

Dawson County 4-H Livestock Policy 2017- 2018

Please read, share with parents, and keep for future reference.

June 1st - deadline to add or drop all 4-H projects.

Record books are expected to be turned in by the first Monday of October (2016). If they are not turned in, you cannot go on any out of county trips, or enroll in the project the following year.

All 4-H members enrolled in a market or breeding animal project must complete an option or fulfill the requirements of the series book each year. Members must exhibit their option or series book at the fair or they will not be allowed to sell their market animal that year or enter that project or a related one the following year. A form must be signed and turned into the office acknowledging this mandatory rule.

January 1st - deadline to own and have in your care market and breeding beef animals. June 1st is deadline to own and have in your care hogs, lambs and goats. June 1 is deadline for bum or orphan animal projects and all small animals. (Cat, dog, rabbit, poultry, etc). April 1st is the deadline for having in your possession or care all horse projects.

Rate of Gain contests - All market animals must be weighed in and identified by tattoo or tag, at a central location on a designated day. If the animals are not weighed on the same scale, on the same day, the animal cannot be considered for the rate of gain contest unless committee designates an exception.

All steers and lambs are suggested to be tagged before arriving at the fair. If they are not tagged, members will be charged and extra \$5.00. Steers & pigs may be tagged during the fair, however members are encouraged to have this process done beforehand. All kids bringing lambs are reminded to have their animals scrapie tagged beforehand as well. (2008)

Minimum weights of animals to be able to sell must be: beef 1000 lbs. Beef recognized as small frame breeds 650 lbs. (2013) Sheep - 90 lbs. Swine - 200 lbs. Market Goats - 60lbs & the animal must be under one year of age. (60 # goat -2005)

Rate of gain and show animals will be the same animal from time of weigh in. If an animal should die during the year, please report it to the County Extension Office as soon as possible. If plans are being made to secure another animal, the office needs to know and proper 4-H Livestock Committee & Council action needs to be taken.

If a 4-H'er is not able to attend the fair, the animal should be left home. The fair is for the benefit of the 4-H'er and not the animal. If the 4-H'er cannot handle the animal, or it is out of control the Livestock Committee has the right to send the animal home.

Market Lambs will be slick sheared between July 25th and before weigh in at the fair. There is a clipper available at the Extension office. (A deposit is required.)

LIVESTOCK CLIPPER POLICY - The Extension Office has electric clippers. Both a shearing head and a clipping head are available. The policy to use the clippers is that you need to leave a \$100 deposit (a check would be fine) which will be returned to you when you bring the clippers back in acceptable condition. You may keep the clippers for three days at which time you will either need to bring them back to the office or call in to make sure no one else needs them. If no one has reserved them, you may keep them for another 3 days. The person checking out the clippers will need to sign for them and is responsible for any damages resulting from negligence. Person using Shear head clippers must watch the operating video before using. (2017) If you have any questions, call the Extension Office.

A pen of 2 animals must be owned by an individual, not a family. A pen of 2 market lambs can be sold at the livestock sale. (2008) A pen of 2 market hogs can be sold at the livestock sale also. ('10) Second animal of a pen of 2 will sell after everyone has sold their first in that species. They will sell after all first animals of the species have been sold. Notify office if you are taking 2 animals. A 4-H member may only have at total of 3 animals in the livestock sale. (2010)

Participants with white ribbon animals, underweight animals, or any more than the 3 animal sale limit can post signs announcing that their animals are for sale by private treaty. Signs cannot be posted until after the 4-H livestock sale has been completed.

Sale Charges to 4-hers will include brand inspection and current check-off fees for beef, lamb, and pork. It was voted to have a sale fee of \$5 for hogs, sheep and goats and \$10 for steers to go into a long term livestock barn fund for future building repairs and plans. (2011)

If the office does not have your stall deposits, BQA completion, bills of sale, and fees by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday and your project series books signed off by the judge on Monday of fair (2016), you will not be allowed to sell at the sale. Other charges for selling animals that the 4-H member is responsible for are: meal ticket for the buyer if necessary, \$5/animal for thank you ad in paper, (2017) and mileage/time for carcass judge.

