

Dawson County 4-H Livestock Policy

2009 - 2010 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 at the end of each 4-H year. If they are not turned in, you can not 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.

All steers and lambs must 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)

Bottom weights of animals - beef 1000 lbs. 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 from time of weigh in. (only one animal & it must be the same animal.) 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 the electric clippers that the 4-H Council purchased. It has both a shearing head and a clipping head. 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. 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. If you have any questions, call the Extension Office.

4-H members in the sheep breeding project may sell one additional market lamb at the 4-H

livestock sale, after the market lambs are sold. The lamb must weigh 90 lbs or better to sell. This is to encourage members to bring their ewe and offspring to the fair. (Nov, 03)

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) Extra lambs sell after the regular market lambs have been sold.

Participants with white ribbon animals, pens of two, or underweight animals 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, brand inspect - 50 cents, check off fee for beef and pork

If the office does not have your bill of sale and fees by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, 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, charges for trucking, ads in paper and mileage/time for carcass judge.

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 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-Her 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 that have been shown before in the round robin. The pigs get so hot and tired that showing them was becoming 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.

A Judges Choice Award will be given each year. It would be up to the judge to pick a 4-Her that he or she thinks is displaying an exceptional project, regardless of their confirmation placing. There will be one award for hogs, sheep, beef, dairy, goats, horse, and orphan.

Stall Deposit - There is a \$10.00 deposit for each stall used by the exhibitor. If the stalls are cleaned 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 horse barn.

Series Books

Nov, 2000 a motion was made to drop the requirements of the animal series books in swine, beef, goat, dairy, and sheep, seconded the motion, carried. Instead of the series books, there will be a set of options the kids will have to do. Some state and district awards require that the series books be completed and turned in so kids will have to check if they are required for certain awards, and if so they may have to complete the state books. A committee developed a set of new county options. Separate project sheets will be required for all projects.

It was moved to drop the requirements on all activity books to three activities per year, seconded and carried. Animal series books will be judged Monday of the fair and a livestock option form must be signed by 4-H members and parents and turned in at weigh in day in order to sell their market animal at the fair.

It was moved we judge the chickens and rabbits Thursday afternoon and that it be followed with the small animals round robin contest at 6:00 pm that Thursday.(dogs, cats, chickens, rabbits)

This livestock policy was last updated, Oct 2003 as per minutes 11/00 & 11/02 & 11/03 & 11/05

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.