

Section 1. General Fair Rules & Regulations:

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1. The 2021 Delta County Fair will be held July 31st - August 8th 2021 at the fairgrounds in Hotchkiss, CO. These rules shall serve as the official Delta County Fair rules and are available in the 2021 Fair Book online at www.deltacountyfair.com.
2. These rules apply to open class and 4-H & FFA exhibitors equally except where noted that rules are for junior division exhibitors only. It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to know and adhere to all rules in their project area(s).
3. The Delta County Fair Board follows and will enforce the Colorado 4-H code of conduct.
4. Heritage Hall will be open as follows:
 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday
 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. – noon
5. Check-in and interview judging of 4-H project exhibits will be on Saturday, July 31, 2021.
6. May 1st, 2021-
 *All entries except Livestock must be enrolled and fees paid
 *Deadline for deletions to entries can be made
7. Every article on exhibition must remain until the close of fair, and removal will not be allowed until 8:00 a.m. on Sunday. Livestock (except horses, dogs and open livestock) will be released after buy-back and processor's load out is completed on Sunday.
8. When no premiums are offered, space will be allotted, when possible, to those wishing to exhibit meritorious articles, and convenience offered or advertising.
9. Superintendents have full control of the arrangement of articles in their departments and exhibitors will refer to them with all matters relating to the same.

10. Premiums will be paid from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the last Sunday of fair, at the fairgrounds. Premiums paid in cash except where otherwise noted. Premiums not picked up by 12:00 p.m. on Sunday will be forfeited.

*The Delta County Fair Board reserves the right to withhold premiums awarded, if there is a violation of rules violated in any department.

*Exhibitors will be eligible to receive no more than (2) two premiums per class.

11. No pets will be allowed in any livestock barn, show ring, or camping areas. Competition dogs must stay in the competition area. Service dogs are exempted from restriction, however they must be on a leash.

12. Delta County and The Delta County Fair Board members and superintendents are not responsible for the loss or damage to any animal or article in the fair.

13. The City of Hotchkiss ordinance that prohibits consumption of alcoholic beverages on public property will be enforced everywhere on the Fairgrounds except in designated areas.

14. THE DECISION OF ALL JUDGES IS FINAL

15. Unethical practices-

* Violation of any Fair rules-

* Harassing or causing harm to livestock

* Causing any disturbances or harm to other individuals

* Responsible for any theft on Fairgrounds property

* False representation of any exhibit

* Interference with Judges

May be subject to forfeiture of sale proceeds, removal from Fair Grounds property by security and possibly not allowed to return for the duration of the fair, a decided length of time of disqualification from Fair participation decided by the Fair Board, and penalties/fines assessed by the Fair Board.

16. Motorized personal conveyances, i.e. golf carts, gators, ATVs, side by sides (UTVs), electric chairs, may be operated on the Fair Grounds during the Fair only by Fair Board members, office staff, designated fair officials, and handicapped participants/spectators.

17. No unworthy animal or article shall be awarded a prize. In such cases the judges shall decide whether the animal or article is entitled to an award or not, and, where there is no competition (only 1 animal exhibited in the class) premiums shall not be given, only a ribbon.

18. Any feedback or suggestions for improvement of the Fair should be presented to the Delta County Fair board at the next meeting following the Fair. The Fair board email deltacountyfair@gmail.com.

19. Exhibits in 4-H/FFA Division are subject to rule and regulations changes made by the State 4-H Office and Colorado State Fair.

20. These Rules/Regulations are applicable to both open class and 4-H/FFA exhibitors except where noted.

Section 2 Livestock – Junior 4-H or FFA Division Entries & Rules:

1. Exhibitors must be enrolled in 4-H or FFA, and who are 8-19 years of age as of December 31st, 2020.

Exhibitors must be in good standings.

Juniors 8-10 years of age - Intermediated 11-13 years of age - Seniors 14-19 years of age

FFA exhibitors must be enrolled in a local Delta County FFA chapter and may show market animals. FFA members may show breeding animals up to their 22nd birthday, as of December 31st of the prior year. To be eligible to exhibit in the Delta County Fair, the exhibitor must be enrolled in/or graduated from the Delta County School District and/or must be a resident of and residing in Delta County for the duration of the 4-H/FFA project. Enrollment is defined as where the student is counted for the state enrollment.

2. Fair Pre-Entry - 4-H & FFA members Fair Pre-entry forms and Market Livestock sale invitations are due by June 25, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m. The entry forms can be picked up at the Extension office.

