

# COCHISE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION LIVESTOCK RULE BOOK



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FFA LOGO/WEBSITE

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## 2021 Cochise County Fair Show Schedule

### **Sunday 9/12/2021**

5 PM Carcass Live Judging

### **Wednesday 9/15/2021**

5:30 PM Carcass Evaluation

### **Wednesday 9/22/2021**

12 - 7 PM Small Stock Checked into Small Stock Barn

12 - 7 PM Large Stock Checked into Large Stock Barn

3 - 4 PM Goat & Lamb Weigh In

3 - 4 PM Steer Weigh In 4

4 - 6 PM Swine Weigh In

7 PM Large Stock Exhibitors Meeting

8 PM All animals on Fair Grounds

### **Thursday 9/23/2021**

7:45 AM Small Stock Exhibitors Meeting

8 AM - 12 PM Small Stock Showmanship & Breed Judging to follow

1 - 2 PM Dairy Cattle, Dairy Cattle Showmanship, Beef Builders

Breeding Beef: Open, 4H/FFA

2 - 3 PM Breeding Sheep: Open, 4H/FFA

3 - 4 PM Pygmy Goat: Open, 4H/FFA

5 PM Breeding Swine, Market Hog, Swine Showmanship: Open, 4H/FFA

### **Friday 9/24/2021**

8 - 9 AM Dairy Goats, Showmanship, Pack Goat: Open, 4H/FFA

9 - 10:30 AM Market Steer & Beef Showmanship: Open, 4H/FFA

10:30 AM – 12 PM Market Goat & Meat Goat Showmanship: Open, 4H/FFA

1 - 2:30 PM Market Lamb & Sheep Showmanship: Open, 4H/FFA

3 - 6 PM Dog Show

5 PM Sale Notifications Due

6 PM Livestock Judging Clinic

### **Saturday 9/25/2021**

8 AM Packer Animal Forms Due

8 - 9 AM Small Stock Continental Breakfast

10 AM - 12 PM CCFJL Small Stock sale

11:30 AM - 1 PM Large Stock Buyers Luncheon

1 PM Cochise County Junior Livestock Large Stock Sale

**Sunday      9/26/2021**

10 AM - 2 PM	Large Stock, Small Stock Round Robin Showmanship
1 - 2 PM	4H/FFA Awards, Year End & Round Robin
4 PM	Load Packer Trucks
4 PM	Building Exhibits Released
4 PM	All animals out of barns

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## EXHIBITOR CATEGORIES

**FFA Members and Other Youth Exhibitors must enroll with the Cochise County Fair office by April 1st, 2020**

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4-H Members, FFA members and Other Youth Exhibitors (collectively referred to as “Youth Exhibitors” throughout this document) participating in the Cochise County Fair will follow the rules contained in this Rule Book in order to exhibit and sell in the Cochise County Fair Small and Large Livestock Auctions.

- Junior Exhibitor: 8-13 years of age by January 1 of the current year.
- Senior Exhibitor: 14-18 years of age by January 1 of the current year. Senior members cannot have passed their 19th birthday prior to January 1 of the current year.

All Exhibitors that do not meet this qualification will be moved to the Open livestock and small stock divisions.

Youth who wish to participate in the Cochise County Fair Junior Livestock Large or Small stock sales must meet or exceed the following qualifications.

- Follow all general livestock and small stock rules contained in this Rule Book.
- Must meet all existing ownership and tagging deadlines.
- Must have entries completed and submitted on time.
- Must participate in Youth Quality Assurance.
- Must fill out all forms to participate in the CCFJL Small or Large Livestock Sale.  
-Required Forms collected at check in Seasonal Passes, Member Highlight, W-9, Wholesome Meat Act, and Market Summaries are Optional
- By April 1st, all exhibitors must either be:
  - a. A member of a 4-H club or FFA Chapter
  - b. Enrolled with the Cochise County Fair Association as an Other Youth participant
- All 4-H and FFA Members must be considered a “member in good standing” at the time of the fair.
- The youth exhibitor must reside or attend school in Cochise County to participate in the CCFJL Livestock and Small Stock Auctions.

## **EXHIBITOR ETHICS**

**THE YOUTH LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR CODE OF PRACTICE:** I believe that my participation in the Junior Livestock program should demonstrate my own ability, knowledge and skill as a feeder and fitter of livestock. I will do my own work and only accept advice and support from others. I will not use abusive or questionable techniques in the feeding, fitting and showing of my animals. I will not resort to fraudulent, illegal, or deceptive practices when fitting them for show. I also will not allow my parents, my leader/advisor, or any other adult to employ such practices. I will read and understand the rules of all livestock shows in which I am a participant. I ask that my parents and leader/advisor of my project animal not break the rules or make an exception on my behalf. I wish for my livestock project to be an example of how to accept what life has to offer -good and bad- and how to live with the outcomes. I realize I am responsible for: - The proper care and treatment of my animals, - The production of wholesome food - And the development of sound moral character in myself-and others.

**NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS):** Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, provincial and national levels. All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

ALL Youth Exhibitors must read and agree to abide by the Youth Livestock Exhibitor Code of Practice, National Show Ring Code of Ethics and the USDA Wholesome Meat Act and the Wholesome Assurance Statement. By submitting an animal for official verification, participants agree to comply with these codes and regulations. These documents may be found online at the Cochise County Fair Website.

In addition, by submitting an application for entry to the Cochise County Fair, participants agree to comply with all the rules and regulations governing Cochise County Fair

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Further, these provisions include total ownership of the entry for the prescribed number of days and provisions against unethical fitting, filling, and/or alteration of conformation and color of animal(s), meat tampering and illegal or non-approved use of drugs, medication and/or prohibited substance.

