

1. Dress code for livestock shows, photographs and sale are as follows: dark pants, white, long sleeved shirt, recommend leather shoes or boots (required for large animal shows and round robin for safety purposes). Hat, tie or suitable vest optional. Dress code violations will result in loss of one ribbon color. Horse show attire according to current horse show standards.

2. Animal Possession

a. 4-H members may tag two market animals on the respective tagging day (first Saturday in January - Beef and first Saturday in June - Sheep/Swine). To replace an animal, prior to selection date due to sickness or death, the member must make written request or appear before the livestock committee for approval.

b. **Selection Deadlines:** A member tagging two animals must select the project animal by May 1 (Beef) and sheep shearing in July (Sheep & Swine). The animal not chosen will be removed from the list. No animals will be replaced after May 1 (Beef) or the sheep shearing date in July (Sheep & Swine).

c. Horse, Breeding & llama projects must be enrolled and animals in possession by June 1 of the 4-H year. Market steers must be in your possession by November 1st or at time of weaning.

d. All livestock projects must submit a housing form describing where their project animal(s) are being kept. Deadlines; November 1<sup>st</sup> (market beef & cattle), April 1<sup>st</sup> (sheep/swine/goats), June 1<sup>st</sup> (horses/llamas). Forms are available from the extension office or online at <http://www.homepage.montana.edu/~sanders/>

3. a. All 4-H members exhibiting stock must furnish feed and water containers for all stock. Feed containers are limited to show size (24" diameter) and are to be removed each time after feeding.

b. All members are responsible for feeding and caring for their own animals at the fair and keeping the stalls and pens clean and in good condition. After any market animal is sold on Sunday, the member-seller is still responsible for the care and feeding of the animal for the remainder of the fair. Sufficient feed and water must be left for a 12 hour period, beginning Sunday evening - until shipping Monday morning.

4. A 4-H member may enter as many animals as he desires, but not more than one entry in any one lot.

5. Once a 4-H member brings an animal exhibit onto the fairgrounds, the care of that animal is the sole responsibility and obligation of the member-owner.

6. Only the member-owner is permitted to fit his or her animal for show ring. No assistance will be given to the member by leader, or parent, except to assist in restraining an animal if necessary. Verbal assistance shall not be allowed while the animal is being shown. Disregard for this rule can result in the disqualification of an animal.

7. Only the member-owner is allowed to show and/or sell an animal, except for special cases where the County Agent advises.

8. a. The Livestock Committee requires that all animal exhibitors must take part in showmanship.

b. All market project members must be enrolled in two projects and be in good standing according to county 4-H policy.

9. Animals may be brought to the Fairgrounds any time after 1:00 p.m. Wednesday and no later than 6:00 p.m. Wednesday night.

10. Dogs, cats and pocket pets shown by the 4-H member will not be housed at the fairgrounds. Pockets pets may be exhibited at the discretion of the rabbit & poultry barn superintendent.

11. All animal project members must bring an up-to-date animal record book to the fair, when the animal is checked in.
12. All animals and poultry must pass the health inspection by the Fair Veterinarian on entry day. Any animal or poultry not passing health inspection must be removed immediately from the fairgrounds.
13. Sheep & Goats must have recorded Scrapies *tags*.
14. In the interest of safety, if stock cannot be handled by the member alone as determined by the Livestock Committee, it must be taken home.
15. Members shall turn 12 years old (minimum) during the 4-H year to show a steer or to take the Colt to Maturity project and meet level requirements (for horse projects).
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  - a. Only one market animal may be entered and sold per member. If a sale heifer is taken and sold it counts as a market animal. Animals shown in the market classes must be sold in the market sale.
  - b. Only one 4-H market animal per member may be sold in western Montana in one year.
  - c. Market Weights: Minimum weight classes are 210 pounds for hogs and 100 pounds for sheep. Decidedly under finished animals, regardless of weight, can be moved into a feeder class at the judges discretion. Market swine will be sold at a maximum listed live sale weight of 290 pounds, although they may be shown in excess of that.
  - d. *Market swine and sheep will be weighed once on Wednesday evening, beef on the morning of the sale.*
  - d. White ribbon lambs, steers and hogs or feeder class animals cannot be sold in the 4-H sale. They may be sold by private treaty. Sale order will be determined by the live animal judge.
  - e. Market Stock Sale Withholding. \$20/lamb, \$30/swine, \$35/steer, \$5/poultry-rabbit, \$10/private treaty (feeder) sales. These fees support costs associated with premium stock sale administration, fairgrounds improvements and death loss (following sale). Fee structure has been in place for +30 years.
  - f. Uncleaned pens, stalls, cages as of noon Labor Day Monday, will be assessed a \$30 cleaning fee, unless prior arrangements have been made with the respective barn superintendent.
17. All complaints must be given in writing to the Livestock Committee.
18. Round Robin Large Animal Showmanship class shall consist of the respective Junior/Senior Showmanship Champion in Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy, & Horse. Round Robin Small Animal Showmanship class shall consist of Rabbit, Poultry, Dog, & Goat.
19. All *blue ribbon* 4-H entries desiring to compete in open class must pre-register according to open class guidelines.
20. Quality Assurance Training: First year members and every 2nd year thereafter must attend to qualify to receive Symbol of Excellence (Swine), Steer of Merit, and Certified Lamb certificates.
21. All 4-H members and Leaders are required to wear a helmet while participating at 4-H horse events in Sanders County.