They need to be filled out completely and turned into the CSU Extension office at 525 Dodge Street Delta no later than June 25, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.

* Beef Breeding entries must provide a copy of the Brand Inspection along with entries. If Brand Inspection is not submitted with Breeding entries, entry will be ineligible to show.

3. Initial Weigh-In –

2021 Initial Weigh-in Dates:

Beef February 6th, 2021 1:00 – 3:00pm

Goats & Sheep May 8th, 2021 9:00 – 11:00 am

*A mandatory scheduled initial weigh-in is set for all Market Beef, Sheep, Goats – This weigh-in is mandatory, all animals will be tagged by the Fair Board with an official DCF numbered ear tag. All tagged entries are \$2.00 each.

*Animals may be brought to the initial weigh-in by parents, guardians, other 4-H & FFA exhibitors in the event an exhibitor is ill, un able to attend due to sports, school activities, religion or other exigent circumstances. The required fees must be paid and the paperwork filled out properly. If any of the above requirements are not met the animal will be ineligible to show at the upcoming fair.

* Beef – Colorado Brand Inspection Certificates must be brought to initial weigh-in. Animal will not be weighed without the correct Brand Inspection.

4. At initial weigh-in in February any animal found to be un-controllable, unsafe, and /or un-manageable will be at the discretion of the Fair Board & Superintendents.

5. Swine Members:

Members will need to pick up DCF ear tags from their Club Leader prior to Entries being due on May 7th, 2021. Club Leaders can pick up tag boxes as early as April 8th, 2021 from the CSU Extension Office in Delta.

* Tags are \$2.00 each. Club Leaders will be responsible for collecting money for the tags.

* Swine Entries, along with required pictures are due to the Delta Extension Office on May 7th, 2021 by 4:30 p.m.

The Extension office is not able to print pictures or accept digital images.

*Members will tag each hog with a DCF tag assigned to them

*Members need to take four (4) pictures of each hog tagged.

*Pictures must include:

1. A back shot to show the placement of the ear tag and clearly show the DCF tag number
2. Right side view showing distinct markings
3. Left side view showing distinct markings
4. Front face photo

*Photos must be within a reasonable space and no more than 10' from the animal. Photos should only include the animal that is being entered. Photos must be printed on no more than two (2) pages.

6. Lambs & Goats must have Scrapie tags installed prior to the initial weigh-in and through out entire project. Scrapie flock of Origination ID tag is required on all Market Lambs & Goats that are consigned to the Junior Market Livestock Sale.

7. All Male animals must be castrated, with evidence of drying, before the time of initial weigh-in.

8. At the initial weigh-in, there will be no limit on the number of animals weighed in.

Due to space availability during Fair, Exhibitors can enter & show -2-Market Swine 2- Market Goats 2-Market Sheep and 4-Market Beef.

9. Fair Weigh-In & Check In

Livestock must be weighed-in and stalled during specific species scheduled times-

Tuesday August 3, 2021

Swine Weigh-In: 7-9:00 am

Sheep & Goat Weigh-In: 9-11:00 am

Beef Weigh-In: 11-12:00pm

10. In the event that an exhibitor's swine brought for fair does not make weight, the exhibitor will have the option of weighing a replacement from his/her pre-entered and fair tagged swine during the allotted weigh-in time.

