

Weber County 4-H Livestock Guidelines



Sign-up for 4-H

The 4-H year begins September 1st. Sign-up on ZSuite at <https://4h.zsuite.org/>. If you plan on showing livestock, you must be registered before April 1st. Youth must be 8 years old AND in 3rd grade to participate in large animal projects. Be sure to select which club you will be joining. If you don't know which club, call the 4-H office at 801-399-8202. Connect with your club leader and find out when your club meetings are.

Educational Requirements

4-H exhibitors must participate in 2 approved educational events to qualify for the Weber Jr Livestock Show at Fair. Be sure to attend approved clinics/workshops/shows to meet this requirement. This will help you know the best nutrition, exercise, and hair care programs for your animal. You can attend these events anytime in the 4-H year, starting September 1st until August 1st.

Purchase your livestock

Talk with local breeders or club leaders for contacts of where to purchase your livestock.

- Steers are usually purchased in October/November
- Hogs are usually purchased in January/February
- Lambs and Goats are usually purchased in March/April

Be sure they are up to date on shots, de-wormers and are healthy when you make your purchase. Having the correct starting weight is also important.

Work with your animal

After you have purchased your animal it's best to give them a few days to settle into their new home. Most have just been removed from their herd and are a little skittish. Talk calmly around them and don't make sudden movements. Talk to your breeder or club leaders about halter breaking, exercising, grooming, etc. These practices should be started as soon as your animal has settled in.

Register with Weber Jr. Livestock

Weber Jr. Livestock is the organization in which 4-H and FFA members can show and auction their livestock projects. Exhibitors MUST register with Weber Jr. Livestock prior to tagging. More information can be found at their website: <https://weberjrlivestock.org/>

Animal Tagging

Weber Jr. Livestock will announce tagging dates, usually they are the end of April, early in May. Animals must be tagged with uniform tag from Utah Jr Livestock Association within the 75/100-day requirement. Questions regarding animal tags will need to be answered by Weber Jr. Livestock.

FAIR WEEK

Weigh In

Weber Jr Livestock will provide a sign-up for weigh in. Minimum weight requirements are:

- Lambs 110 lbs
- Goats 60 lbs
- Pigs 230-320 lbs
- Steers 1,000 lbs

After weigh-in is complete, put your animal in its pen and bring your supplies and feed to your tack area. Be mindful of other people and keep your tack area clean for all who share it. You can hang up your sign above your pen. **REMEMBER** your animal is **YOUR** responsibility all week, make sure it has fresh water, food, and a clean pen.

Fair Exhibitor Meeting

Tuesday evening is the Exhibitor Meeting. Superintendents will give instructions and updates for fair week. 4-H will give awards for the Livestock Education Tests. Your Exhibitor Packet will also have important information inside.

Show Day

Classes will be posted the night before your show. Wash your animal in the wash rack areas only. Prep your animal in the fitting area. Make sure you know what class you are in and be ready in the holding pen, when it is time.

4-H show attire is the following: "A long or short-sleeve 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. There is to be a 4-H emblem or patch on all 4-H member shirts on the upper left sleeve."

Auction Day

The Auction will begin Saturday morning. The auction order will be posted. It is your responsibility to be in the staging area at the correct time. After your animal has been auctioned, return it to your pen, then head back to the Auction ring to thank your buyer.

After Fair

Deliver your buyer a thank you note and gift within 2 weeks (after the fair). It is **VERY** important to thank the buyers in a timely manner. Please do not wait to write thank you notes to your boosters. All of your thank you notes should be delivered before Thanksgiving. A buyer/booster list will be emailed to you from Weber Jr. Livestock.

Record Books (created and submitted in ZSuite)

4-H Record Books are due September 1st. See Weber County's 4-H website for more detailed information. There will be a \$100 penalty if your record book is turned in late.