



# 4-H/FFA GENERAL RULES



## 4-H/FFA DEPARTMENTS



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## LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR VEHICLE PASSES

- Upon check-in, each livestock exhibitor will get a wristband from the barn superintendent that provides access to the grounds during the Fair.
- A vehicle parking pass for livestock exhibitors (one per family) must be obtained from the Fair Office on or before Sun Aug 12. This will allow access during the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. for the purpose of bringing feed, etc. and also be valid for parking in the North Lot all days of the Fair. Vehicles displaying the pass can enter through the Meridian Gate and must exit the fairgrounds by 9:00 a.m.

REGISTRATION OF ENTRIES DUE ON OR BEFORE  
AUGUST 1 @ 4:30 P.M.

Enter online at [www.nwmtfair.com](http://www.nwmtfair.com)

Absolutely **NO LATE ENTRIES** will be accepted.

ID number on the livestock registration & exhibitor tag must be the same as the number on the animal being shown.

## PROCEDURES FOR ANIMAL CHECK-IN

For the health and safety of all animals participating in the NW Montana Fair & Rodeo, the Fairgrounds has instituted a **mandatory inspection program** upon arrival at the facilities. All animals must pass the inspection process before proceeding to their stalls. To make the process as easy as possible for everyone involved, adhere to the inspection times listed below.

If you are exhibiting two or more species, you must follow the inspection times as indicated.

There is no cost to exhibitors for the inspections. Any follow-up care or veterinarian services are the responsibility of the exhibitor. Decisions of the Veterinarians, Livestock Director, and Fair Office are final.

## Flathead County Fair Livestock Inspection Schedule

SWINE	Sunday, Aug 12	8 a.m. to Noon
SHEEP	Sunday, Aug 12	1 to 3 p.m.
BEEF	Sunday, Aug 12	3 to 5 p.m.
DAIRY CATTLE	Tuesday, Aug 14	8:30 to 9:30 a.m.
POULTRY	Tuesday, Aug 14	6 to 8 p.m.
RABBITS	Tuesday, Aug 14	4 to 6 p.m.
GOATS	Tuesday, Aug 14	5 to 7 p.m.
MINI HORSES	Wednesday, Aug 15	8 to 10 a.m.
DRAFT HORSES	Wednesday, Aug 15	9 to 11 a.m.
LLAMAS	Friday, Aug 17	2 to 6 p.m.

## GENERAL RULES

1. Any youth actively enrolled in either 4-H or FFA in the five-county areas of Flathead, Lake, Lincoln, Sanders, Glacier or Reservations therein, is eligible to enter an exhibit.
2. Unless otherwise noted within that department, junior members must have turned 8 years old before October 1, 2017. Senior members must have turned 13 years old before October 1, 2017. In order to be eligible to take a market beef project, a member must be 10 years before October 1, 2017. Horse project has different age breakdowns.
3. Members must be enrolled in the project in which they exhibit.
4. Exhibits shall be from the exhibitor's current year's work or produce except where specifically noted otherwise.
5. No more than one entry can be made in any class number by the same exhibitor, except as may be noted in division or class rules.
6. Judging will be done on the Danish System and blue, red, and white ribbons will be awarded only to meritorious exhibits.
7. There is no official supervision of exhibits until 8:00 a.m. Monday.
8. Except as otherwise noted, animals must have been owned or leased by the 4-H member prior to June 1 of the current year.
9. Livestock feeding times will be from 6:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. each day of the Fair, unless posted differently by barn superintendent.
10. All animals exhibited will be halter broke (if applicable), clean, fitted, in healthy weight and condition prior to entering the fairgrounds.
11. Exhibitors shall care for, fit and show their own animals. An animal and member can be disqualified by the 4-H Agent or FFA advisor if someone other than the member consistently cares for or prepares the animal for showing. EXCEPTION: In the event of an emergency or health condition, another eligible 4-H/FFA member may care for the animal with the permission of the 4-H Agent or FFA Advisor.
12. The use of tranquilizers or drugs on livestock before or during the Fair will not be permitted. Code of Ethics & Commitment to Excellence forms must be signed by the exhibitor and parent and be on file with either the 4-H or FFA office.



