

Routt County 4-H Fair News and Important Information

Hello 4-H Members – Fair is just around the corner and there is a lot going on! Please read this entire email so you are aware of new/changes for fair. When you arrive at fair please check in at the livestock office in the MPB to pick up your exhibitor packet. The 4-H Fair schedule, Class List and Routt County 4-H Handbook can be found on our [WEBSITE](#).

Brand Inspection –Wednesday, August 15 at weigh in

1. **Brand Inspection** will take place during beef weigh in on Wednesday, August 15 starting at 11:30am. Please have your brand papers with you at weigh in.

Scrapie Tags for Sheep and Goats

All Sheep and Goat members – please be familiar with the USDA requirements for sheep and goats to have flock ID ear tags. Here is a [LINK](#) to the CO Dept. of Ag Scrapie Information and Fact Sheet.

Sheep

- All sheep sexually intact regardless of age and wethers 18 months of age and older upon change of ownership or cull animals 18 months or older moving to slaughter.
- All sheep sexually intact regardless of age and wethers 18 months of age and older for show or exhibition.
- All breeding sheep regardless of age.

Goats

- All goats sexually intact regardless of age and wethers 18 months of age and older upon change of ownership or cull animals moving to slaughter.
- All goats sexually intact regardless of age and wethers 18 months of age and older for show or exhibition and do not have a registration tattoo with registration of the tattoo is illegible.
- Due to scrapie found in goats in Colorado, all commercial goats sexually intact regardless of age and wethers 18 months of age and older not in slaughter channels.

Round Robin – Saturday, August 18 at 8:30am

If you place Champion or Reserve Champion in your showmanship class you are automatically entered into the prestigious Round Robin competition.

1. **Round Robin** will take place Saturday, August 18 at 8:30am.
2. Be at the MPB by 8:15am and wear your exhibitor number and bring a handler for your animal.
3. All Round Robin winners will be announced at 4:15pm at the Jr. Livestock Sale.
4. If you win Champion or Reserve Champion in your showmanship class you are expected to compete in Round Robin with your animal.

5. If you cannot participate in Round Robin it is your responsibility to let you Superintendent know and help find a replacement.

Mandatory Species Meetings at fair –

1. All members are required to attend the Mandatory Species meetings at fair.
2. Swine/Goat/Sheep/Beef – immediately following your weigh in.
3. Rabbit/Poultry – 8am morning of your show in the Small Animal Barn

Stalling and Pen Shelves –

1. **Pen shelves must have sides and must be attached to the pen securely.**
2. All items on shelf must be in a container with a lid. There will be NO shaving or feed bags allowed on your shelf.
3. **ALL empty feed and shaving bags MUST be put in a dumpster – not in the trash cans inside the MPB. (They fill up too fast with bags and start to overflow.)**
4. All pens must be cleaned by 8:30am daily and cared for throughout the day.
5. No animals can leave the barn until Sunday. (breeding coming for day are exception)
6. No items can be removed from your pen Saturday night during the sale.
7. Proper stall labeling must stay on your pen until your animal is loaded out on Sunday.
8. Put your name on everything you bring to fair.
1. Stalls are 5 x 5 feet. If you are planning on putting boards in the bottom of your pen to keep your shavings in, the dimensions are:
 - i. 2 boards a 5" x 69"
 - ii. 1 board at 5" x 67"
 - iii. 1 board at 5" x 31"
 - iv. 1 board at 3.5" x 39"

Dividing Your Sheep/Goat/Swine pens –

1. You can divide you pen IF you purchase a pen divider with a door and the color of the pen divider is royal blue or aluminum (grey). Here is a recommended website where you can purchase a pen divider: <http://aluminumworksusa.com/Products.html> (scroll down to divider gate – Adjustable aluminum gate with swing door for \$215). You may not ribe up something with an extra panel that has no door. And we will not have extra pens available due to another year of high livestock numbers.

