended for sheep and other animals (this includes cat, rabbit, dog and other small animals).
- E. No hats of any kind shall be worn when in front of a judge, except during the Horse Show.
- F. 4-H members will be lowered one ribbon placing if correct 4-H attire is not worn. This decision will be made by the judge.

#### **13. BEDDING:**

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Wood chips or wood shavings should be used in sheep, goats, beef, swine and horse pens. Straw is not permitted on the fairgrounds.

#### **14. HERDSMANSHIP:**

- A. Livestock exhibitors are expected to do a good job as herdsmen. This involves cooperating in proper manure disposal, keeping alleys clean, storing feed and trappings neatly, keeping the animals clean and practicing safety.
- B. 4-H members exhibiting livestock are expected to do their own work. Herdsmanship will not be judged before 8 AM, between 5 PM and 6 PM, after 10 PM or when that species is being shown.
- C. Herdsmanship Judging - Each Species will have their own Herdsmanship Contest.
  - c1. To participate in the contest you must have at least 3 club members exhibiting that species.
  - c2. Clubs will be evaluated and given a placing within each livestock division of beef, horse and swine being judged separately. Sheep and goats will be judged together.

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- c3. Scoring will be on the following: 1) Animals clean at all times. 2) Animals cared for with clean and proper amount of bedding and manure removed. Cattle securely tied with 18-20 inch lead. No feed or feeding equipment, with exception of hay, left with any livestock while unattended. No water equipment left with cattle while unattended. 3) Tack and feed area clean and neatly arranged. Tines of fork and similar equipment kept down in the rack. 4) Proper courtesy and conduct shown by exhibitors at all times and at all places. 5) Exhibitor's share of alley area kept clean. Wheelbarrows kept outside. Alleys must be swept and clean by 8:00 AM. 6) Bonus points will be added for street clean-up after each show.
- c4. Certificates for the Herdsmanship contests will be awarded to the top club and be presented at Achievement night.

#### 15. GROOMING of LIVESTOCK:

- A. Clipping, trimming or blocking of any beef, dairy, meat goat, sheep or swine in the Intermediate and Senior division is the primary responsibility of the exhibitors. This means that exhibitors in the Intermediate and Senior division can help each other, can receive secondary instruction and help from their parent(s) or leader(s), but absolutely no help from any other person in clipping, trimming and blocking. Exhibitors in the Junior Division may have help with clipping, trimming and blocking from other exhibitors, parents, brothers, sisters and leaders.
- B. Grooming an animal other than clipping, trimming or blocking (e.g. brushing, washing, etc.), may be done by exhibitors and brothers, sisters or parents of the exhibitor.
- C. Upon violation of above rules, the exhibitor's animal involved will be disqualified from the show.
- D. Swine must be shown without hairdressing compounds. This includes oil, powder or any other coat dressings or compounds. Water is permitted. Swine found in violation of this rule will be lowered one ribbon placing in the live show.

#### 16. SHOWMANSHIP:

- A. All 4-H'ers who are pre-entered for the correct showmanship class by the appropriate deadline date, see Deadlines, Dates and Identifications will be allowed to show in beef, sheep, swine, rabbit, meat goat, pygmy goat, horse, poultry, dogs, cats, small animals.
- B. Age Divisions will be determined by the 4-H'ers age as of January 1 of the current year, see 4-H Age Divisions.
- C. All 4-H livestock exhibitors must show their own animals to be considered as participants in the Showmanship contests. Judging is based on preparation of animals for show, their apparent training, the appearance and the behavior of the showman. Minor technical points are not to be over emphasized, nor do minor infractions disqualify. Primarily, showmanship is the skill of the showman in presenting the animals before the judge that counts, while individual excellence of the animal does not.
- D. Animal Eligibility: Will be announced in the 4-H Family Newsletter.
- E. 4-H'ers who have an entry in the Bucket Calf Class may not participate in regular beef showmanship.

