

# Junior Livestock Basics

## Fair Schedule

### Tuesday

6:00 pm Set up your pens at Event Center, bring a sign.

### Thursday (approximate times)

1:00-2:30 pm Beef weigh-in at Association Corrals

2:30-4:00 pm Lamb weigh-in at Event Center

4:00-5:00 pm Swine weigh-in at Event Center

5:30 pm Exhibitor Meeting at Event Center

6:00-8:00 pm Sheep showmanship at Event Center

8:00-10:00 pm Swine showmanship at Event Center

Plan to leave your animals overnight. Bring feed, feed trough, water trough (except pigs), wood shavings (no straw allowed), clipping chutes, clipping equipment, blowers, etc.

### Friday (approximate times)

9:00 am Lamb market classes at Event Center

11:00 am Swine market classes at Event Center

1:00 pm Beef market classes at Event Center

2:00 pm Beef showmanship at Event Center

### Saturday

8:30-5:00 Sale

4-H Portfolios are due at the 4-H Office before 5:00 pm Friday, August 8. You need to do a 4-H Portfolio or an FFA Record Book to get your sale check.

## Weight Limits

105-130 lbs. Lambs

230-275 lbs. Hogs

1,000-1,250 lbs. Steers

If your animal does not meet the minimum weight, it will not be in the fair.

If your animal weighs more than the maximum weight, it will still sell for the maximum weight.

For example, if your steer weighs 1,400 lbs and the buyer pays \$1.00/lb, the buyer will pay \$1.00/lbs x 1,250 lbs = \$1,250.00.

## Clipping

Clip your animals before you come to the fair. Touch up your clipping job at the fair.

## Market vs Showmanship

### Market

The animal is being judged.

Animals are divided up by weight.

Star Class \$22, Blue \$18, Red \$16, White \$0

### Showmanship

You are being judged

Youth divided by age group.

Star Class \$18, Blue \$15, Red \$10, White \$0

### What should I wear?

White shirt with 4-H Patch on left sleeve, dark jeans

Try to look your best.

Starch and iron your shirt and jeans

No baseball hats, cowboy hats allowed.

After the sale, trucks from different meat packers are waiting to haul animals.

“Pass” means meat goes to the food bank.

### Showing

Work with your animal to tame it and train it to lead before you come to the fair.

For lambs and steers you will be asked to form a line down the center of the arena, and to walk around the outside edge. You will need to “set-up” your animal so its legs are square with its body. Steers are shown with a halter and show stick. Lambs are shown without a halter.

For pigs, you will need to turn your pig with your show cane and to control your pig from escaping from the ring.

When showing, have square shoulders and smile. Tell yourself that you have the best animal in the ring and be confident. Your ENTIRE focus should be on your animal and the judge.

The judge will ask questions. Be prepared to answer them.

“What breed is your animal? How old is your animal? How much does your animal weigh? How much did your animal gain? What is the most important cut of meat on your animal? What is your favorite part about your animal?”

Here are some questions if the conversation is hard to get started.

### Selection

Where do you get your animals? How do you choose them?  
What do you look for when selecting animals?

### Nutrition

What do you feed your animals? How did you decide to feed this?  
What do you do if your animal is growing too fast? Too slowly?  
Do you feed the same thing all the way through or switch in the middle?  
How do you provide water for your animals?  
Do they need a mineralized salt block?  
What are some tips you have for feeding animals?

### Care

What kind of housing do you have for your animals?  
How do you exercise your animal?  
What do you do for your animals when it is really hot?  
What kind of medical care do you give your animals?  
Do you worm your animals?

### Preparing for the show

How do you tame your animal?  
How do you practice for the show?  
How do you exercise your animal to build muscle?  
Who clips your animal?  
What type of equipment do you need to clip your animal?  
What was the show like last year?

### Steers

How do you teach your animal to set its legs squarely?  
How do you use a show stick (legs and belly)?  
How do you set the steers legs?  
Is it important to teach your steer to back up?

### Lambs

How do you get a sheep to walk without a halter?  
How do you lead without a halter?  
How do you set a lamb's legs?  
How do you get out of the judge's way while showing?

### Pigs

How do you use a show cane?  
How do you gentle your animals?  
How do you prevent it from fighting in the ring?