

# LIVESTOCK RULES & REGULATIONS

1. All youth exhibiting livestock (dairy, goats, rabbits, beef, swine, sheep, and poultry) must have met the Livestock Quality Assurance Program requirements in 2009 to exhibit their animal(s) at the fair.  
**Premises ID is required for all livestock, rabbit, poultry and horse exhibitors.**
2. Market animals, meat rabbits, meat poultry, horses, and dairy must have been tagged & identified with the Extension Office in accordance with deadline dates to participate in the Morgan County Fair. All foal ID's must be on file or filed within 30 days after birth.
3. All youth exhibitors should complete entry forms for all livestock exhibits and return to the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 15. Livestock record books must be turned in to be eligible to exhibit at Fair. Pen assignments for animals will be made by Superintendents based on these entries.
4. Only exhibitors & authorized fair personnel are allowed in show rings during judging.
5. See specific guidelines included in each agricultural Department.
6. Animals must be loaded and unloaded in designated areas for safety reasons.
7. Livestock (excluding goats, rabbits and poultry) entries will be checked in with superintendents Sunday, August 2, 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Monday, August 3, 7:30 a.m.--10:30 a.m. No animals or tack will be housed or stalled prior to this time. Hogs must be on the fairgrounds by 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 2.
8. The use of tranquilizers on livestock during the entire fair is prohibited. A veterinarian may administer tranquilizer in emergency situation for safety purposes.
9. Livestock exhibitors will be numbered at entry & show numbers are provided for Dogs and Horses.
10. RATE OF GAIN CONTEST — To be eligible to compete in the Market Beef and Lamb Rate of Gain Contest the animal must be in the established fair weight range for that particular species. (Beef minimum, 1000 lbs. to maximum, 1450 lbs.; lambs, 100 to 160 lbs.; goats, 50 lbs. to 120 lbs.)
11. Market animals must be weighed as scheduled to determine class. They must meet weight requirements listed in sale rules to be considered for sale, Grand, or Reserve Grand Champion honors.
12. Fair Board recommends no less than 5 exhibits per class. If there is less, the superintendent and Extension Agent in charge may combine small classes to form one class.
13. Exhibitors are only allowed to exhibit 2 animals per class and one in the group classes in the breeding divisions.
14. Livestock exhibit areas must be cleaned by exhibitors before leaving fair.
15. No unethical practices will be allowed. The following are termed unethical practices: doctoring, doping or injecting show animals for body "fill-ins" or the alteration, changing, defacing or any modification of the markings of show animals and the anatomical structure of an animal, the removal, alteration changing or purposely damaging ear-tags or other identification methods; any type of injections where oils, glycerin or like substances are used for body "fill-ins", agents that would cause excessive accumulation of fluids under the skin; use of ice packs or other refrigerants to alter the quality of the finish of an animal. Ice, ice water or Isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol will not be allowed to prepare market lamb entries for show. No drench guns or artificial devise for hydrating or feeding of animals will be allowed. Drenching, if necessary, will only be done by a veterinarian. **No drench guns allowed on the fair grounds.**
16. Any surgical procedures, or injection of any foreign substances or drug, or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, or appearance, (except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal) is prohibited.
17. Under Colorado Law, it is a crime to sabotage or tamper with, administer growth stimulation drug(s) to, substitute unauthorized animal(s) for, exhibition livestock. (Section 18-9-207, Colorado Revised Statutes). Penalties include up to eighteen (18) months in prison or a fine up to one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) dollars and the name and photograph of any convicted person(s) to be made available for publication in newspapers and trade journals.