#### 17. LIVESTOCK AUCTION RULES:

- A public 4-H Livestock Auction for Beef, Swine, Sheep, Meat Goats and Market Broilers is held on Monday following the fair, scheduled to begin at 9:00 AM (see Fair Calendar section); No animals shown as breeding stock are eligible to be auctioned. All showmen participating in the 4-H Livestock Auction MUST BE DRESSED IN OFFICIAL SHOW ATTIRE. (No livestock back numbers required).
- A. 4-H Livestock Auction order in 2007, a set sale order has been put into place and will be: Beef, Swine, Sheep, Meat Goat and Market Broilers.
  - B. All Grand and Reserve Champion of each species will go through the auction ring. Followed by purples of all species using the above listing and continuing down through the whites. In each species a random order of 4-H'ers will be used.
  - C. A 4-H'er may auction only one lot of two different species.  
Exceptions:
    - All Grand and Reserve Champion winners will be sold in the auction ring regardless of number.
    - Individuals that have won Grand and/or Reserve Champions may sell one additional lot in the species where they won champion with a maximum of two lots per species.
    - A maximum of four lots may be sold unless an exhibitor has won more than four Champions; in which case they may auction only the Champion lots.
  - D. A minimum weight of 90 pounds for Sheep, 55 pounds for Meat Goats, 1,000 pound on Heifers and 1,050 pounds on Steers will be maintained, with the maximum weights open. A minimum of 230 pounds and a maximum of 300 pounds on Hogs will be maintained (Swine packer bid will be set according to carcass weight requirements from the Highest bidding Packer). Poultry exhibited in the Market Broiler class can be auctioned at the 4-H Livestock Auction. Each pen of three birds must weigh a minimum of eleven pounds.
  - E. In the interest of safety, animals that cannot be handled for showing during the judging will not be permitted to be sold at the auction. This will be decided by the Livestock Committee
  - F. No animal may be removed from the fairgrounds without prior knowledge and approval of the superintendent in

that division.

- G. All auction livestock must be signed up for the 4-H Livestock Auction within 2 hours following the live show.
- H. Packer bids for Sheep, Swine, Market Meat Goats & Beef must be submitted to the 4-H Livestock Office by Friday night of Fair by 5:00 PM
- I. Market Broilers will be auctioned for premium amount only. No Packer bids will be taken.
- J. Youth will have the option to retain ownership of their animals. Youth will need to note this option within 2 hours following the live show. Retaining ownership means a packer bid wouldn't be offered and the final bidder at the auction would not be able to keep that animal.

#### **18. ANIMAL CARE:**

- A. Animal Care – This is the highest priority need and should be maintained all year long, not just at and before county fair time. Proper care including fresh water, a well balanced diet, protection from the environment and a good health program will ensure that an animal will be ready for fair time.
- B. Fair Time – Good herdsmanship and animal care is the key here. Well groomed and cared for animals are healthier and show better thus resulting in higher placings for the 4-H'er.

#### **19. CONFRONTATION WITH AN ANIMAL RIGHTS GROUP:**

- A. 4-H'ers should contact their leaders or livestock superintendent immediately upon being confronted. The 4-H'er should not try to deal with the situation alone.
- B. The primary responsibility of leaders and superintendents is to maintain the safety and well being of the 4-H'ers. Animal rights activists can only use verbal and/or signs to demonstrate with. Any attempt to free or handle an animal is against the law. Any attempt to harm and/or touch a 4-H'er is also against the law. If this is done, make sure that this act or acts are witnessed.
- C. When a confrontation has occurred, and a leader or superintendent has a maintained control of the area, the leader and/or superintendent should contact someone in the 4-H Livestock office, and they will take appropriate action.
- D. **REMEMBER, KEEP CALM AT ALL TIMES. IGNORING CONFRONTATION IS THE BEST SOLUTION.**

#### **20. STATE FAIR:**

- A. The State Fair entry deadlines for beef, sheep, swine, goats, cats, dogs, poultry, rabbits, presentations, fashion show, judging contests, all forms and entry fees, and ALL static exhibits postcards must be in the Adams County Extension Office by 5:00 PM on the appropriate deadline date, see Deadlines, Dates and Identifications.
- B. Any Class that is in the 900 range is designated as "COUNTY ONLY EXHIBITS" and these exhibits are not eligible for State Fair unless stated otherwise.

#### **21. SUPERINTENDENT RESPONSIBILITY:**

- A. Superintendents are responsible for entering, displaying and checking out all exhibits in their respective areas.
- B. Superintendents should keep informed of the time frames set for their area events and arrange for substitute(s) to be available at the needed time if unable to be present.
- C. Questions and complaints should be directed to the superintendent in charge of that area.
- D. Superintendents are to maintain the safety and well being of the 4-H'ers.
- E. No livestock should be removed from the fairgrounds without the written knowledge of the superintendent in that division. If livestock is removed without being released in writing by the superintendent then premiums will be forfeited.