The following is a list of policies for all junior exhibitors and all junior livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide acceptable proof of ownership and origin, upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. All exhibitors must be present at the livestock auction.
5. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of volatile drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood or other samples taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.
6. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could

- affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
7. Animals receiving performance-enhancing drugs (i.e. including, but not limited to, anabolic steroids, diuretics, anti-inflammatories, tranquilizers and pain killers) are ineligible to show.
  8. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
  9. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
  10. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this Code of Ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this Code of Ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject said individual to disciplinary action.
  11. The application of this Code of Ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this Code of Ethics.
  12. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read this IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by this code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.
  13. All exhibitors, parents, leaders and volunteers will conduct themselves in a positive and constructive manner. Anyone deemed to be in violation of any of the above may be asked to leave the show and can be barred from the grounds.

**JUDGES' DECISIONS:** The decision of judges in all events shall be final in all cases, except where mistake, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion, not discovered at the time of award, is apparent. In such cases the judge may make the decision, or with his/her approval, the matter may be referred to the Cochise County Fair Junior Livestock Committee, with further appeal to the Cochise County Fair Board.

## **DRUG TESTING**

The United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act applies to the sale of market livestock sold during the Cochise County Fair. The Statement is as follows:

- The use of animal drugs or other substances by non-veterinarians in any manner other than in accordance with the labeling approved by FDA, is a violation of federal law.
- Food animals must not exceed FDA/EPA/USDA established tolerances for any foreign substance including drugs, pesticides, feed additives, or other chemicals.
- Violative results of residue testing are subject to investigation by USDA and FDA for prosecution.
- Any misrepresentation of a food animal that can potentially affect the acceptability of the carcass or milk will be considered fraud.
- Note: Abuse of the extra-label privilege by veterinarians is unethical and is subject to serious consequences such as license revocation. Drug withdrawal periods must be completed prior to arrival at the show. PLEASE CONSULT YOUR PROJECT LEADER/ADVISOR OR CCJL BOARD MEMBER IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND ANY OF THESE STATEMENTS.

### **DRUG TESTING PROCEDURES:**

1. Champion Testing: Grand, Reserve, & Best Bred & Fed Champions WILL be tested immediately following selection. If the animal has previously been selected and tested, it will be the Veterinarian/Tester's option to collect an additional sample.
2. The veterinarian/tester will be in charge of their own protocol for collecting and handling samples.
3. Procedure for selection of animals for random drug testing if performed: At the end of each class, a show official will draw a chip from a box. In the box are eight chips, four that are blank and four that are numbered one through four. If a blank chip is drawn, there will not be a drug test from that class. If a numbered chip is drawn, the animal which placed that number will be tested. Example, if chip number one is drawn, first place will be tested; two drawn, second place to be tested. The number of blank chips in the box may be increased or decreased as determined by the Show Veterinarian and Department Superintendent.
4. Drug testing will be performed immediately following the class. It will be the Veterinarian/Testers discretion if testing should be delayed to accommodate animals that will be returning for subsequent judging (breed champion, etc.).
5. Testing of market animals will include testing of all Grand, Reserve & Best Bred & Fed Champions for beef, sheep, swine and meat goat divisions. Show management reserves the right to do testing on any animal entered in the Fair for any foreign substance including drugs, chemicals, or feed additives. The Official Show Veterinarian (or designated testing official) will collect urine and/or blood samples from animals selected for a drug test. It will be the Veterinarian/Tester's option if the sample is urine and/or blood.

6. Test samples must be free of any identifiable or unidentifiable foreign substance, including drugs, chemicals or feed additives, unless otherwise established as permissible by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) or Food and Drug Administration (FDA). There can be no presence of any performance-based drugs and/or derivatives thereof in test samples.
7. Animals that test positive for an unapproved foreign substance, including drugs, chemicals, feed additives, performance-based drugs or derivatives of any of these substances will be disqualified and ineligible for premiums or sale proceeds and the youth exhibitor will forfeit any awards. If an animal is disqualified, changes will not be made to the placings of other animals. The disqualified animal's carcass will be disposed of and the person owning the animal will be responsible for the expense for drug testing, including lab and collection fees.
8. The owner of the disqualified animal, their 4-H leader, FFA Advisor and his/her immediate family members may be reported to the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers' Association Rule Infraction Database. If an individual is twice found to be in violation of these rules, the individual(s) responsible for the action causing disqualification will be barred from participating in any future Cochise County Fair Junior Livestock Shows.
9. If residues from foreign substances, including drugs, chemicals or feed additives, are found in the carcass tissue of an animal sold through the Cochise County Junior Livestock Auction, the Cochise County Fair and the Cochise County Livestock Council will NOT be liable or responsible for the condition of the carcass or sale price of the animal.

## **CCFJL GENERAL POLICIES RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR EXHIBITING AT THE COCHISE COUNTY FAIR**

**QUALITY ASSURANCE:** All Youth Exhibitors and leaders/advisors must have a current quality assurance certification in order to exhibit at the county fair. The class is good for one year. The online class is available at <http://www.yqca.org>.

**SEASONAL PASS / INSPECTION:** A Seasonal Pass is required for exhibition of all cattle, sheep, goats, and swine owned by Arizona residents and exhibited in Arizona according to state law and rule (ARS § 3-1346, R3-2-703). To receive a Seasonal Pass, the exhibitor must complete an application. An Arizona Self-Inspection Certificate OR an Arizona Livestock Inspection Certificate number is required. Instructions and an application can be downloaded online at <https://agriculture.az.gov/seasonal-passes>. For questions, please call the self-inspection staff at (602) 542-6407.

- Health Regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture require that animals treated with drugs, pesticides or any other chemical must go through the prescribed withdrawal period as listed on the label. Therefore, it is important that exhibitors determine the type of treatments used if the animals must be dipped or treated prior to leaving the point of origin. Exhibitors of market animals will be required to present a signed Wholesome Meat Certification for each market and carcass animal to Show management at time of check-in. Both the exhibitor AND parent/guardian/responsible adult must sign the Certification. Participant must certify that the animal is not adulterated within the meaning of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act or the Wholesome Meat Act.
- Only animals of United States origin are eligible to be entered in a Market Division. Market animals must be bred, born and raised in the United States.