ELECTRICAL in the Multi-Purpose Building

1. The fairground did some upgrades to the electrical in the Multi-Purpose building to prevent so many breakers being blown. They have requested from us:
 - a. Only 12 gauge cords can be used in the MPB
 - b. No cords longer than 25 feet

- c. The cords must have a ground prong
- d. The cords have to be in condition with no rips, frays, etc.
- e. The Superintendents will be monitoring this throughout the week.

Fair Clean Up/Load Out – Sunday, August 19 at 9am – REQUIRED FOR ALL ANIMAL MEMBERS

1. All animal members are required to help during this time – including horse, poultry, rabbit and livestock members.
2. Bring your brooms and shelves – WITH YOUR NAME ON THEM.
3. Check in at the 4-H Livestock Office in the MPB at 9am to receive instruction on what needs to be done first. You MUST check in AND check out at the Livestock Office (not with your superintendents).
4. We will start with breaking down the show ring, cleaning shavings, moving bleachers, taking down tents, breaking down the Row of Champions.
5. The last thing we will do – when we get the go ahead from the Superintendents – is to break down the pens in a very systematic fashion. This will only begin once we have most of the animals loaded out and the rest of the MPB cleaned.
6. DO NOT be in the aisles and in your pens cleaning shavings in the morning. We can clean up ALL the shavings at once after we break down all the pens.
7. POULTRY/RABBIT members – you can help in the small animal barn.
8. HORSE members – you will help break down the Lockhart barn stalls and help clean out the Green Stalls.

Outstanding Exhibitor Award –

1. This award will be given to the outstanding 4-H member (ages 8-18) in each of the market/breeding beef, sheep, swine, goat, rabbit, poultry and dog projects. Contestants will be evaluated on Record Book, Showmanship, Market/Breeding Animal Placing, Interview, Written Test. Additional information on this award can be found in our 4-H Handbook on our [WEBSITE](#). Competing for Outstanding Exhibitor is not a requirement.
2. **WRITTEN TEST** will be given at the following times. There are no make-ups for the written tests. Study guides for the written test will be posted to our [WEBSITE](#).
 - a. Horse – Monday, August 14 at 12pm
 - b. Dog – Tuesday, August 15 at 8:15am just before your show begins
 - c. Swine – Tuesday, August 15 immediately following weigh in at your mandatory swine member meeting in the MPB.
 - d. Poultry – Wednesday, August 16 at 8am right before your show begins in the small animal barn.
 - e. Sheep/Goat – Wednesday, August 16 immediately following weigh in at your mandatory sheep/goat member meeting in the MPB.

- f. Beef – Wednesday, August 16 immediately following weigh in at your mandatory beef member meeting in the MPB.
 - g. Rabbit – Thursday, August 17 at 8am right before your show begins in the small animal barn.
- 3. INTERVIEWS** will be given at the following times. There are no make-ups for the written tests.
- a. Horse – Monday, August 14, 11am-2pm
 - b. Dog – Tuesday, August 15, 10am-12pm at the dog show tent
 - c. Swine/Sheep/Goat/Beef – Wednesday, August 16 from 10am-2pm in the MPB
 - d. Poultry/Rabbit – Wednesday, August 16 from 10am-2pm in the Small Animal Barn

Fairgrounds Dog Policy

- 1. Please be aware of the new Routt County Fairgrounds Dog Policy – you can read the policy on the Routt County Fair website – www.routtcountyfair.org (scroll to the bottom of the home page) and it can be found in the fairbook.

Judges for 4-H Shows

- 1. Horse – Jonathan Vrabec
- 2. Swine – Trent Hollister
- 3. Sheep/Goat/Beef – Rob Eirich
- 4. Poultry/Rabbit – Scott Wiebensohn
- 5. Dog – Terena Thomas
- 6. RHV – Tom Sharpe

Help us promote our 4-H Shows

- 1. The Steamboat Pilot would love to feature some stories written by 4-H members. Get your creativity on and help us promote 4-H and fair!!

Declaration Sheet

- 1. Reminder that for every market animal you bring to fair we have a Declaration Sheet for them. You must come to the 4-H office on or before Friday, August 18 to let us know where each of your animals are going (home, sale, private treaty).