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18. Excessive physical abuse or mistreatment of livestock will not be tolerated at the Morgan County Fair. Exhibitors will be disqualified from showing.
19. Rules for bedding livestock: Breeding and Market beef animals and Dairy animals will be bedded with bedding provided by the Fair Board (No Straw); market sheep exhibitors will use wood chips only (no carpet); breeding sheep may use straw or wood chips. Swine will be bedded with wood chips provided by exhibitor (No Straw). Rabbits and poultry cages should have sawdust in trays provided by Fair Board.
20. **ONLY CHAMPION CATCH-IT ANIMALS, DETERMINED BY COMPOSITE SCORES, ARE GUARANTEED TO MAKE SALE.** The fair Catch-It classes are educational, used only to determine show ring placing for composite scoring. **IT IS NOT A MARKET CLASS**, and therefore is not considered for sale. Placings in respective weight classes are used for sale eligibility.
21. Breed divisions may be changed according to number of entries.
22. Showmanship participants will be divided into 3 groups: Junior (12 & under); Intermediate (13-15); and Senior (16 & over), based on age as of 1/1/09 Showmanship exhibitors must own and show their own animals.
23. Animals can not be shown in both breeding and market classes. Market ewe lambs, goats, and heifers once weighed cannot be shown in the breeding classes.
24. No exhibitor will be awarded more than 2 premiums in individual market classes.
25. Once observed by the judge in its respective class, any market entry that qualifies for further competition must continue to exhibit in the show.
26. Exhibitors must accompany their livestock to the show, care for, and exhibit same. Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and care of their animals until the animals are released from the Fair. Only the exhibitor will be allowed in the show ring during official judging. In case of sickness other emergency, or participant having more than one entry in a class, then an animal may be shown by a substitute providing the substitute is a bona fide Morgan County 4-H or FFA member and permission is granted by the Superintendent and Extension Agent in charge.
27. Excluding sale animals, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to provide transportation and accompany their animals to their destination after they are released.
28. No livestock, excluding horses, will be permitted to return to stock trailers, trucks, or parking area following check-in.
29. Grooming Rule: Exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their own animals at the fair. If assistance is needed for grooming or fitting their animals, only bona fide Morgan County 4-H/FFA members and immediate family members will be allowed to help. (Immediate family member means a mother, stepmother, father, stepfather, brother, sister, grandparents, or legally appointed guardian of an exhibitor.)
30. Animals not entered in regularly scheduled classes will not be permitted on the grounds.
31. **If a market animal becomes sick after it has arrived at the Morgan County Fair Grounds, the owner of the animal (or parent, superintendent, or Extension Agent) must contact a licensed veterinarian for the treatment of that animal. If the veterinarian diagnosis is that the illness is not a contagious or communicable disease it may remain on grounds and be exhibited under the approval of the veterinarian. If the animal needs medication the veterinarian will take full responsibility of the animal's treatment. If the animal is in the Junior Market Sale and the withdrawal time exceeds the slaughter time of that species, the youth must take the animal home and then slaughter the animal after the Veterinarian Patient Client Relationship (VPCR) has been fulfilled. The procedure for slaughtering the animal must meet approval of the Morgan County Fair Board.**

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32. All Grand and Reserve Grand Champion market animals (beef, swine, lambs, and goats) will be tested for anti-inflammatory, diuretics, antibiotics, steroids, tranquilizers, and any other foreign substances via urine/ blood/ tissue/ testing, immediately following the Champion selection in each species. If substance(s) are found at a prohibited level in blood, urine, tissue, hide or carcasses of animals at time of testing or following slaughter or if there is any evidence of unethical fitting, sabotage and/or tampering, the participant will, including but not limited to forfeit awards, sale proceeds, and premiums, and the Morgan County Fair Board shall have discretionary power to determine any additional penalties. All animals are subject to be tested. Testing costs will come from the Junior Livestock Auction Sale Commissions.

33. Animals must be owned by the exhibitor and in the exhibitor's primary care after the following dates and until the completion of the county fair. Primary care is where the member will provide the primary and continuous care of their project animal from project beginning to completion (ownership period) as defined by the Colorado 4-H Youth Development Handbook.

There may be rare circumstances when the youth may not be able to provide the necessary care for the animal at a particular time as in illness, short vacations, or on activities or trips. On such occasions, another individual may be called upon to provide secondary care. The primary care dates are as follows:

Horses	March 2, 2009
Market Beef	March 7, 2009
Dairy Cattle	May 1, 2009
Breeding Cattle	May 1, 2009
Breeding Sheep, Goats	May 1, 2009
Market Lambs	May 2, 2009
Market Goats	May 2, 2009
Market Swine	May 4, 2009
Breeding Rabbits, Poultry	June 1, 2009
Pen of Meat Rabbits	June 25, 2009
Pen of Meat Poultry	June 25, 2009

## POULTRY DIVISION

1. Maximum 2 entries per class in the Breeding Poultry Department. In the Market Poultry Division an Exhibitor can only enter one pen per Division and cannot show in more than two Divisions.
2. Poultry exhibit areas must be cleaned by exhibitors before leaving fair.
3. All poultry must be hatched after January 1 of the current year to be eligible to exhibit.
4. Meat Poultry rules: birds will be judged on meat quality and uniformity; birds cannot be shown in both market and breeding classes.
5. Poultry cages are to be bedded with saw dust which will be provided by the Morgan County Fair Board.
6. Superintendents and Extension Agent in charge reserve the right to add/combine classes.
7. **Selling two pens of market poultry. If the Champion poultry pen is also the champion Catch-it Chicken, the Reserve Champion pen of market poultry will sell.**

## RABBIT DIVISION

1. Rabbits: Maximum 2 entries per class, 1 pen of three market rabbits per exhibitor allowed.
2. Rabbit exhibit areas must be cleaned by exhibitors before leaving fair.
3. Meat Rabbit rules: pen of three market rabbits do not need to be of the same breed.
4. Cages should be bedded with sawdust which will be provided by the Morgan County Fair Board. Classes will be broken according to the number of animals in a particular breed.
5. Superintendents and Extension Agent in charge reserves the right to add/combine classes.