**Registration Deadlines:** Items to be submitted by 5:00 pm on the due date unless otherwise stated.

**Enrollment Deadline:** The youth exhibitor must be enrolled in the project area entered for the county fair. Youth Exhibitors must be enrolled by April 1 for Market, Carcass, and Breeding livestock projects. Youth Exhibitors must designate by this date if they are in the 4-H, FFA or Other Youth project category. Enrollment forms must specify the project species and participation will be limited to the species named on the enrollment form. No substitution of species will be allowed after the deadline date. Exceptions must be approved by the CCFJL Board.

**Ownership Deadline:** Number of days prior to the Wednesday start of county

fair: Market and Carcass Steers: 150 days – April 26, 2020

Market/Carcass Hog, Lamb, Goat: 90 days – June 25, 2020

Breeding Cattle: 60 days – July 25, 2020

All other livestock: August 15, 2020

**Market/Carcass Livestock Tagging:** Official verification will be done at the club level no later than 10 days after the ownership deadline in order to assure adherence to the minimum date of possession and if applicable that animals are properly castrated. Official verification will include a tamper proof electronic ID ear tag and declaration as to 4-H, FFA or “Other Youth” Exhibitor category. Tags will be provided by CCFJL to Club and Chapter livestock leaders for application/distribution. All hogs must have an official Cochise County Livestock Tag. All non- market hogs will be tagged at the county fairgrounds during the weigh in time, if not already tagged.

**Maximum-minimum weight ranges for market livestock are as follows:**

Market Hogs	220 lbs. to 300 lbs. (280 lbs. maximum pay weight)
Market Lambs	90 lbs. to unlimited (145 lbs. maximum pay weight)
Market Lambs - Small Breed	Southdown, Dorper, & Cheviot at 80 lbs. minimum and Olde English “Babydoll” southdown at 65 lbs. minimum
Market Goats	70 lbs. to unlimited (120 lbs. maximum pay weight)
Market Steers	1,000 lbs. to unlimited (1,300 lbs. maximum pay weight)
Market Steers - Small Breed Beef Cattle	Minimum of 500 lbs. for $\frac{3}{4}$ to full Lowline/other small breed beef cattle Minimum of 650 for 50% to 74% Declaration must be made at tagging time as to Lowline/small breed classification and percentage.

**Entry Deadline:** All county fair livestock exhibits must be entered online no later than 5:00 pm, September 1. There will be a late fee of \$150 assessed for all entries received from 5:01pm on September 1<sup>st</sup> through 5:00pm on September 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be no entries accepted after 5:00 pm on September 8<sup>th</sup> NO EXCEPTIONS. Youth exhibitors and their parents are responsible for checking that their entries are correct.

**Entry Fees:** The entry fee will be \$15 per head for each market and carcass livestock exhibit. The entry fee will be \$5 for all other livestock. Entry fees are due for the number of head entered. Fees are not refundable. All fees are due and must be received by September 11<sup>th</sup> to avoid a \$25 late fee. Fees are payable to Cochise County Fair Association Junior Livestock 3677 N. Leslie Canyon Rd. Douglas, Az 85607. All entry fees must be paid by September 15<sup>th</sup> or entry will be deleted.

**Tagging:** Each exhibitor may tag up to 4 animals per species, but may only enter and show 1 carcass and 2 market at the fair. Each animal can only be entered in one market or carcass class. If you need to switch two animals (one of your market animals will be shown in carcass and your carcass will be shown in market) this is permitted by notifying the Cochise County Fair Office. Do not double enter animals.

If a youth exhibitor only has 1 market and 1 carcass animal and the carcass animal does not make weight, the youth exhibitor may take the light weight carcass animal as their second market animal to the county fair. However, the youth exhibitor must notify the CCFJL Board or Superintendent at the live carcass animal show or before. This change will not be allowed if notification is late.

Each Youth Exhibitor will be expected to show and sell his/her own animal unless the Superintendent or CCFAJL Committee member makes an exception because of unusual circumstances (i.e. two animals in the same weight class). If an exception is granted, the animal may be shown by any other Cochise county Exhibitor, 8 to 18 years of age.

**Fair Check-In Times:** All livestock must be on the fairgrounds by 8pm on Wednesday of the fair week. Refer to the schedule on page 3.

**Fair Weigh-in Times:** Refer to schedule on page 3.

It will be permissible for the exhibitor to have someone else weigh-in the animal for them in the event that they cannot be present or involved in other events that might be in progress at the time that the animals are being weighed. If the exhibitor asks for a re-weigh the animal cannot leave the scale area, the scales will be zeroed and then the animal re-weighed.

If market animals do not make weight they are automatically entered in breeding, prospect or open. The 4<sup>th</sup> animal may be entered in futurity, breeding, or the prospect class. The same animal may NOT be shown in the breeding and market and/or prospect class. The same animal may be shown in only one of these classes. The exception is with futurity animals and offspring. The futurity animals should also be entered in the appropriate breeding class. The offspring should also be entered in one of the following: breeding, market or prospect. If shown in one of the above classes they would be eligible to be shown in showmanship.

**Non-Sale Animal Transportation:** All animals not going through the sale, but being transported to packers must be signed up and paid for by Saturday at 8:00 am. Forms will be available in the Show Office. No exceptions will be made.

All animals must be washed before 10:30 am on the day of the sale and then the wash rack will be closed.

**Junior Livestock Judge Selection:** The CCJL committee will provide a list of livestock and small stock judges with contact information to the Fair General Manager by March 1<sup>st</sup>. The fair manager will contact and hire judges and secure lodging for the judges. In the event a judge cancels the CCJL committee will seek and hire other qualified individuals if the judges on the list are also not available. Judges should be kept confidential until the fair unless there is a cancellation, which would require the livestock committee to find a replacement.

