



Davis County 4-H Jr. Livestock Rules 2022 - 2023

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2022-2023 Jr. Livestock Council

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2022-2023 Jr. Livestock Ambassadors

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Davis County 4-H Jr. Livestock Show & Sale

August 3-5, 2023

Tagging Deadlines

Beef Projects (100 Days) - April 25, 2023

Goat/Sheep/Hog Projects (60 Days) - June 4, 2023

General Rules

The Davis County 4-H Junior Livestock Program and Council have adopted the general rules of the Utah Junior Livestock Association. These rules and guidelines are used to provide the best possible experience for young people in the state of Utah who have 4-H livestock projects. The rules listed are standardized throughout the livestock shows in Utah to provide more uniform shows. Some of the rules listed may not specifically apply to the Davis County 4-H Junior Livestock Program.

The Davis County Jr. Livestock Program will follow the [Utah Jr Livestock Association rules](#) unless otherwise stated in these county rules.

Age Requirements

Youth must be in 3rd grade and 8yrs old by September 1 of the current 4-H year to enroll in the Jr Livestock Program. The 4-H year starts on September 1st, 2022 and ends August 31, 2023.

Age Groups

Age groups are based upon grade level as of September 1st, 2021

1. Senior members: 9th -12th grade (including summer after graduation.)
2. Intermediate Members: 6th - 8th grade
3. Junior Members: 3rd - 5th grade

Group Affiliation

An exhibitor may enter a given show only as a 4-H or FFA member, but not both. Exhibitors must declare one or the other at time of entry. All Participants must be enrolled in the Davis County 4-H program through 4h.zsuite.org before tagging deadlines.

Code of Conduct

All Exhibitors, participants, parents, volunteers, spectators, and staff are held to the standards set in the 4-H Code of Conduct. Those found in violation may be subject to removal from any 4-H Jr Livestock event. The 4-H Code of conduct is signed by all youth members and adult volunteers during 4-H enrollment.

Dress Code

1. **4-H** – A long or short-sleeve white shirt, which fastens down the front with a collar, is mandatory. Shirts must be white in color and need not be Western style. Black or blue pants are to be worn. Vests will be allowed. There is to be a 4-H emblem or patch on all 4-H member shirts on the left sleeve. Leather closed-toed shoes are required for the show and sale ring. No hats allowed
2. **FFA** – Either a white shirt, tie and FFA jacket, or a white shirt with the FFA emblem and tie. Leather closed-toed shoes are required for the show and sale ring.
3. The following will not be allowed: T-shirts, tank tops, tube tops or sleeveless shirts.
4. Exhibitors who fail to abide by dress standards will be disqualified from the show and forfeit sending animals through the auction. Exhibitors who fail to abide by the dress standards during the auction will be removed from the auction and not allowed to sell animals.

Rule Enforcement

1. The Jr Livestock Committee reserves the right to interpret all livestock rules and regulations for the best interest of the show. The 4-H Jr Livestock Committee is composed of the current Davis County 4-H Coordinator and members of the council.
2. The 4-H Jr Livestock Committee reserves the right to dismiss any animals that appear to be unhealthy or pose any undue harm or risk to exhibitors, livestock, or patrons of the show, as well as, animals that do not conform to the rules of the show.

Education Nights

The 4-H Jr Livestock Ambassadors will plan education nights to be held monthly January - July. These events will be open to all 4-H and FFA members that are interested in Large animal Livestock.

Tagging

1. Ownership of animals -- The exhibitor will own, possess, feed, and care for his/her project animal(s) for not less than 100 consecutive days for market beef

and 60 consecutive days for market swine, market lambs, and market goats immediately prior to the show they intend to participate in. No interruption of ownership or possession can occur.