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## BEEF DIVISION

1. Metal halters, nose tongs or permanent nose rings will not be allowed on any beef animal on the fairgrounds.
2. Breeding beef can be stalled with market beef.
3. Fans/Chutes: exhibitors are limited to 1 fan per animal. Any standing fans (butt fans) are subject to approval of the superintendent of the Department and must be placed out of aisle ways in a safe manner so as not to interfere with visitor traffic or livestock safety. All extension cords must be UL approved. Blocking chutes may be set-up in the barn aisle ways on show day. On all other days when chutes are not in use, they must be moved outside to a designated area. Fans will be shut off on show day until all judging has been completed.
4. Bulls over 6 months old are ineligible to show and are not allowed on fairgrounds. No cow classes are available.
5. Breeding and Market beef animals will be bedded with bedding provided by the Fair Board (NO STRAW).
6. If divider panels are used, they must be adjustable. No additional space will be allowed for animals.
7. **In the market beef, classes will be broken down with approximately the same number of animals in each class. Classes may be broken with same weight animals in two different classes. (This will be more equitable for determining sale eligibility).**

## SWINE DIVISION

1. All hogs must have at least one notch in each ear; notches should be uniform, healed by the time of the County Fair and per National Swine Registry rules, any hogs that have questionable notches or do not match the swine ID forms will not be allowed to show.
2. All participants must be currently certified with a Youth Pork Quality Assurance Plus certificate.
3. An exhibitor can bring a maximum of 4 market pigs. If an exhibitor has 1-2 pigs, they will receive 1 pen; with 3-4 pigs, 2 pens will be allotted. Family members will be required to group pigs together if pens are needed. All Swine exhibits will be bedded

- with wood chips, provided by the exhibitor.
4. No straw will be allowed.
5. Clipping of hogs is prohibited at the fairgrounds.
6. Swine must be shown without hair dressing compounds, including oils, paints, powders, and other dressings.
7. It is highly recommended that if pigs are clipped, the pigs should have at least 1/2 inch of hair on the body, except for the head and tail. Packers are concerned about buying short clipped pigs. Also, this rule is highly recommended by most swine judges.
8. Market swine must be at the fairgrounds by 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 2.
9. Pens will have two 2"x10" boards bolted on the top of pens for tack.
10. **In the market swine, classes will be broken down with approximately the same number of animals in each class. Classes may be broken with same weight animals in two different classes. (This will be more equitable for determining sale eligibility).**

## SHEEP DIVISION

1. Market lambs, Breeding Ewe and Ram lambs must have all lambs teeth intact.
2. Wethers with one or more testicles in the body cavity are ineligible to show.
3. All Market Lambs will be weighed and shown slick shorn with no more than 1/4" fleece. No patterns allowed.
4. Lambs front feet will remain on the ground while being shown. Enforcement will be by the judge, superintendent or Extension agent.
5. In the Breeding show, if a sheep is crossed between meat and wool breeds, the class will be determined by the Extension Agent on wool characteristics.
6. Lambs must have all lamb teeth intact; yearlings cannot have more than 4 permanent teeth.
5. An exhibitor can bring a maximum of 6 market lambs. If an exhibitor has 1-3 lambs, they will receive 1 pen; with 4-6 lambs, 2 pens will be allotted.
6. Sheep exhibitors only can use wood chips for market lambs (no carpet) ; straw or wood chips for breeding sheep.
7. Exhibitors that show their sheep in the breeding sheep show may bring a sheep to compete in the sheep showmanship contest held on Tuesday, August 4.

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- 8. In the market sheep, classes will be broken down with approximately the same number of animals in each class. Classes may be broken with same weight animals in two different classes. (This will be more equitable for determining sale eligibility).**

## DAIRY DIVISION

1. Metal halters, nose tongs or permanent nose rings will not be allowed on any dairy animal on the fairgrounds.
2. All dairy animals will be bedded with wood shavings provided by the Fair Board.
3. Bulls over 6 months old are ineligible to show and are not allowed on the fairgrounds.
4. No divider panels are allowed in the dairy barn area unless permitted by the superintendents. If permitted, panels must be adjustable. No additional space will be allowed for animals.
5. Superintendents and Extension Agent in charge reserves the right to add/combine classes.
- 6. No straw allowed. Only wood shavings and they will be provided.**

## GOAT DIVISION

1. All market goats that are not hornless will be required to have horns tipped blunt, no sharp points will be allowed. Removal of horns are not allowed on the grounds.
2. Market goats must have all kids teeth intact.
3. Wethers with one or more testicles in the body cavity are ineligible to show.
4. Market goats must be totally slick shorn with 3/8 inch of hair or less above the knees and above the hocks (no patterns), excluding the tail switch.
5. Breeding dairy goat exhibitors are encouraged to wear all white clothing.
6. All Market goats must be shown with a collar.
7. Front feet will remain on the floor while being shown.
- 8. In the market goat, classes will be broken down with approximately the same number of animals in each class. Classes may be broken with same weight animals in two different classes. (This will be more equitable for determining sale eligibility).**

## HORSE DIVISION

1. Youth participating in riding classes must possess a Level I card.
2. 4-H Colorado Horse Rule Book will be the guideline for this show.
3. Stallions over 1 year old are ineligible to show and are not allowed on fairgrounds.
4. Riding of horses is allowed only in designated areas.
5. Exhibitors must be enrolled in 4-H with Horse as a project.
6. A certified equestrian helmet with safety harness fastened in place is required in over fences classes, gymkhana events, activities and practice sessions (i.e., timed events not involving livestock). It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian of the 4-H member to see that the headgear worn complies with such standards and is in good condition.