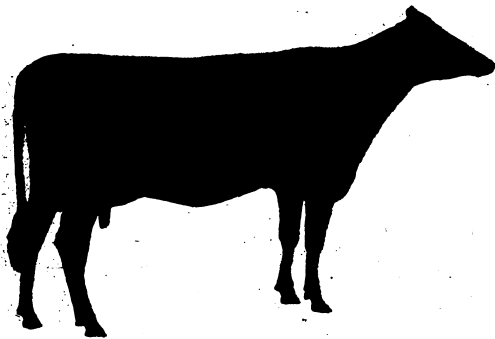
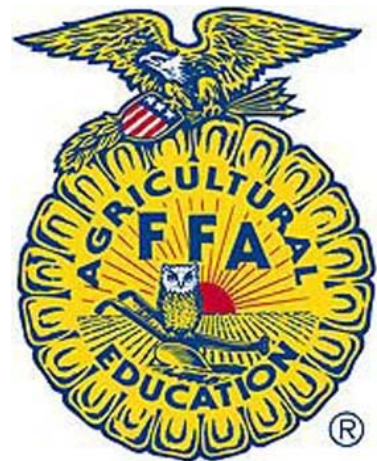


# Cache County Junior Livestock 4-H & FFA Rules



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## **Rules**

1. Age: To be eligible to participate in the Cache County Junior Livestock Show and Sale exhibitors must be in the third grade but not less than 8 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year and can show through the same season as their high school graduation but not past their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday. Exception: Disabled persons as defined by Public Law 98-527. In these special cases the animals must still be the project animals of the exhibitor and be cared for daily by the disabled person.
2. Group Affiliation: An exhibitor may participate in the Cache County Junior Livestock Show and Sale only as a 4-H or FFA member but not both. Exhibitors must declare one or the other at time of entry and applicable membership fees. FFA participants must complete all record keeping requirements set by his/her chapter advisory. 4-H youth must submit a completed a 4-H livestock record book.
3. Anyone who is married is ineligible to participate in the Livestock Show and Sale.
4. Ownership of animals: The exhibitor will own, feed, and care for his/her project animal(s) for not less than 100 consecutive days for market beef, and commercial dairy heifers and 60 consecutive days for market swine and

market lambs immediately prior to the show they intend to go to. No interruption of ownership can occur. The livestock project animals must be located in the same county as the exhibitor during the required ownership period.

5. Tag-in dates will be set by division Chairs to comply with ownership requirements. Exhibitors can tag-in two animals of each species, exhibit only two animals (any combination) at the fair and sell only one animal.
6. Exhibitors must present their animal(s) at the designated times for entry into the Cache County Fair shows. Animals not presented at the entry times will not be allowed to show or sell.
7. Dress Code: 4-H --A long or short sleeve shirt which fastens down the front with a collar is mandatory. Shirts must be white or predominately white in color and need not be Western style. The following will not be allowed: T-shirts, tank tops, tube tops, or sleeveless shirts. There is to be a 4-H emblem or patch on all 4-H members' shirts. FFA -Either a white shirt, tie, and FFA jacket or a white shirt with the FFA emblem and tie (No T-shirts). Exhibitors who fail to abide by dress standards will forfeit premium money.
8. Fitting on show grounds: The fitting of animals will take place in areas designated by the Livestock Show Committee. Parents, guardians, siblings, club leaders, Extension/4-H Agents, and FFA Advisors may assist, and are encouraged to assist the younger exhibitors. However, each exhibitor must be working with the project animal and be in attendance with that animal during the entire fitting process.
9. Market Animal Weights: All market animals will be weighed only once at the appointed weigh-in times. Lambs, and beef not meeting the minimum weight limits will be judged in light weight classes and premiums will be paid. However these animals are not eligible for sale through the livestock auction or to the floor buyer. There will be no classes for light or heavy weight hogs.
  - a. Beef: 1,100 -1,275 lbs. (1100 pounds minimum, suggested weight range)
  - b. Sheep: 100 -130 lbs. (100 pounds minimum, suggested weight range)
  - c. Swine: 230 -290 lbs. (Minimum. and Maximum weights required)