Wash Racks

- 1. The livestock wash racks will be closed on Monday August 15 from 10am-3pm during the 4-H horse show trail competition.
- 2. Please clean up after yourself at the wash racks.

Decorate Your Stall

Displays: Each year at fair there is a theme. For 2018 the theme is “Backroads and Best Friends”. You might work with your club or not to decorate your stalls at fair. It is common to include the following information: club name, animal’s name, exhibitors name, weight and breed. Make sure to thank and recognize your sponsors and previous year’s buyers. You will need to bring all the supplies for your club/pen display, as well as the materials needed to hang it. Zip ties, wire, rope, etc., are commonly used. Make sure the banner/display is hung securely and is safely out of your animal’s reach and does not hinder the use of the stall door.

What to bring to Fair

Supplies: A successful experience at the fair requires having the right supplies. Following are some things you will most likely need. **PUT YOUR NAME ON EVERYTHING!!!**

- **Bedding** – You will want to purchase your shavings before arriving at fair. We do not provide shavings and they will not be For Sale at fair. No paper shavings allowed.
- **Broom** – Keep your assigned area and walkways neat.
- **Feed** – Your animal will need feed throughout the fair.
- **Bucket** – You will need a bucket to haul fresh water to your animal.
- **Chairs** – You will spend a lot of time in the barn area, so you may want to bring chairs. Remember to keep the aisle area open for fair guests at all times.
- **Fans** – Fans are NOT allowed at the Routt County Fair because of electrical concerns.
- **Extension Cords** – The fairgrounds did some major upgrades to the electrical in the livestock barn in 2017. The following has been requested of all electrical cords used in the barn:
 - Only 12 gauge cords can be used in the MPB
 - No cords longer than 25 feet
 - The cords must have a ground prong
 - The cords have to be in condition with no rips, frays, etc.
 - The Superintendents will be monitoring this throughout the week.
- **Grooming Supplies** – Make sure to bring grooming brushes, soap, spray bottles, etc., normally used to wash and groom your animal. Many sheep exhibitors put sheep blankets or tubes on their lambs to keep them clean.
- **Groom Stands or Chutes** – Your animal should come to the fair already clipped or shorn, however minor fitting will be needed to get your animal show-ready.
- **Show Equipment** – You will need a halter, show stick, comb/brush or other show equipment.
- **Show Attire** – read your Routt County 4-H Handbook to make sure you are following the 4-H Dress Code and show attire.
- **Rake or Shovel** – you will need to remove droppings and soiled shavings from your animal’s pen area frequently. Stalls and pens need to be maintained throughout the fair. This will also help reduce flies in the barn area.

- **Wheel Barrow** – You will need to haul dropping and soiled shavings from the barn to the designated waste area.

What to expect at the 4-H Shows

Showing – There are two types of shows in which you can exhibit – showmanship and market (and/or breeding) classes. In showmanship classes, the judge is evaluating your skills in fitting and showing your animal, rather than just the quality of your animal. In market classes, the judge is evaluating your animal. Of course, a good show person will ensure his or her animal is shown to its best potential in the market class, helping the animal place as high in the market class as possible.

- **Showmanship Classes:** These classes are divided by 4-H age groups. Juniors (8-10), Intermediate (11-13) and Senior (14-18)
- **Market Classes:** Once all the animals have been weighed, they will be grouped into different classes based upon weight. Classes will be posted the evening after weigh in at fair.
- **Feeder Classes:** If your project animal did not weigh enough to show in a market class, you may show in the feeder class.

Understanding the Jr. Livestock Sale

Junior Livestock Sale: The beef, sheep, goat and swine shows at the county fair are market shows. As market animals they will be sold at auction at the conclusion of the fair. You will want to market yourself/animal to potential buyers and invite buyers to the auction to purchase animals and show their support for 4-H/FFA.