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13. Any time 4-H members are showing or selling their animals, acceptable dress shall be dress shirt (not T-shirt), full shoes or boots, (no sandals, canvas/tennis shoes, etc.) long pants and everything neat and clean. FFA members shall be in official dress. Individual departments may have Showmanship dress requirements.
14. A neck rope tie in addition to the halter for Dairy and Beef is required.
15. Barn superintendents are to post schedules with Showmanship first, (Senior to precede Junior) then Market Classes, and Breeding.
16. No livestock exhibit may be removed until 6:00 p.m. Sunday, except as noted by market sale committee. Tack boxes and equipment must not be removed before 4:30 p.m. Sunday. Youth are responsible for feeding their livestock (market animals included) through Sunday.
17. Protests over the eligibility of a member or animal to compete, if made before the actual judging starts, will be referred to the Livestock Protests Committee made up of a 4-H Extension Agent, FFA Advisor, the Livestock Director and Fair representatives. Protests after judging, or if satisfaction is not gained above, will then revert to General Fair Rules and Regulations.
18. Fair management (including superintendents or judges) have the right to call a veterinarian should a situation arise. The cost of the veterinarian would be at the expense of the exhibitor.
12. There will be a sale fee of \$35 payable to Kalispell Chamber of Commerce for all market livestock to be sold at the sale, payable prior to weigh-in time. These fees are used for education and promotional advertising of the market sale and all additional expenses associated with the sale.
  - Sale fees are paid at the sale table in the area of the scales. No animals will be weighed unless the sale fee has been paid first. If the 4H/FFA member is unable to be there, he/she may have someone else pay the sale fee and weigh in the market animal.
  - Sale fee will be refunded if your animal does not make weight.

### GENERAL RULES FOR MARKET LIVESTOCK

1. All animals entered in the Market Livestock Show and Sale classes are also entered into the Carcass contest. Carcass evaluations are educational tools to help youth in future selection and feeding programs. All entries must abide by the rules of the Fair as well as those set up by the Ag-Livestock Committee or FFA.
2. The beef carcasses will be evaluated by certified judges at the slaughter house coolers during the week following the close of the Fair. Carcass judging will be based on generally accepted measurable and visual criteria.
3. Hogs are judged on the MSU/Ultra Value Swine program criteria using ultra scan. Beef evaluation is based on the MSU/MT Stock Growers' Steer of Merit program criteria. Lamb evaluation is based on Montana Ultrasound Lamb program criteria. Program criteria are available from the MSU Extension/Flathead 4-H Office.
4. Carcass placing is based on the American Judging System. First through fourth place will be selected in each class.
5. **Once an animal is judged and receives a blue or red ribbon, it must sell.** Exhibitor must notify superintendent of any withdrawals before judging time.
6. The NW Montana Fair Market Sale is a terminal sale. All participating animals will be sold, processed, and evaluated in the carcass contest. No exceptions.
7. The "Commitment to Excellence & Drug Withdrawal" Form must be read and signed by all market livestock project members. 4H members turn form in to Extension Office; FFA members turn form in to Ag Center.
8. If an animal is unmanageable or dangerous, the superintendent shall notify the 4-H Agent/FFA Advisors and a decision will be made whether to send the animal back to its stall or pen or have it removed from the grounds. Animals will not be judged in the stall/pen.
9. No exhibitor shall exhibit, show, sell, or bring more than one (1) market livestock sale animal to the NW Montana Fair & Rodeo. To be eligible to show, the animal shall be ear tagged by the 4-H/FFA/Ag Committee and that ear tag number and member's name must be on record at the Extension Office. The ear tag number must be the same number on the entry tag and registration forms. Exhibitor may ear tag a second animal as a back-up entry.
10. Both 4-H and FFA members must complete market seminar educational requirements and record-keeping requirements in order to be eligible to enter the Market Sale and resulting Carcass Contest.
11. Short scrotum castration techniques are not acceptable.
13. All market livestock shall be allowed to weigh in only one time. If an animal is over or underweight; it will be removed from the scale, the scale rebalanced and the animal weighed again immediately. This weight will be the official recorded weight. No exceptions and no late weighs! **Absolutely NO running of livestock in an effort to reduce weight before weigh-in time.**
14. **Animals who do not make weight or who have received a white ribbon in the Market Class will NOT be sold in the Market Sale.** Any animal not eligible for the Market Sale will automatically be eligible to participate in the Feeder Class paying premiums for 1st(\$5), 2nd(\$4) and 3rd(\$2). If an exhibitor does not wish to participate in the Feeder Class, that animal must be removed from the grounds by 6 p.m. on Wednesday of fair week.
15. Novice showmen have enrolled in the market project of a particular species for two years or less. In the event that there are less than 5 novice exhibitors in a class, the Senior and Junior Novice classes will be combined.
16. Novice showmen are not eligible for Round Robin competition.
17. Animals are judged as to the production of high-quality edible meat without superfluous fat, to the end that the animals on foot shall ultimately produce first-quality carcasses.
18. All animals will be judged in accordance with market grades and a Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected for each Market species. The top 10 animals of each species receive a special ribbon.
19. The Market Livestock Sale is sponsored by the Agribusiness Committee of the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with Flathead 4-H Clubs and FFA chapters, but accepts no liability on behalf of either the seller or buyer.
20. Because of the increased traffic on sale day, (Saturday, August 18, 2018) all stalls must be cleaned by 7:00 a.m.
21. All market livestock will remain the exhibitor's responsibility until loaded for buyer's disposition on Sunday. All ribbons won remain the property of the exhibitor.