**Grand Champion, Reserve Champion and Cochise County Bred and Fed Awards:** Grand Champion, Reserve Champion and Cochise County Bred and Fed will be selected in all the livestock species providing the judge has awarded blue ribbons to the animals in the various classes within the department and in their estimation deems the animal to be of championship quality.

Educational Signs may be displayed in the Livestock Building under the supervision of the superintendent.

**Release Time:** Release time for all livestock is 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Parents are not allowed to tabulate scores if they have a family member in the competition being scored.

### **GENERAL ANIMAL HEALTH AND CARE**

1. **Unruly Animals:** At the discretion of the livestock superintendent, CCFJL committee members, 4-H Leader, or FFA Advisor, any unruly animal can be disqualified. A special area will be designated where unruly and/or sick animals may be moved at the discretion of the superintendents.
2. **Cleaning of Pens/Area:** Exhibitors will see that their pens are neatly kept, the litter disposed of before 9:00 am. Passageways must be kept clean and clear at all times. Pens must be cleaned daily and pans must be removed after feeding.
3. **Bedding of Animals:** All sheep, goats and hogs are to remain bedded in their assigned pens at night. Beef may be bedded down at the tie-outs or remain in the beef barn. Neck ropes are recommended for all beef animals. Animals are not allowed to be bedded in horse stalls or trailers. Animals may be taken to tie-outs after 8:00pm and must be returned to the barns by 8:30am.

4. No drenching or other artificial means of forcing liquid into an animal is allowed, except as directed by a veterinarian in consultation with the specie superintendent.
5. Muzzles are allowed if necessary for sheep and goats. An educational poster/sign must be posted by the youth exhibitor near the pen where these animals are stalled to explain to the public why they are being used.
6. While at the county fair grooming and fitting is a learning experience for the youth exhibitor. The exhibitor must be present when the animal is being groomed/fitting. The showing of unethically fitted livestock is prohibited. Unethical fitting will be deemed to consist of, but not limited to, any product administered internally or externally to alter the conformation of an animal.

#### **EXHIBITOR ATTIRE:**

**Proper Attire:** Youth Exhibitors exhibiting animals in either or both the market and breeding livestock divisions will be expected to enter the sale and show ring in clean clothing that is deemed to be proper attire for the occasion. If pants have belt loops, a belt must be worn. No t-shirts or sleeveless shirts. No hats or caps. A clean well-groomed showman is of the utmost importance in creating a favorable public image.

**4-H members:** White long or short sleeve dress shirt or blouse, dark blue or black pants or skirt, are required. Green tie or scarf optional. 4-H club jacket, sweater, or vest is optional.

**FFA members:** Official FFA dress will be worn.

**Other Youth Exhibitors:** White Collared shirt and blue or black jeans required.

**Dairy Cattle & Dairy Goat Exhibitors:** Dairy whites, white pants or skirt and white long or short sleeve shirt, will be worn.

#### **SHOWMANSHIP:**

1. There will be four age divisions for beef, sheep, swine and meat goat: junior novice (8 to 13), junior (8 to 13), senior novice (14 & up), and senior (14 & up). Classes may be combined at the discretion of the Show Management Team. Novice is defined as any exhibitor never having shown a particular species at a county fair. Showmanship classes will be held for each species and the showmanship class will be separate from the conformation class. The top two novice winners in each division will proceed to the regular classes for the final competition.

2. Youth Exhibitors participating in the showmanship classes must exhibit their own animal and the animal must have been shown in a conformation class. The animal shown may be a breeding, market or prospect animal. Borrowing an animal from any other person will not be allowed. The only exception is when an exhibitor's only animal dies within two weeks of the fair. That exhibitor is eligible to replace it with another animal entered in the fair for the

showmanship class. The CCFAJL Committee must be notified as soon as possible of this circumstance.

### **BEST COCHISE COUNTY BRED & FED**

Best Cochise County Bred and Fed Steer, Lamb, Hog and Goat. A special championship class for the "Best Cochise County Bred and Fed Steer, Lamb, Hog and Goat", will be held. The intent of the award is to recognize quality herdsmanship within our county and encourage the selection of superior quality animals available within Cochise County. The class will be composed of the highest placing blue ribbon animal that was bred and raised in Cochise County in each of the market classes. The Cochise County Best Bred and Fed class will be held unless grand or reserve is also bred and fed. The winning animal of the "Best Cochise County Bred and Fed" class will be designated as the third selling animal for each species in the sale order, selling after the grand and reserve champions have been auctioned.

The following constitutes eligibility for "Best Bred & Fed of Cochise County."

1. The animal being shown MUST have been born in Cochise County.
2. The dam of the animal being shown MUST be a "resident" of Cochise County 30 days prior to the conception of the animal being shown. The definition of "resident" shall be: The dam of the animal being shown shall either be incorporated into an established Cochise County herd or owned by an individual who resides in Cochise County. The sire of the animal being shown must have physically been in Cochise County at the time of conception or AI must have been used. The dam cannot have been taken out of the county to be bred.
3. Artificial insemination (AI) and embryo transfer are recognized methods of herd improvement. Rules 1 and 2 still apply. Embryo needs to be flushed from a resident dam of the Cochise County breeder and implanted in one of their herd recipient dams.
4. Proof of eligibility forms for this competition must be completed by the exhibitor, parent, leader, and the breeder and submitted before or at the time of tagging. Forms must be complete with all signatures. They will not be accepted after the tagging. Forms with complete details are available from the Extension office in Willcox. One form per animal required.

### **PEN OF THREE:**

Pen of Three: Each club or chapter may show as many pens of three as possible. Classes may be determined and entered at the fair prior to the competition. Entry deadline is set by the superintendent. Each pen is allowed one herdsman. They must be market animals and must be 4- H, FFA, or other but cannot be a combination.