Members will hand a hand written, stamped thank you card to Extension Office representative before they will be given their animal sales check. (2016)

4-H'ers may move up to open class - providing there is competition in that class. In order to move to open class the 4-Her must have an open class entry number - this must be done before the fair. So to be on the safe side - pick up an open class entry number when getting your 4-H entry blank.

4-H age, Junior or Senior Division: 4-H age is the member's age on October 1 of each 4-H year. Members 13 years and younger on October 1 of current 4-H year are considered junior division. Members 14 years and older on October 1 are considered senior division.

Round Robin Showmanship will be on Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. These rules will apply to both senior and junior division: The contestants go into the round robin with zero (0) points. If a 4-H'er wins champion showman in two or more animals, they will be placed in the round robin according to a priority system. The system will be as follows: 1. Champion Showman in any animal that has no reserve showman. 2. Horse Showman. 3. Beef Showman. 4. Sheep Showman. 5. Hog Showman. 6. Goat Showman. 7. Dairy Showman. The reserve champion showman will move into the round robin if the champion showman in a class is already in the round robin. If the reserve showman is already a champion showman in another class, he or she must take their champion showman animal to the round robin. In that event the third place showman will then move into the round robin in that class. The judge will be instructed to pick the third place in each class of animals during the showmanship part of the show. If there is only one animal in a Jr. or Sr. division - both ages will have to show that class of animal. Every contestant will enter the round robin on equal ground. A 100 point judging system will be used. (Test questions based on showmanship information taken out of the 4-H showmanship book, will be used for a tiebreaker if necessary.) The 100 point system will be broken down as follows: 60 points on showmanship skills, 20 points on how well the animal responds to the person showing it, and the remaining 20 points on poise of the contestant. We will also use two sets of pigs previously shown. The pigs get so hot and tired that showing them becomes a problem. The pig show arena will be divided in half at the time of the round robin; with a set of pigs on each half.

Each pair of pigs will then be shown alternately.

Stall Deposit - There is a \$25.00 deposit for each stall used by the exhibitor. If the stalls are cleaned and all staples removed after the fair, this deposit will be returned to the exhibitor. Every day when you clean your stall, please take this material to the compost pile, north of the race horse barn.

Series Books

If 4-Hers choose to not do series books, there is a set of county options is available to 4-Hers (2000). Some state and district awards require that the series books be completed and turned in so members will have to check if they are required for certain awards. If so, they may have to complete the state books. Separate project sheets will be required for all projects.

The requirements on all activity books are three activities per year or two options. Animal series books will be judged Monday of the fair and will be signed off by the judge in order to sell their market animal at the fair.

This livestock policy was last updated, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2017.

4-H Code of Ethics

All 4-H members and their families are expected to conduct themselves in a positive, honest, sportsmanlike manner during all 4-H shows and activities. Losing gracefully is just as important as winning humbly. The following practices are prohibited:

- 1.) Unsportsmanlike conduct such as abusive language to show officials, other exhibitors or spectators is prohibited.
- 2.) Criticizing or interfering with judges, show officials, other exhibitors or spectators while at the fair or any 4-H activity may result in an individual or group being asked to leave and/or being prohibited from further participation in the 4-H activity or fair.

VIOLATIONS:

Any violation of 4-H rules and regulations may result in forfeiture of participation in county 4-H activities up to and including expulsion from or probation from Dawson County 4-H Activities. Probation, disqualification, expulsion or other disciplinary action will require application for readmission under such terms as the 4-H Council may prescribe before the individual is allowed to participate in future 4-H activities. The Dawson County 4-H Council reserves the right to interpret rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle all differences and questions.