**4-H/FFA MARKET LIVESTOCK DIVISIONS  
can be found in the 4-H/FFA Beef, Swine, &  
Sheep Departments on the pages following**



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*We'd like to thank all of the generous market sale buyers from the 2017 NWMT Fair*

406 Motors of Kalispell  
 Alamon Telco Inc.  
 Anderson Masonry, Inc.  
 Angie's Greenhouse  
 Applied Water Consulting  
 Badger Excavating  
 Big Sky Animal Clinic  
 Big Sky Rents  
 Bitterroot Quick Stop  
 Blaine Creek Grill  
 Blaine Grille / Siderius Construction  
 Blue Sky Realty  
 Boundary Line Fence  
 Brian Murphy-Remax at Rocky Mt. Real Estate  
 Central Valley Animal Hospital  
 Cherie Hansen/Remax of Bigfork  
 CHS Mtn West Co-op  
 City Service Valcon  
 Columbia Falls Murdoch's  
 Converting Equip International  
 Cowboy Country Paint & Remodel  
 Daily Interlake  
 David C. Keim DDS  
 Denning, Downey  
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 Diamond Plumbing & Heating, Inc.  
 Dick Irvin, Inc.  
 Doepker  
 Doug & Cathy Hetrick  
 Dr. Olszewski  
 Ed Hankinson Trucking  
 El Sombrero  
 Evergreen Liquor  
 Express Employment Professionals  
 Farm Credit Services of Missoula/CHS Mtn West Co-op  
 FH Stoltze Land & Lumber Co.  
 First Interstate Bank  
 Flathead Beacon  
 Flathead Electrical CO-OP  
 Frontier Builders  
 Gardner's RV  
 General Sheet Metal  
 George Schmidt Family  
 Glacier Bank  
 Glacier Precast Concrete  
 Glacier West Repair & Ron's Alignment  
 Green Hyundai  
 Green Nissan  
 Hammerquist & Casalegno  
 Hansen Excavating, Inc.  
 Heart & Hands Midwifery  
 Jance's Body Shop  
 Jeff Moser Construction  
 Jimmy Johns of Glacier  
 JLM Services LLC  
 John Dudis Law Firm/CHS Mtn West Co-op  
 Jordahl & Sliter  
 Judy Sommers/Flathead Community Foundation  
 Juvos Construction  
 Kalispell Electric Inc.  
 Kalispell Ford  
 KALISPELL KIDDS  
 Kalispell Murdoch's  
 Kalispell Oral Surgery  
 Kalispell Toyota  
 Kramer Enterprises, Inc.  
 Larch Properties  
 LaSalle Equine & Livestock  
 Les Schwab Tire Center Street  
 Les Schwab Tire Columbia Falls  
 Les Schwab Tire Evergreen  
 Les Schwab Tires-Whitefish  
 LHC Inc.  
 Lodgepole, Inc.

Lower Valley Processing  
 McCrorie Heating  
 McDonald's  
 Measure Law Office  
 Michael C. Bowman DDS  
 Montana CAD  
 Montana Helical Piers  
 Murer Construction, Inc.  
 Norm's Soda Fountain/Western Outdoor  
 Northwest Montana Surgeons  
 Ogle Heating & Cooling  
 Parish Plumbing & Heating  
 Patrick & Lori Pacheco  
 Paveco Contracting  
 Pediatric Surgery @ KRMC  
 Pierce Manufacturing  
 Pioneer Heating & Cooling  
 Polebridge Mercantile  
 Ramlow & Rudbach, PLLP  
 RDO Equipment  
 Riebes Machine  
 Rob Giles Electric  
 ROBINSON SAND & GRAVEL  
 Rocky Mountain Contractors  
 Sandry Construction Co.

Schellinger Construction  
 SCHLEGEL ENTERPRISE, INC.  
 Siderius Construction  
 Sliters Lumber  
 Stebbins Orthodontics  
 Stillwater Fencing  
 Sun Electric  
 Super One Foods  
 Swank Enterprises  
 Team Development  
 Tech Field Rental  
 The Parlor Salon & Spa  
 Thermal Tech Inc.  
 Three Rivers Bank  
 Thurston Orthodontics, PC  
 Trail West Bank  
 Urology Associates  
 Valley Bank of Kalispell  
 Vandevanter Meats/Montana Jerky Co.  
 Vertical Iron Works  
 Western Building Center  
 Western Montana New Holland  
 Whitefish Credit Union  
 Whitefish Ford VW  
 Wilkenson Construction

**2017 MARKET STOCK SALE GROSSES \$515,090.75**  
**- an increase of \$137,860.25 from 2016!**

**The average of the 42 steers sold was \$3.50/lb. The 142 market hogs sold for an average of \$7.17/lb. and the 51 market sheep averaged \$9.16/lb.**



**Grand Champion Market Hog**  
 -owned by Evan Heupel

**Grand Champion Market Lamb**  
 -owned by Bailey Lake



**Grand Champion Market Steer**  
 -owned by Nate Tutvedt