2. The Davis County 4-H Jr Livestock Program will follow the Utah State Junior Livestock Association tagging procedure. It is required that all market animal projects be tagged with a state issued, permanent, tamper-proof tag. The association has uniform tags to be used throughout the state. These tags identify specific animal projects, help track ownership, and **are required to participate in any state show**. It is the exhibitors responsibility to make sure they have the proper steer, hog, sheep, or goat tag for the show they plan to attend.
3. The 4-H Program Coordinator, FFA advisors, or Species Superintendent ensure animals are tagged and exhibitors are verified and in good standing. 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 and the appropriate paperwork can be processed.
4. Any market animal is only considered eligible for show when an appropriate ear tag has been placed AND tag, exhibitor, animal information has been submitted, along with 3 pictures, in the state online tagging form.
5. Exhibitors are required to cover the cost of the tag per animal. If tags are lost, the exhibitor will be required to cover the cost of the replacements.
6. Exhibitors may tag **one** extra animal per species for each show period. The alternate animal must be declared to a child at time of tagging or can be assigned as a "float" alternate animal for a family. This excludes clubs.
7. All livestock exhibitors must have proof of ownership; cattle must also have a brand inspection; sheep/goats must follow state scrapies tagging laws.
8. If an animal has been shown in a market show in-state or out-of-state, it must be shown with the same exhibitor name as in all subsequent shows.

Show Entry Rules

1. No exhibitor shall enter more than two (2) lambs, two (2) swine, two (2) goats, and two (2) beef in the market classes. Only one (1) beef can be sold at the auction and no more than 3 livestock total (any combination) can be sold at the auction.
 - a. Exception: An exhibitor who wins 3 or more Grand or Reserve animals is allowed to sell all the Grand and Reserve Champion animals.

2. All animals will be inspected and weighed at the time of entry by the livestock committee to uphold the standards of show. Any animal found unsuited for the show will not be exhibited.
3. All livestock exhibited in the show must be a bonafide FFA or 4-H project. An FFA Advisor or County Extension Agent must approve their entry.
4. Entries are due 30 days prior to the first day of the show and will be collected online through 4h.zsuite.org. An entry fee of \$5.00 per animal is required at time of registration. A \$15.00 late fee per animal will be charged for late entries.
5. All 4-H and FFA youth must show their own registered animal during market and showmanship classes. All 4-H and FFA youth must be present at the livestock auction to sell their own animal. No substitutions are allowed. If a 4-H or FFA youth is not present to show or sell their own animal, that animal will be forfeit and will not be sold through the sale or be allowed to be exhibited during the show. Exceptions to this rule include physically or mentally disabled youth who need assistance from others.
6. If a youth has 2 animals of the same species that make it to the star class, then they may have another 4-H or FFA youth show one of their animals until one of their animals is dismissed in the star class. Once one animal has been dismissed then they will finish showing the remaining animal.
7. Stalls are required to have sawdust bedding. Sawdust may be provided by the Livestock Committee or by the exhibitor depending on funding. Committee will give the exhibitors notice if they need to provide their own.
8. The superintendent of each division shall be in charge of pen assignments.

Weigh - In

1. All animals will be inspected and weighed at the time of entry by the livestock committee to uphold the standards of show. Any animal found unsuited for the show will not be exhibited. The 4-H Jr Livestock Committee reserves the right to dismiss any animals that appear to be unhealthy, sick, underweight, or pose any undue harm or risk to exhibitors, livestock, or patrons of the show, as well as, animals that do not conform to the rules of the show.
2. During Weigh-In: **Animals will only be weighed once** (Lambs, Goats and Hogs will be weighed without any halters or ropes or blankets on the animal). Steers can be weighed with the halter or rope still on the animal.

3. **All animals being weighed in must be “led/handled” by the youth exhibitor.** Assistance is acceptable. (Example: If youth can not handle their own animals and keep said animal under control then the animal will not be allowed to show or sale)
4. Animals must reach minimum weight in order to show in Market Classes and be able to Sale.
 - a. Market Goats (50 - 100lbs.)
 - b. Market Sheep (100 -145lbs.)
 - c. Market Hogs (220 - 300 lbs.)
 - d. Market Beef (1000-1300 lbs.)
 - e. Mini Market Beef (500 -1000 lbs.)
5. There is no upper weight limit for market livestock. Animals that exceed the weight guidelines listed in the fair book can still be shown; however, all weight over the maximum amount will be donated to the buyer.
6. Prior to weighing in market goats must be clipped to 3/8 inch or shorter to the level of the knees and hocks. Horns must be removed or tipped. Market does require scrapies tags at time of weigh in.
7. Prior to weighing in market lambs must be slick shorn and market ewes require a scrapies tag.
8. Beef must have their brand inspections ready at the time of weigh in.