#### **22. BASIS FOR RIBBON AWARDS:**

- A. Purple ribbons denote a high degree of excellence or nearly ideal; Blue ribbons denote high quality; Red ribbons denote acceptable quality; White ribbons mean that there is room for improvement; Multi-colored ribbons are awarded for classes that are not judged, for participation in that particular area. Green ribbons will be awarded to exhibits as a special recognition, as selected by judges.
- B. Static Exhibits and Animal Exhibits moved to the correct / or different class on entry day before judging will not be penalized. When judged if not the correct class then they will receive a multi-colored participation ribbon and receive no premium for that exhibit. With the exception of rabbit and poultry where the judge might change the class during judging.
- C. Late entries will be lowered only one ribbon placing per exhibit no matter how many deadlines are missed.
- D. Grand and Reserve Trophy and Rosette winners must be a Purple ribbon recipient.
- E. Any livestock class that has 5 or more of one breed will have it's own breed class. Class winners will receive 'Best in Breed' ribbons.
- F. Trophies and monetary awards will be held until the Extension Office has received a Thank-you note for the

sponsor from the exhibitor.

- G. If a best dressed goat does not appear in one of the other specified goat shows no premium money will be paid for Dept L Division 930 Class 901 exhibit.
- H. Youth being lowered a ribbon placing for any reason:
  - 1) The Superintendent will notify the judge of all late exhibits upon entering the show ring.
  - 2) Will stand where the judge places them in the show ring.
  - 3) Will receive the lowered ribbon color by the judge.
  - 4) Will be announced with the ribbon color they receive in the Ring.
  - 5) Will receive the premium amount associated with the lower ribbon placing.
  - 6) The animal will be listed in the Livestock Auction catalog as the judge placed it in the show ring.
  - 7) The exhibit will be listed in the Results paper at the lowered ribbon placing.

**23. RELEASE TIME:**

- A. Market Broilers except for the Grand and Reserve Champions will be released after the Market Broiler Show when the Poultry Superintendent makes the proper announcement. Exhibitors removing birds before the appropriate release time will forfeit their premium money for their Market Broiler entry unless prior written approval was given by the superintendent.
- B. Non-Sale Livestock will be released Sunday (see Fair Calendar section), at 7:00 PM All animals must be released by the superintendent. Exhibitors removing animals before release time will forfeit their premium money for the animal unless prior written approval was given by the superintendent.
- C. Activities Center exhibits will be released between 7:30 - 9:30 PM Sunday (see Fair Calendar section). Exhibits removed before 7:30 PM or exhibits remaining at the Activities Center after 9:30 PM unless prior written approval was given by the superintendent will forfeit their premium amount for that exhibit.

**24. PREMIUMS:**

- A. AMOUNTS – The premiums will be listed in each area of the fair book by Premium Pay Table Letter, you will need to check in the “Premium Pay Table” section of the fair book for your ribbon’s specific amount unless otherwise stated in specific area. 4-H’ers who do interview judging in static exhibit offered areas will receive a \$2.00 incentive per division.
- B. CHECKS – All premium checks will be written payable to the 4-H members. The Club leaders will be given all of their members’ checks and be responsible for presenting premium amounts earned to each member. Independent members will pick up individual checks at the Extension Office after September 17th. Checks will remain valid only for 90 days after issuance. After the 90 day period any remaining checks will be voided and to issue another check you will have to request it in writing and it must be approved by the Ag Society board.

**25. PROTESTS:**

- A. A protest shall be in writing, signed by the exhibitor/protester and submitted to the 4-H Livestock Office or the Extension Office. Written protests must include:
  - 1) Names of persons involved.
  - 2) Nature of concerns.
  - 3) Situation and documentation.
  - 4) Specific action, rule etc. in question.
- B. The 4-H Council Executive committee will review the written protest. They may discuss the situation with affected persons and show officials, if appropriate, prior to making a final decision.
- C. The Executive committee will recommend appropriate action to management in writing.
- D. The recommendations will be followed and communicated both verbally and in writing to the group or individual affected.

**26. COUNTY ONI 23 BITS:**

Any Class that is in the **900 range** is designated as “**COUNTY ONLY**” and these exhibits are not eligible for State Fair unless stated otherwise.