11. The Fair Weight is the Final Weight. Any questions as to accuracy of weigh-in weight must be made at the time the animal is on the scale. There will be no re-weighs.
12. In market classes, the superintendent(s) will determine the class divisions and the number of animals in each class after the animals are weighed. The superintendent's decision on classification will be final.
13. The 4-H leader or agricultural education instructors must certify as to ownership and project enrollment of the exhibitor. No partnership entries will be accepted. No one exhibit can be entered as both 4-H and FFA projects. An animal must be shown in the project in which member is enrolled. No one animal may be shown in both market and breeding classes and no animal can be shown in more than one county.
14. Show Ring Dress Code - Appropriate clothing must be worn at all times
- *Tucked in button shirt or blouse
 - * Clean Jeans, no baggy jeans, free from holes or tears
 - * Leather shoes or Boots – No tennis shoes, hey dudes or sandals
 - * Hats removed with the exception of the Horse show
15. Fitting - All Junior exhibitors named as owner should prepare their own animal for exhibition. Assistance may only be provided by – other Delta County 4-H & FFA members, parents, guardian, qualified persons, 4-H Leaders & FFA Advisors. It is recommend that another Colorado 4-H or FFA member be the first choice of assistance to a junior member. If assistance is provided, the Delta County 4-H or FFA member enrolled in the project must be present to benefit from the teaching and instructing. Violation will result in the exhibitor being prohibited from showing that animal.
16. All 4-H/FFA market animal exhibitors and parents or guardians will be required to sign a Certification and Statement of Disclosure – USDA Wholesome Meat Act form for each animal sold. To qualify for the Livestock Sale forms are due, one (1) hour after the conclusion of the show of the specific species.
17. The Delta County Fair enforces and supports the USDA Wholesome Meat Act and insists that exhibitors are in compliance. Exhibitors of all market animal entries must certify their compliance with manufacturer's labeled withdrawal period specified for any and all medications, drugs and pesticides, feed additives administered. The use of any non-approved chemical or improper use of approved chemicals is strictly prohibited.
18. The Delta County Fair reserves the right to administer random testing, to include urine, tissue, blood, for any foreign substances on any animal at any time while that animal is on the Delta County Fairgrounds premises. The Delta County Fair board will deduct testing charges from Sale proceeds as required.
17. All exhibitors must have completed a Meat Quality Assurance training as required. MQA Certification is required for new exhibitors and for exhibitors moving to a new level.

18. All Animals must be cared for, shown and sold by the registered exhibitor. All animals must be housed at the registered exhibitors residence in Delta County, unless an Animal & Housing Care form has been approved by the Extension Office. In case of emergency, another Delta County 4-H or FFA member may care for, show or sell the animal with the approval of the Delta County Fair Board.

19. Showmanship:

- a. Exhibitors must show their own animal
- b. Age divisions: Senior, Intermediate and Junior
- c. First place in Beef, Sheep, Goat and swine are automatically entered into the Round Robin.

Section 3 Livestock Rules:

1. All Livestock must be controllable at all times. Any animal deemed uncontrollable or unmanageable or unsafe by show management (Superintendent's, Fair Board Member's, or a show Judge) will be withdrawn and asked to remove the animal from the Fairgrounds within 1 hour of notification.
2. In the event a Market animal exhibits signs of a contagious or infectious disease after it has arrived at the Fairgrounds, the exhibitor, parent, superintendent or Fair Board member must contact a local veterinarian for an assessment of the animal, and if deemed appropriate, for the treatment of that animal. If the veterinarian diagnosis is that the animal is not a contagious or communicable disease, the animal may remain on the fairgrounds. The animal must be removed immediately from the Fairgrounds if that is the recommendation of the Veterinarian.
3. Tranquilizers and/or Anesthetics, are not permitted to be used as means of calming an animal.
4. Feed/ Feeding equipment/ Stall cleaning equipment /Tack is to be stored in designated areas only:
Sheep & Goats & Swine – Each club will have a designated pen listed on the stall assignment sheet.
Beef – Keep in your trailer at your tie out area
*Any exhibitor found by the Delta County Fair Board to be not properly feeding or caring for his/her livestock will forfeit all premiums and awards.
5. Fresh water should be offered at all times to animals in their designated pens.
6. Livestock Pens/Stalls must be cleaned by 8:00 am every morning. Pens will be flagged if there is an issue, you need to find the Superintendent of that division to discuss and resolve.
* Shavings are provided for bedding in pen/stall areas. Straw is only allowed for Dairy Exhibits.

7. All animals entered in breeding classes cannot compete for market or feeder classes.

8. Champion Classes:

a. All animals which have been awarded First Place premiums will be permitted to compete for Grand Champion. After the selection of the Grand Champion, the remaining first place winners and the second place premium winner in the champion's class will compete for Reserve Champion.

b. If the Grand Champion and/or Reserve Champion beef, swine, goat or sheep are Delta County Bred & Fed, they are automatically the Champion/Reserve Champion Bred & Fed in that species.

Section 4 – Ethics:

1. Unethically Fitted Livestock:

The following are deemed unethical practices and may result in disciplinary action:

a. Doctoring, doping, tubing or injecting show animals for body “fill-ins” or the alteration, changing or purposely damaging ear tags; any type of injection where oils, glycerin or like substances are used for body “fill-in”, external applications of such things as liniments and blistering agents that would cause an edematous condition; use of ice packs or other refrigerants to alter the quality of the finish of the animal.

b. Changing the natural color of hair at any point, a spot or an area on the animal's body is strictly prohibited.