Code of Ethics

1. Any drugs used on animals must be used according to label directions. Use of tranquilizers is prohibited.
2. All exhibitors shall refer to the Utah State Junior Livestock Code of Ethics rules.
3. **Lamb Docking Rule** – Scientific research indicates that the incidence of rectal prolapsed is reduced when the tail is docked in a non-extreme manner. The recommended method is to dock at the distal end on the caudal fold (3rd caudal vertebra). Complete tail removal (extreme docking) is not an accepted sheep production practice and is discouraged for all Utah Junior Livestock sheep projects. Market lambs or breeding sheep showing any signs of contagious disease or current or recent signs of prolapse, or with an open sore on the dock

(rosebud), will be sifted from the 4-H Davis Jr Livestock Show at the discretion of the show committee at the time of weigh in and their determination is final.

4. **Drug Withdrawal** -- It is unethical and in most cases even 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. The local show committee and the show veterinarian will monitor this situation. By federal regulations, 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 medications 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 substances. Please do not put someone's life in jeopardy.

Showmanship Classes

1. 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.
2. Classes will be divided by 4-H age groups: Junior: 3rd - 5th grade, Intermediate: 6th-8th grade, Senior 9th - 12th grade.
3. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected in each class. All exhibitors will receive a blue, red, or white ribbon at the judges discretion.

Market Classes

- Weight classes will be broken by the species supervisor, based on the total number of entries.
- A Market animal includes any animal that is intended for consumption by others and may or may not be sold at the Auction. They can include male or female. Males must be castrated.
- Animals cannot be shown in breeding and market class. Exhibitors will need to decide which class they want to enter.

- Star Class will be chosen by the judge from the market classes for selection of Grand and Reserve Champion. All others in the Star Class will be placed by the judge to determine sale order.
- Another 4-H youth can show an animal for someone who has two animals in a weight class

Market Goat Classes

1. Market Goats (50 - 100lbs)
2. Star Class
 - Goats must be under the age of 12 months old
 - Horns must be removed or tipped prior to weighing in
 - There may be no evidence of breaking of skin or eruption of two permanent front teeth. Milk teeth must be in place.
 - Market goats must be clipped to 3/8 inch or shorter to the level of the knees and hocks.
 - Market does require scrapies tags at time of weigh in.

Market Lamb Classes

1. Market Lambs (100-145 lbs.)
2. Star Class
 - Lambs must be under the age of 12 months old
 - Tails must be docked according to the rules above. (See page 7)
 - Market lambs must be slick shorn prior to weighing in.
 - Market ewe lambs require scrapies tags at weigh in.

Market Hog Classes

1. Market Hogs (220 to 300 lbs.)
2. Star Class

Market Beef Classes

1. Market beef (1000-1300 lbs.)

2. Star Class

- Market Beef weighing in under 1000 lbs will not be allowed to show in the Small Breeds Class.

Small Breed Market Beef Classes

1. Mini Market Beef (500-1000 lbs.)

2. Star Class

- Small Breeds that exceed 1000 lbs will not be allowed to show in the Small Breeds Class and can be moved into the Market Beef Class.

Auction

1. All exhibitors may sell three (3) market animals in the auction. Only one (1) animal may be a beef.
 - a. Exception: An exhibitor who wins 3 or more Grand or Reserve animals is allowed to sell all the Grand and Reserve Champion animals.
2. Grand and Reserve Champions in each division must be sold at the auction.
3. Once the animal is floored at the sale, it becomes property of the floor buyer.
4. All Boost Forms are due the day of the 4-H Junior Livestock Sale.

Terms and Conditions of the Sale

1. Removal of Animals – Exhibitors who remove animals from the grounds before the release time may be barred from exhibiting at future shows. Removing animals before the scheduled release time will be considered theft.
2. All exhibitors are responsible for maintaining their pens. Any exhibitor who does not clean his/her stall(s) at the conclusion of the Junior Livestock Sale will have \$50.00 deducted from their sale or premium money (unless prior arrangements are made with the 4-H Junior Livestock Committee).
3. There will be a 3% commission on all sold animals and boost money.