- **Flood Days** – Each year Routt County 4-H livestock sale members Flood Routt and Moffat Counties. The 4-H members go door to door to businesses hanging Jr. Livestock Sale/Fair posters, thanking past sponsors for their support and educating new businesses on how to support 4-h and the Jr. Livestock Sale. All market animal members are asked to attend Flood Days – July 18, 2018.
- **Preparing for the Auction** – all members can sell one large market animal (beef, sheep, goat, swine) and one small animal (poultry, rabbit) unless they have taken Grand or Reserve Grand in multiple species. All Grands and Reserve Grands MUST sell in the auction. You will wash and prepare your animal just as you did for the show (NO GLITTER on your animal). You will follow the same dress code as for the show.
- **Jr. Livestock Sale BBQ** – Prior to the sale we host a BBQ for all families, members, supporters and buyers. Each 4-H member is required to work a shift at the BBQ. Your club leader will let you know when your shift is. Please show up for your shift with clean hands/face and a nice 4-H shirt on.
- **Sale Order** - The order in which each species is auctioned is Grand and Reserve Grand first, then all first place class finishers starting in the lightest to heaviest weigh classes. Then 2nd place lightest to heaviest....

- **Sale Method** – The Routt County Fair Jr. Livestock Sale will sell all animals by the head (not by the pound). You will want to make sure your potential buyers understand the procedure for your county. The person who buys your market animal will have the option of flooring the animal (buy back), donating the animal to a local charity or having the animal processed for their own use.
 - *Flooring the animal (Buy back)* – If your buyer does not want to keep the animal they purchase they can floor the animal and pay only the difference between the final bid price and the established (floor) market price. The floor price is set prior to the sale and is based upon current market prices.
 - *Donating the animal to a local charity* – The buyer may get the winning bid on the animal and then donate the animal to a local charity or food bank. The buyer pays for full winning bid price and for the processing of the animal being donated and designates where to donate the animal.
 - *Having the animal processed for their own use* – The buyer will pay the full bid price, plus the cost of processing the animal. The buyer picks which processor to send the animal to. The buyer contacts the processor to let them know how he/she would like the animal processed. The Jr. Livestock Sale will arrange for the animal to be transported to the processors. The buyer will pick up the animal from the processor.
- **Add On/Raising the Floor** –
 - *Add On* – an Add On is a financial gift to reward a youth for his/her outstanding work. To place an Add On please fill out an Add On form prior to, during or after the Jr. Livestock Sale.
 - *Raising the Floor* – During or after the Jr. Livestock sale a buyer can Raise the Floor in a certain species. Example – most of the goats sold for \$750-\$950 except for 5 that sold for under \$750. A buyer can Raise the Floor on the goats to \$750 – raising those 5 goats up to \$750.
- **Thanking your Buyer** – Immediately following the sale of your animal in the show ring, you and your animal will exit the ring and have a picture taken with your Buyer. This is a great time to thank you buyer for the first time. Introduce yourself, shake their hand and thank them for supporting you and 4-H/FFA. Some youth choose to give their buyer a gift at this time.

After the fair is over, promptly follow up with your buyer. You can pick up your buyer picture from the Extension Office, frame the pictures and hand deliver the framed picture with a nice thank you card to you buyer. (You will have a document for the buyer to sign showing you have delivered a framed picture. You will need this signed document to pick up your Jr. Livestock Sale check.) If you did not bring them a gift a fair, you can present one at this follow up visit. Next year, acknowledge your buyer on your club display, place a thank you ad in the Routt County Fair Book (\$20 per ad – due April 11, 2018) and send them a BBQ invite to the Jr. Livestock Sale BBQ.

- **Representing Junior Livestock:** Hundreds of people come through the barns at the fair. Often this is the ONLY time they ever learn of 4-H or FFA, so what you do, how you look and how you

behave has a huge impact on the reputation of the 4-H/FFA livestock projects. Do you part to be a great ambassador by following these guidelines:

- Keep your animal fed, watered, and comfortable throughout the fair. Have your pen cleaned by 8:30am every morning and check on your animal regularly.
- Keep your area clean at all times.
- Keep the aisles open so people can walk through the barn and see the animals.
- Answer questions graciously.
- Be on your best behavior. You reflect on everyone in 4-H and FFA.