2. Any entry adding an artificial tail head or tail fin, artificial poll or adding any hair or hair-like substance will be disqualified.

3. The showing of livestock of any ineligible age or show unethically fitted livestock is prohibited.

4. Any Exhibitor, parent, 4-H Leader, Superintendent, FFA advisor or Extension Agent found to have committed any of the above listed unethical practices, or any other practice deemed unethical by the Fair Board, will be subject to discipline action from the Fair Board.

Section 5 - Poultry & Rabbit's and Open Classes – Entries & Rules:

1. Poultry & Rabbits and all Open class livestock Pre-entry forms are due by June 25, 2021@ 4:30 p.m. The entry forms can be picked up at the Extension office. They need to be filled out completely and turned into the CSU Extension office at 525 Dodge Street Delta, CO by June 25, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m.
2. All poultry and rabbit exhibits must be checked in, weighed in, and caged in the small animal barn between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. Sunday, August 1, 2021.
3. All open class NON-Livestock entries will be made between 8:00 am and 7:00 pm Tuesday August 3, 2021 at the fairgrounds. Use open class entry form provided in this book. All entries must be in place by 7:00 pm on entry day, with the exception of fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers, frozen goods, cream pies and baked items.
4. Entries must be properly entered to qualify for a placing and/or premium. Entries must be exhibited by the person named on the entry form except where noted.
5. Open class awards-
 - Ribbons will be awarded 1st through 3rd place.
 - Premiums will only be paid to 1st place.
 - Rosette Ribbons indicate Champion & Reserve in Junior Division.
 - Ribbons will be placed at time of judging.
6. Due to limited pen space, No overnight accommodations will be made to open class livestock.
7. Overnight accommodations and pen space will be allowed for Open class Poultry exhibitors, if space allows, at a rate of \$ 10.00 per exhibitor for the week. Pen fees are due to the Poultry Superintendent upon arrival.
8. All open livestock entries must be checked in at the Livestock Office two hours prior to the show of that particular species. Animals will not be allowed to show if check-in is not completed.
9. Open classes are open to ALL exhibitors. The class may be eliminated if the entries are a duplication of a prior Junior class.
10. Market Livestock may be shown in an open class but are not eligible for sale in the Junior Market Livestock Sale.

Section 6 - Junior Market Livestock Sale:

1. The Delta County Junior Market Livestock committee is requiring every 4-H and FFA member who exhibits a Market Livestock Project to invite two businesses or individuals to attend the Market Livestock Sale. These invitations must be documented on the specified form and returned to the Delta Extension Office with your Pre-Entry forms no later than June 28, 2019. Failure on part of the 4-H/FFA member to return this form by the deadline will result in the Sale Committee collecting \$25 per invitation not contacted up to \$50 from the 4-H/FFA member's sale check. These forms are available online at www.deltacountyfair.com or at the CSU Extension Office.
2. The buyers of all livestock at the Junior Market Livestock sale shall designate the destination of every animal they purchased in the sale prior to leaving the grounds. The animal can be put on buyback, sent to a specific processing plant, taken home personally, or turned over to another party. The Market Sale Committee will arrange transportation to the prearranged processing plants. If buyer chooses to take home or send to a feedlot for further feeding, it becomes the buyer's responsibility to see that those arrangements are made. The Junior Market Sale Committee and Delta County Fair Board act only as agents for the Junior Market Sale. Death of any livestock will not be the responsibility of the Fair Board or Junior Market Livestock Sale Committee but rather that of the purchaser at the time of sale or other bonafide owner.
3. All sales final. Any transference of ownership and possession must be handled and take place off of fairgrounds property.
4. All exhibitors will be considered as consignors to the sale unless he/she notifies the livestock office within one hour after completion of show that he/she does not desire to sell. If the exhibitor has two animals of one species, within one hour after the show is over the individual must designate which one they intend to sell. If the individual has not designated which qualified animal they intend to sell within one hour after the show, the sale committee will pick the highest placing animal shown by the individual for the sale.
5. Once a market animal is identified for going through the Junior Market Livestock Sale, another animal may NOT be substituted.
6. If an animal is pulled from the sale after the sale order has been submitted to the printer, the member will not be able to show/sell any market species the following year.
7. The number of Lots in the Junior Market Livestock Sale will be limited to 200. Each 4-H/FFA exhibitor with animals that qualify for the Market Livestock Sale can sell one (1) animal.
8. All Grand and Reserve Grand Champions of each species will still be required to sell and will be sold first, followed by the Champion/Reserve Champion Delta County Bred & Fed animals if the animal is not one in the same. Sale order will be determined by the class placing, and weight of the qualified animals in the market classes. Delta County Bred & Fed entries in all species will be identified as such in the Market Livestock Sale program.