Breeding Animal Projects

Exhibitors are encouraged to expand their scope of livestock project experience to include breeding livestock projects. Youth are encouraged to learn and practice raising breeding animals within their clubs and communities.

Breeding Classes

Beef

1. Breeding Heifers/Cows
2. Breeding Bulls

Swine

1. Breeding Gilts/Sows
2. Breeding Boers

Sheep

1. Breeding Ewe
2. Breeding Rams

Goat Classes

1. Junior Dairy Does:
 - Junior kids born May – August, Intermediate kids born March and April, Senior kids born September-February, Dry Yearlings. The top 2 placings from each class will return for a Grand and Reserve Championship class.
2. Senior Dairy Does:
 - Does Under 2 years, Does 2 years and under 4, Does 4 years and under 6, Does 6 years and older.
3. Breeding Boer Does

Dairy Goat Rules

This show is open to all purebred and recorded grades registered or recorded in the American Goat Society, Canadian Goat Society and the American Dairy Goat Association that are bona fide 4-H or FFA projects. Utah 4-H & FFA members who own and/or help care for dairy goats throughout the year may be eligible to enter. Youth who help care for goat for shorter periods of time, which are owned by someone else, are not eligible to participate in the Davis County 4-H & FFA Dairy Goat Show. Record books may be checked. Exhibitors may exhibit animals that are not registered in their name, but the animals must be their project animals with record books kept accordingly. All registration papers must be checked by the show secretary upon your arrival. If this is not done, those animals whose papers have not been checked will be considered scratched and will not be allowed to show. Checking in of papers is the responsibility of the exhibitor. Any changes must be done at check-in, not on the day of the show.

Working Pack Goat

1. Under 4 years
2. 4 years and over
 - Working Class animals include any goat of any age that has been raised and trained for work such as; pack and cart animals. They can be of any breed and will be shown by age. Animals will be judged by ability with some consideration taken for age and maturity of the animal. Animals will be awarded points for properly wearing a saddle age 4.

All Other Breeds/Pet Goat Class:

1. Exhibitors will be allowed to use halters or collars in the show ring.
2. Animals cannot be shown in breeding and market class. Exhibitors will need to decide which class they want to enter.
3. All animals participating in any 4-H county show must be either tagged or identified by permanent identification. The show committee reserves the right to randomly check and compare the tag or tattoo numbers of any animal with entry, to prove ownership and or correctness of entry information.

All Other Breeds (AOB):

- Under 12 months, 12 months to under 2 years, over 2 years. The top 2 placings from each class will return for a Grand and Reserve Championship class. AOB wethers will be allowed to show in the AOB classes.
- Pet Goats include any goat that is kept entirely for pleasure and is not used for the production of milk, meat or packing and may include does and wethers. Pet classes will be shown by age with no distinction between breeds unless need arises, which will be determined by the show committee and County 4-H Program Coordinator.
- Pet Goats may not be shown in any breeding or market classes. If Pet Goats are shown in a breeding class they will be disqualified from the pet class.

Dairy Breeds:

- Dairy goats include all recognized American Dairy Goat Association Breeds and include: Alpine, Lamancha, Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, Oberhasli, Saanene, Sables, and Toggenburgs as well as mixtures of these breeds (aka Recorded Grades). Miniatures of the above breeds will show with their full size counterparts (Miniatures are full sized dairy goats bred with Nigerian Dwarfs only, to create a miniature such as Miniature Alpines, Miniature Nubians, Etc.) Dairy Animals will be shown according to age and breed as need occurs and will be determined by the show committee. Dairy Goats bred with other breeds will be considered meat goats or pet goats based on the breeding and use of the animal.

Horns:

- Dairy Breeding classes: No horns will be allowed. Scurs are allowed if it is obvious that effort has been made to remove or disbud the animal and it provides no harm to the exhibitor, other livestock or patrons of the show.
- Boer Breeding Classes: Horns will be allowed on meat goat breeding stock only, both bucks and does.
- Market and Pet Classes: must be dehorned or horns must be tipped.
- Working Class: Horns will be allowed