### **PROSPECT ANIMALS:**

Prospect Animals: There will be a prospect class for steers, hogs, lambs and meat goats. Prospect animals must be owned by August 15th. This class will not have a minimum or maximum weight limit. The animals will be divided into weight classes with a relatively equal number of animals in each class, as uniform in number and size as possible. The Youth Exhibitor will be eligible to exhibit only two animals of each species.

### **GENERAL BREEDING LIVESTOCK PROJECT RULES:**

1. Youth Exhibitors can exhibit either registered and/or commercial breeding livestock. A class will be established for registered and similar classes for commercial (non-registered) animals. Only registered animals having duly certified certificates of registry and proper tattoo or ear tag certificate showing the Youth Exhibitor as the sole owner of the animal will be permitted to exhibit in the registered animal classes. The registration or other ownership papers must show that the Youth Exhibitor has owned the breeding livestock by August 1st.
2. There will be a maximum of 10 (ten) breeding animals exhibited per exhibitor, per species at the county fair.
3. Purebred breeding livestock that do not have certificates of registry must be exhibited in the commercial class for its respective age group. Registration or other ownership papers must be brought to the fair and will be checked prior to the show by the species superintendent. For young animals whose registration is pending, the exhibitor must show a copy of the application for registration. The same animal cannot be exhibited in both the 4-H or FFA and open class divisions.
4. In breeding only, a herdsman will be allowed.

### **MARKET HOG**

Market Hogs will be shown in breed classes. Hogs may be entered in the following classes: Duroc, Hampshire, Yorkshire, Other Dark Purebred, Other Light Purebred, or Crossbred. If a breed is not listed on the entry form, the hog will show in the Crossbred class. Breed classes with fewer than 5 entries will be placed in the appropriate Other Purebreds Class. Hogs will be classified at weigh-in. All hogs failing to meet classification guidelines for the breed will be transferred to the crossbred class.

## **Market Steer:**

### **BEEF CATTLE RULES:**

Steers must be weaned a minimum of 150 days before the fair. It is recommended that the steer should not exceed two years of age by show time and they must be dehorned.

**Production Steer Class:** Sponsored by Cochise Graham Cattle Growers Association (CGCGA) Steers will be shown in the regular market classes with all other steers of their weight class for determination of sale order. Production steers will be shown in an additional class with premiums awarded by Cochise Graham Cattle Growers Association.

1. All exhibitors who wish to participate must email the CGCCA representatives Helen Frazee (beef@vtc.net) and Sonia Gasho (strongholdbeef@yahoo.com) by February 15 of their intent to participate in the Production Steer Class. When emailing the CGCCA representatives include: name, address, phone number and email address. Please include "Production Steer" in the subject line.

2. Youth exhibitors must be enrolled in the market steer project.

Purpose of this class: This class promotes youth learning about beef production and the meat supply chain by \*record keeping \*learning about genetics of beef breeds \* feedlot nutrition \* packer, butcher, store, and consumer desires \* providing rancher with conversion data for feed, weight gain, and growth \* visits to feed lots, university meat lab, butcher, farmers market, sale barn, grocery store.

Criteria for class: Steer is purchased from ranching operation (100 head or more) in Cochise or Graham County. Youth agrees to participate with guidelines set by Cochise Graham Cattle Growers Association. If the youth chooses not to participate in the program or turn in records books, they will not be able to show in the Production class at the County Fair. Record books will be judged and compose 1/3, 33%, of the final placing. Steer may not be club type, defined as "an animal that is a combination of breeds specifically developed for the show ring" Cattle

Today Forum, or purchased from a club calf breeder for show. The animal must be a ranch type/breed that is marketed locally for commercial purposes and food use. Record books, live ultrasound carcass evaluation, knowledge questions, and live show ring judging will all figure into the final winner. Therefore, the winner in the ring may or may not be the final champion.

**Class requirements:**

1. Steer purchased from a Cochise or Graham County ranch with 100 head or more.
2. Youth corresponds with ranch operation and the designated CGCGA member on a monthly basis to include the following information, as well as keep a journal to be submitted at weigh-in for evaluation.
  - Keep track of animal weight monthly.
  - Daily feed consumption. (Feedstuffs must be weighed.) Log what type of feed the animal is consuming.
  - Total pounds fed per month (required on final market summary)
  - Average daily gain figured each month.
  - Cost of gain for each month.
  - Amount of exercise the animal is getting.
  - What the youth is doing with the animal. What kind of attitude does the animal display? Any problems getting the animal to eat one thing or the other. Basic everyday things that would help the ranch owner gain information about his or her animal.
3. Students must attend 75% of meetings and field trips to participate in fair judging.
4. Mandatory meeting in February to review rules and submit AI pedigrees
5. Submission of summary from rancher/grower with record book is required

Premiums will be sponsored by Cochise Graham Cattle Growers as well as other ranchers if possible. The premiums will be only paid out to those who have met the requirements set forth by Cochise Graham Cattle Growers. The Cochise Graham Cattle Growers Association will provide the judge for the class.

**FAQ for Production Steer:**

1. What breed can my steer be? Steers may be any recognized beef production breed.
2. Can my steer be an AI calf? Artificial Insemination (AI) is an accepted industry practice. Calves may be the product of AI. They may NOT be from a dam or sire that is "Club" type or recognized as being for club calves. Calves should be a purebred beef breed, Angus for example, or a crossbred of two beef types. Any percentage of a breed that can be considered club type may not be the major genetic component. All AI animals' pedigrees must be submitted at February meeting for review by Dr. Sam Garcia, UA. Any animals deemed to be club type will be disqualified.

3. How do I communicate with my rancher and Cochise Graham? You may text, email, write, or place a phone call. Document all communication with notes. You must submit a monthly report to both your rancher and Cochise Graham member.
4. How often do I need to weigh my steer? Every month and adjust report for how many days in between weights.
5. When is the Production Steer class? The Production steer class follows the Market Steer. Members will show in their market weight class for sale order placing and again in the Production class.
6. When do I turn in record books? At weigh in after completing your last monthly report and your market summary. Books will be judged and returned to you after the competition.
7. When is the carcass evaluation? Live ultrasound carcass evaluation will be performed prior to market steer competition. Please wash and blow dry but do not fit until after evaluation as oil will be used for ultrasound.