9. Buy Back – Order of animals to be allowed to sell through the buy-back program as space is available will be as follows:
 - a. 1st- Animals going through the sale that buyers purchased and requested to go on buy-back.
 - b. 2nd – Buy-Back is available to any entered animal at Delta County Fair in the Junior Market Livestock program. Information MUST BE to the office by noon on Friday to be eligible for buy-back placement.
10. A 4-H/FFA livestock exhibitor that sells any species of market livestock in any other county fair 4-H/FFA livestock division, during the same calendar year, is NOT Eligible to sell in the 4-H/FFA livestock division of the Delta County Fair.
11. A 5% consignment fee will be charged on all livestock at the sale. This charge will be used to defray expenses, the cost of publishing a Thank You ad to the buyers and the cost of weighing and tagging programs held prior to the fair.
12. An exhibitor will not be able to sell his/her animal if they have not had their photo taken for sale or if he/she is not on hand to line it up for the sale.
13. All animals become property of the buyer at the point of sale, but must be cared for by the exhibitor until released.
14. The Delta County Fair and Junior Market Livestock Sale committee is not liable for any breaches of contracts between the seller and buyer as a result of any condemnation or any other matter.
15. If any animal is condemned at slaughter for any reason, whether by testing results or by any USDA inspector condemnation, Delta County Fair and the Junior Market Livestock Sale Committee may withhold any payment from the exhibitor and return to the purchaser.
16. The Junior Market Livestock Sale Committee is requiring both 4-H and FFA members who sell animals at the Delta County Fair to write a Thank-You to their buyers in order to receive payment for their animals. Members are required to write a thank-you, and provide an addressed and stamped envelope. Members must deliver their thank you(s) to the CSU Extension Office. If you choose to mail your thank-you to the Extension Office, another stamped envelope must be enclosed for mailing. Checks will not be available to anyone until 2 weeks after fair.
17. If the thank you is not turned in, the member will not be allowed to show/sell any market species the following year.
18. If a 4-H or FFA member who sells animals at the Delta County Fair does not cash their check within the validation period, or if they lose their check, a \$50 fee will be charged upon re-issuance of the check.

Section 7 - Herdsman Award:

1. Herdsman Award – The Delta County Fair Board will be presenting individual Herdsman Awards. The awards will be presented to the individual or club/chapter of each species who have shown the best management, care, grooming, and cleanliness of all areas during the fair.

Section 8 - Animal Load Out:

1. All beef must be in the barn on Sunday morning, August 8th by 7:00 am
2. Buy-Back animals may load out Saturday night if determined by Junior Market Sale Committee.
3. No exhibitors will be allowed in the barn on Sunday morning until all animals being loaded for buy-back and processors have been loaded out. All pens must be cleaned by 12 noon, in order to remain a member in good standing for the following year.
4. Exhibitors are responsible for caring for sale stock up to load-out time.

Section 9 Camping Rules:

1. Camping permit (needs to be displayed in a visible location) and wrists bands for all family members camping in the camp ground must be purchased along with the camping permit, the all-inclusive event wrists bands must be worn at all times. Camping pass & wristband(s) can be purchase on the Delta County Fair website at www.deltacountyfair.com or at the Livestock office on Saturday at the beginning of the Fair.
2.
 - * Open fires are not permitted
 - * No dogs in the campground
 - * Generators silent after 10:00 p.m.
 - * No Alcohol permitted, only in designated areas
 - * Violation of these rules could result in the camper being asked to leave or having their camper removed from the fairgrounds.
3. At all times, minors camping on the Fairgrounds must, be supervised by an adult 21 or older.

Section 10 Protests & Disputes:

1. A completed Dispute & Protests form (Available in the Livestock Office during Fair) signed and delivered to the Fair Board President within 1 hour of a protested/disputed occurrence, along with \$100.00 cash deposit, the deposit will be forfeited if the protest/dispute is not sustained. Disputes & Protests will be reviewed by the Fair Board Executive Committee, the decision is final.