10. There are no upper weight limits at the show except for swine, but minimum weights will be in effect. Exhibitors should understand that the market system penalizes animals under and over ideal market weights through lower prices. Exhibitors whose animals are sifted may still participate in fitting and showing classes.
11. 4-H and FFA exhibitors may exhibit two market animals, any combination. \*\*\*Exhibitors can have both animals judged and placed, however, only one animal can be sold through the auction. The sale animal must be designated by the exhibitor by noon on the day prior to the sale or the show committee will choose the highest placing exhibit animal for the sale.
12. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion animals must be sold through the Junior Livestock Sale.\*\* If an exhibitor wins Grand or Reserve champion with two animals they may sell both animals.
13. Commercial dairy heifers must be confirmed a minimum of five (5) months pregnant at fair time to be exhibited in the market show and sale. Heifer must be Bangs vaccinated and have a legible tattoo, a negative TB test and are subject to other health requirements set by the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food.
14. Sales Fee: A 4 percent sales fee will be charged on all market animals sold. Proceeds will be used for sale promotion and expenses directly related to the Junior Livestock program. An additional \$5.00 per head of exhibited animals sold may be assessed each year for livestock pens and facilities.
15. Change of Ownership: Once an animal has gone through the sale, regardless of buyback or no-sale, within the specified ownership requirements, it is no longer eligible to enter another show.
16. Exhibitors must feed and care for animals Saturday evening after the sale. Market animals cannot be removed from the stalls, pens, or fairgrounds without prior approval of each department chair.
17. Lamb Docking Rule: To qualify for exhibit market lambs must be docked such that the tail (dock) measures 7/10 of an inch as determined by the "detail" devise at tag in time. Lambs that have been re-docked or have complete tail removal will not be eligible. Mid-web of the caudal fold should result in dock length at the recommended minimum length.

18. Exhibitors must personally exhibit and sell their own animals unless prior arrangements are made with the committee
19. Premiums: Quality premium money for swine, sheep and beef are as follows: Blue \$11.00; Red \$9.00; White \$7.00; Trophies will be given for Grand Champion. Fitting the Showmanship premiums for swine, sheep and beef are as follows: First Place \$10.00 and a trophy or plaque; Second Place \$9.00; Third Place \$8.00 and so forth, down to \$1.00.
20. "Light weight" classes may or may not be available to all species.
21. Steers must be secured with both a halter and a neck rope.
22. Clean stall cash awards will be given to exhibitors who keep their stall space and walkway in front of their exhibits free of debris and bedding. (First Place \$15, Second Place \$12, Third Place \$10)
23. Pens, stalls and surrounding areas must be clean and free of clutter. Exhibitors not taking appropriate care of their animals will be sent home.
24. Judges will award placings of Blue, Red, and White according to the type, quality and condition of the animals. Animals meeting weight limits but receiving a white ribbon, as determined by the judge, will not be eligible for sale through the Junior Livestock Sale.
25. Market swine exhibitors are strongly encouraged to do all clipping at home prior to weigh-in and wash all animals prior to Thursday's show. Facilities will be provided Wednesday thru Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
26. No exhibitor will be allowed to show an animal if he or she cannot control the animal in the show or auction ring. Assistance will be permitted at the discretion of the ring officials.
27. Each division chairperson is responsible for judges and any decision for the department.
28. Identification signs must be displayed on each pen or stall showing ownership.
29. Any animal not fitted, cleaned, or cattle not broke to lead shall be sifted by the committee; and the judge will award no premium to such animals.

30. Supervisors of departments shall have the right to place any animal into the class which he feels will furnish the best competition.
  
31. Specific dates for tagging and entry information will be made available as soon as those dates are set by the Junior Livestock Committee. Additional regulations and requirements will be provided to all exhibitors prior to the County Fair Show.

## Utah State Junior Livestock Association Rules for Ethical Livestock Exhibition

1. 1. Code of Ethics: This code of ethics applies to anyone exhibiting animals at livestock shows in the State of Utah. It includes Junior as well as Open Class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. All classes of livestock offered at the livestock event are included. The following practices or procedures are unacceptable and are defined as being deceptive, fraudulent, unethical, and inhumane in the care, fitting, preparation, and showing of all classes of livestock: The use of any illegal drugs is prohibited. Legal or illegal substances used to phenotypically alter the appearance of an animal entered in livestock events are prohibited.
  - a. Use of illegal drugs is considered a premeditated act.
  - b. Any information obtained in the practice of illegal alteration of an animal will be turned over to the proper authorities for investigation.
  - c. This is a one-strike and you are out policy!
  - d. Exhibitors will forfeit any premium, awards, or auction proceeds, and will be prohibited from further competition at shows in the State of Utah, as well as being subject to criminal prosecution.
2. Treating an animal internally or externally, with any irritant, counter-irritant, or other substance used to artificially change the conformation or appearance of an animal for show is considered unethical, inhumane, and is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, the use of graphite, powders, hemp, artificial hair, coloring, common products such as fly spray, ointment, or liniment used to the point that it is irritating, or similar type products. The use of dyes, spray paint, or other artificial coloring which result in altering an animal's true and natural appearance and/or color is prohibited. Adding false hair or hair-like material, fleece, or skin at any point, spot, or area of the animal's body is illegal and will result in immediate disqualification. Any liquid or substance not considered part of an accepted and normal diet for livestock is deemed illegal and inhumane. For example: the use of alcoholic or carbonated beverages as a drench or filler, etc.
3. Using tranquilizers, sedatives, or depressants which alter the physical or physiological state of the animals is illegal. Exceptions to this rule would be licensed, certified veterinarian's treatment for a recognized disease or injury, or recommendation for tranquilizing breeding animals in heat that might