#### **SWINE RULES:**

Swine Health Rules – Youth exhibitors should check with the Department of Agriculture Animal Services Division for the latest information at <https://agriculture.az.gov/show-swine> or by calling 602-542-4293.

1. Barrows or gilts may be shown in market classes. Barrows must be properly castrated so that there are no testicles present whatsoever, otherwise the animal will be disqualified for all classes except showmanship.
2. Hogs shown at the fair should not exceed eight months of age.
3. Hog Show - Only exhibitors and those authorized by the swine superintendent are allowed in the hog barn during the hog show.
4. All Clubs/Chapters/Other Youth Exhibitors will be assigned a block of pens. All swine exhibitors must turn in the ear tag of their animal and its pen number at weigh in. The expectation is that your animal will remain in that pen for the duration of the fair. If for any reason it becomes necessary to move your hog to a different pen you must have permission from the superintendent prior to moving pens. Open hog exhibitors should state on their entry form if they would like to have pens allocated with a certain club. Special requests will be considered, but not guaranteed.
5. Oil is not to be used on hogs for the day of the auction. Oil holds in body heat and will add stress to your pig.

#### **MARKET HOG SHOW CLASSIFICATION GUIDELINES FOR PUREBRED HOGS**

Berkshire: (dark) 1. A black and white animal with erect ears exhibiting Berkshire character. 2. A Berkshire must have white on all four legs, face and tail (unless tail is docked). One of the white leg points may also be missing. 3. Must be ear notched within seven days of birth. 4.

A Berkshire must NOT have a solid white or a solid black face from the ears forward. 5. A Berkshire must NOT have a solid black nose (rim of nose). 6. White is allowed on the ears, but NO solid white may appear on the ears. 7. Occasional splash of white may appear on the body.

Chester White: (light) 1. Must possess Chester White Breed Character. 2. Must be ear notched within seven days of birth. 3. Must be solid white in color, no color on the skin larger than a silver dollar, no colored hair. 4. Ears must be down and medium size. 5. Any signs of weighted ear tags or evidence of past existence of such ear tags are determined to be not permissible and are grounds for disqualification.

Duroc: 1. Must be red in color and possess Duroc Breed Character. (ears must be down and medium size) 2. Must be ear notched within seven days of birth. 3. Must NOT have any white hair located on the animal. 4. Must NOT have any black hair. 5. Must NOT have more than three black spots on the skin and none of these spots can be larger than two inches in diameter. 6. Must NOT have any shading or indication of a belt.

Hampshire: 1. Must be black in color with a white belt starting on the front leg. The belt may partially or totally encircle the body. 2. Must possess Hampshire Breed character. (ears must be erect and not rounded) 3. Must be ear notched within seven days of birth. 4. Must NOT have any white hair or indications of streaking on the forehead. 5. Must NOT have any red hair.

Landrace: (light) 1. Must be white in color and possess Landrace Breed character. (ears must be down) 2. Must be ear notched within seven days of birth. 3. Must NOT allow any color hair other than white. 4. Must NOT allow more than three spots of skin pigmentation. 5. Must NOT allow any spot of skin pigmentation larger than one U.S. minted quarter.

Poland China: (dark) 1. Must possess Poland China Breed character. 2. Must be ear notched within seven days of birth. 3. Must be black with six white points (face, feet and tail) with an occasional splash of white on the body. A hog may not possess more than one black leg and be determined as a Poland China. (Tail docking is permissible eliminating that white point.) 4. Must have ears down. 5. Must NOT have evidence of belt formation. 6. Cannot have any red or sandy hair and/or pigment. 7. Hogs that have weighted ear tags or evidence of tampering with possible ear tags are ineligible.

Spotted: (dark) 1. Must be black and white in color. 2. Must possess Spotted Breed character. 3. Must be ear notched within seven days of birth. 4. Ears must not be erect. 5. Any red tinted or sandy brown spots are ineligible. 6. No solid black head from ears forward. 7. No distinct white belt pattern (hair or skin) encircling and extending down and onto each shoulder.

Yorkshire: 1. Must be white in color and possess Yorkshire Breed character. (ears must be erect) 2. Must be ear notched within seven days of birth. 3. Must NOT have any colored hair

other than white. 4. Must NOT have colored skin pigmentation larger than one U.S. minted silver dollar. 5. Must NOT have masking above the eyes larger than a silver dollar.

## **SHEEP RULES**

Scrapies: All non-neutered exhibition sheep and goats transported interstate and intrastate must have official scrapies identification. For more information, contact the Arizona Department of Agriculture 1-602-542-6407.

### **Market Lambs:**

1. All market lambs are to be slick shorn prior to weigh-in, no more than 1/4 inch from below the ear to the hock and knee.
2. Wethers or ewes may be shown in the market classes. Wethers must be properly castrated so that there are no testicles present whatsoever, otherwise the animal will be disqualified for all classes except showmanship.
3. Lambs being exhibited at the county fair in the market lamb division must still have their lamb teeth. An individual will be checking the lambs at weigh-in at the county fair. Any lamb not having their lamb teeth will be automatically disqualified.

### **Breeding Sheep:**

1. A halter is permissible with the breeding sheep, if necessary.
2. Breeding sheep may be shown with at most 30-day growth of wool.
3. Ewe Lamb Futurity:
  - a. Entry Fee \$10.00 - As Ewe Lamb Only. The ewe lamb futurity was initiated to encourage county youth to strive for excellence with their sheep breeding projects and management programs.
  - b. Year #1 All ewe lambs must be born from October 1 of the previous year to July 31 of the current year. Lambs shown in this class would also be eligible for any other breeding class, but not in the market class. All ewe lambs must be owned by the exhibitor at the time of the entry. Proof of ownership will be required 30 days prior to the fair. A DNA hair sample will be collected from each ewe lamb officially entered in the futurity program at a designated time during the fair. Exhibitors who begin competition with a ewe lamb must be eligible to compete for three consecutive years without excluding the age rule. A numerical score will be assigned to ribbon placing and totals will be accumulated for a three year period.
  - c. Year #2 The second year of competition will feature a class designated for yearling futurity ewes which have been previously shown and identified with

- tattoos as ewe lambs. Ewes will be shown as a single for her second year of competition. Ewes must have been shown in the previous year #1 class.
- d. Year #3 In the third year of competition the ewe must be shown with the progeny from that year. The ewe and her offspring will be evaluated as a unit for quality placing. Lambs shown in this class with the ewes will also be eligible for other market or breeding classes in the show. Ewes could also be shown in regular classes. Ewe lambs would be eligible to be entered in first year futurity competition. Ewes must have been shown two years previously in the #1 class and the previous year in the #2 class.
  - e. A record of each ewe lamb entered in the futurity will be retained in the 4-H Office. Numerical scores will be added together to obtain a cumulative score at the end of the year. At the end of the three years of competition the scores will be compared and the ewe with the highest overall score will be declared the winner. If ties result after the final competition the lambs of the ewes involved will be re-evaluated. The official judge will determine the winner on the basis of the quality of the lamb(s) that the ewe has produced. (In this instance, youth exhibitors will want to make sure they are breeding to a quality ram to ensure that the quality of the resulting off-spring will also be outstanding). AWARDS: Entry fees collected during year #1 will be divided at the end of the third year 50% - 30% - 20%.

## **MEAT GOAT RULES**

Scrapies: All non-neutered exhibition sheep and goats transported interstate and intrastate must have official scrapies identification. For more information, contact the Arizona Department of Agriculture 1-602-542-6407.

1. Meat Goat Breeds include: Boer, Spanish, Tennessee Meat Goat, Kiko and their crosses.
2. Only animal approved products can be applied to animals.
3. Goats showing signs of sickness, lice, ringworm, abscesses, ulcerations or abnormality will be disqualified and must be removed from the grounds.
4. Exhibitors will be allowed to use collars or chains in the show ring. No pinch collars. Pinch collars are intended as a training tool only.

### **Market Goat:**

1. Wethers or does may be shown in the market classes. Wethers must be properly castrated so that there are no testicles present whatsoever, otherwise the animal will be disqualified for all classes except showmanship.
2. Goats need not be purebred.
3. At the time of weigh-in, goats must be slick shorn above the hocks and knees with hair not exceeding a length of 3/8 inch.
4. All Market goats must be polled, disbudded or dehorned. Any scur or horn structures on Market goats must be blunted and not exceed one inch in length. No dehorning will be allowed on the show premises.

5. Market goats must have their milk teeth. They should not exceed one year of age. It is recommended that the market goats be 5-8 months of age.

### **Breeding Meat Goat:**

1. Does may have horns. Be aware that if you dehorn breeding does, they may not be eligible for other breeding shows. Various shows have different requirements regarding horns.
2. Bucks may be shown; however, they will be stalled in their own designated area.
3. Does do not have to be shorn.

### **Meat Goat Doe Futurity:**

1. Entry Fee \$10.00 - As Doe Kid Only. The meat goat doe futurity was initiated to encourage county youth to strive for excellence with their meat goat breeding projects and management programs.
2. Year #1 All doe kids must be born from October 1 of the previous year to July 31 of the current year. Kids shown in this class would also be eligible for any other breeding class, but not in the market class. All doe kids must be owned by the exhibitor at the time of the entry. Proof of ownership will be required 30 days prior to the fair. A DNA hair sample will be collected from each doe kid officially entered in the futurity program at a designated time during the fair. Exhibitors who begin competition with a doe kid must be eligible to compete for three consecutive years without excluding the age rule. A numerical score will be assigned to ribbon placing and totals will be accumulated for a three year period.
3. Year #2 The second year of competition will feature a class designated for yearling futurity does which have been previously shown and identified with tattoos as doe kids. Doelings will be shown as a single for her second year of competition. Doelings must have been shown in the previous year #1 class.
4. Year #3 In the third year of competition the doe must be shown with the progeny from that year. The doe and her offspring will be evaluated as a unit for quality placing. Kids shown in this class with the does will also be eligible for other market or breeding classes in the show. Does could also be shown in regular classes. Doe kids would be eligible to be entered in first year futurity competition. Does must have been shown two years previously in the #1 class and the previous year in the #2 class.
5. A record of each doe kid entered in the futurity will be retained in the 4-H Office. Numerical scores will be added together to obtain a cumulative score at the end of the year. At the end of the three years of competition the scores will be compared and the doe with the highest overall score will be declared the winner.
6. If ties result after the final competition the kids of the does involved will be re-evaluated. The official judge will determine the winner on the basis of the quality

of the kid(s) that the doe has produced. (In this instance, youth exhibitors will want to make sure they are breeding to a quality buck to ensure that the quality of the resulting off-spring will also be outstanding). AWARDS: Entry fees collected during year #1 will be divided at the end of the third year 50% - 30% - 20%

## **DAIRY GOAT RULES**

Scrapies. All non-neutered exhibition sheep and goats transported interstate and intrastate must have official scrapies identification. Tattoos are acceptable identification for dairy goats and will comply with AZ Department of Ag scrapies identification. For more information, contact the Arizona Department of Agriculture 1-602-542-6407.