compromise the safety of others. The drugs must be approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use in meat producing animals. All exhibitors shall advise show management of any drug and/or medication administered to an animal that might be detected at the time of showing or at meat inspection. The name of the drug, its purpose, the person who administered the drug, time, and date of administration shall be presented to show management prior to the showing and sale of the animal. Failure to report this information to the show management will result in severe penalty and/or disqualification.

4. Any use of drugs or substances not approved by the Food and Drug Administration is strictly prohibited. All animals entered into livestock competition shall be subject to testing for foreign substances that exceed acceptable levels established by the FDA, FSIS, USDA, or EPA.
5. During the livestock events, in the case of animals requiring treatment, all medications shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian and the livestock show officials shall be notified.
6. Surgery, injection or insertion of foreign material under the skin and/or into the flesh of an animal to change the natural contour, conformation, or appearance of an animal's body is illegal. This includes vegetable oil, silicon, or any other substance used to alter the shape of an animal. Acceptable practices of physical preparation which are allowed include: clipping of hair, trimming of hooves, dehorning, or removal of ancillary teats.
7. Any animal suspected of having been administered any drugs or deemed unmanageable by the livestock committee will be ejected from the show.
8. The use of inhumane fitting, showing, and/or handling practices or devices shall not be tolerated. For example: breaking of tails, striking of the animal to cause swelling or for bracing purposes, use of an electrical contrivance, muzzles, etc. is not acceptable.
9. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. The only people allowed in the show ring are the judges, the exhibitors, and authorized show officials.
10. At the time an animal is sold at auction at the livestock show the exhibitor shall be held directly responsible for animals that are rejected at a processing

center due to the presence of foreign residues. The seller may be liable to the buyer for an amount equal to three times the purchase price and may also be liable for attorney's fees and civil penalties. Show management may share acceptable intelligence and evidence information with FDA or USDA. If, for any reason, any part of a meat animal carcass must be removed by the FDA or USDA inspectors the market price will be discounted.

11. Show management reserves the right to require animal health certificates. Health inspection and diagnostic tests may be made before or after animals are on the livestock show premises for exhibitor and animal safety, or to inaugurate disease control procedures which may become necessary in emergencies as determined by animal health officials. Any violation of the "Utah State Junior Livestock Show Ring Code of Ethics" or specific rules as designated by individual fairs and livestock shows will result in forfeiture of premiums and awards, disqualification, and may result in probationary status and/or loss of eligibility for future participation in organized livestock competition. Possible civil penalties may be imposed by the proper authorities based on evidence provided by the livestock show of exhibitors in violation of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic act/or the animal mistreatment, neglect, and abandonment laws that apply on the local, state, and national levels.
12. Other cooperating shows will be notified of the action taken by show management which may affect the eligibility of the individual, group, or sponsoring organization for participation at other shows. The decision of the livestock show management will be final.
13. Drug withdrawal: It is unethical and, in most cases, unlawful to administer drugs to livestock within 20 to 30 days of slaughter. Animals too unmanageable to show should be withdrawn from their class rather than be tranquilized. This situation will be monitored by the local show committee and the show veterinarian. By federal regulation, random testing will occur at slaughter, and animals will be condemned which have been given any injection or oral dosages of tranquilizers, pain killers, antibiotics, diuretics, steroids, or other foreign substances during withdrawal periods before slaughter. All sales money will be withheld in such cases. Bloat medicine and other medication with no withdrawal requirements may be permissible. Exhibitors need to be aware of potential health hazards to consumers who eat animals that have received any above-mentioned dosages. Please don't put someone's life in jeopardy.

14. Liability: All entries are accepted with the understanding that neither sponsors nor officers shall be held responsible for any loss or damage that should arise to livestock or exhibitor. Each exhibitor shall be responsible for any loss or damage done by his or her animal to any other animal or property, and he will identify the sponsors and officers against all legal and other proceedings there to.
  
15. Pre-tagging: The FFA Advisor, Extension/4-H Agent or a member of their appointed committee shall tag each animal. Should a tag be lost or pulled out of the animal's ear, the exhibitor will advise the committee supervisor immediately so the tag can be replaced.

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