1. Be aware, if you think you might show in other Dairy Goat shows, such as those sponsored by the American Dairy Goat Association (ADGA), Dairy Goats must be properly TATTOOED (not tagged) and registered. For more information contact ADGA at (828) 286-3801 or [www.ADGA.org](http://www.ADGA.org)
2. Classes will be shown in dairy whites.
3. Classes are open to does and wethers of any age. Both are to be penned at the fair for the entire time.
4. Dairy bucks may be shown; however, they will be brought in just prior to the show and will be taken home after the show. They will not be stalled at the fair.
5. Goats must be dehorned and show clip ready.
6. Dairy goats may be sold private treaty during the fair.
7. All dairy goats must be milked out between 6 and 7 am before the dairy goat show.

## **PYGMY GOAT RULES**

1. Open to does and wethers. Must be dehorned and show ready.
2. Up to two pygmy goats may be sold in the small stock auction (see appropriate rules).
3. No private treaty sales allowed during the fair.

## **PACK GOAT RULES**

1. Class will be shown in official dress or dairy whites.
2. Pack goats will be shown with their packs on and judged over an obstacle.
3. Pack goats must be at an appropriate weight and height for carrying a pack.
4. Pack goat participants may be any breed of goat.

## **CARCASS EVALUATION PROGRAM:**

1. Market livestock rules also apply to carcass animals unless specified differently below.
2. The objective of this Carcass Contest is to promote the raising of beef, sheep, swine and goats that will economically yield superior carcasses, and to provide education regarding carcass merit. Carcasses will be evaluated and placed on the basis of quality and cutability.
3. Animals entered in the carcass contest cannot be entered in the market contest unless the animal does not make weight. See 4H/FFA rulebook pages 17-18 , General Livestock Rule Section A, Entry Fees.
4. Carcass animals will be judged live approximately 1 week prior to the fair. All carcass animals will be judged at the UA Campus Ag Center/Meat Lab.

5. Youth Exhibitors MUST be present at both the live and carcass evaluation; otherwise the exhibit will be disqualified.
6. Animals must be halter broken, must be led from the hauling trailer to the scale and to the ring. Animals must be easily managed and “showable” by the exhibitor. Unruly animals will not be accepted for the show. Exhibitor must be present to show animal. Definition of showable: animal must be shown in the ring and posed, just as shown at the Cochise County Fair. A carcass superintendent will be selected to handle determinations of unruliness.
7. Official dress is only required for the live animal evaluation part of the carcass contest.
8. After the live judging, animals will be taken to slaughter. Exhibitors will have the opportunity to view the animal, with a program on carcass scoring and carcass quality while the animals are at the packing plant.
9. The Champion and Reserve Carcasses will be sold at auction on live weight basis. All other carcasses will be sold at the discretion of the livestock committee. All exhibitors have the option of retaining ownership.
10. Lambs must be shown slick sheared. Shearing shall take place no more than 3 days before the contest.

#### **SPECIES MINIMUM DAYS ON FEED**

Steer:	150 days
Hog, Lamb, Goat:	90 days

#### **Qualification for Carcass Steer of Merit**

1. Weight limits: Minimum recommended live steer weight is 1,050 lbs. Required minimum hot carcass weight is 600 lbs.
2. Ribeye Size: At least 1.6 sq. inches of ribeye per 100 lbs.
3. Yield Grade: Grade not to exceed 3.9. Yield Grade =  $2.5 + (2.5)(\text{fat thick. 12th rib}) + (.0038)(\text{hot carcass wt.}) + (.2)(\%KPH) - (.32)(\text{ribeye area})$
4. Final Carcass Grade: Minimum of Select-70.
5. Carcass steers will be placed on a value pricing system (grid system) per 100 weight. The value pricing will be calculated using USDA base prices on the day of slaughter with premiums and discounts for yield grade, quality grade and carcass weight.

#### **Qualifications for Carcass Hog of Merit**

1. Weight Limits: Minimum recommended live hog weight is 220 lbs., maximum of 300 lbs. Required hot carcass weight 160 lbs (minimum) to 222 lbs (maximum).
2. Carcass muscle score is to be equal to or better than the Intermediate (2.0) pictured in the 2000 “Composition and Quality Assessment Procedures.” National Pork Board.
3. Requirements for back fat thickness at the last rib and loin muscle area will be based on values adjusted to a 160 pound hot carcass weight (approximately 220 pound live weight). These requirements are:
  - a. Maximum back fat thickness at last rib - 1.1. Inches
  - b. Minimum loin muscle area at 10th rib 0 5.0 inches squared
  - c. Minimum average backfat thickness of .40

- d. Minimum fat depth at 10th rib of 0.30 and maximum of 0.80 (0.10 will be added to the hog measurement when the animal has been skinned.)
  - e. Adjustments of individual carcasses up to a 185-pound carcass weight are made using formulas developed from the National Swine Improvement Federation and NPCC guidelines. Per pound of hot carcass weight - Carcass length changes approximately 0.045 inches; Back fat at the last rib changes approximately 0.007 inches; and Loin muscle area changes approximately 0.016 square inches.
4. Carcass meat quality will be subjectively evaluated for the following using the 2000 "Composition and Quality Assessment Procedures," National Pork Board.
  - a. Color score: greater than 1 and less than 6
  - b. Firmness & wetness score: greater than 1
  - c. Belly at least slightly thick with a minimum of 0.6 inches of thickness at any point.
  - d. Abnormalities (soft, oily fat; steatosis) Carcasses failing to meet two or more of the minimum quality standards as outlined will be disqualified.
5. Carcasses that yield less than 55.0 percent fat-free lean based in 170-pound carcass weight as determined by the following equation will be disqualified:
6. Equation for pounds of fat-free lean (FFL)  

$$[(88.307) - (.036 \times \text{HCW}) - (18.574 \times 10\text{th rib fat depth}) + (3.734 \times \text{REA})] \div 170 \times 100$$
7. Other disqualifications:
  - a. Cryptorchids
  - b. Carcass that requires more than 1% trim due to "old" bruises or infection at injection site, abnormalities cysts, abscesses, diseased joints, etc.
8. It is preferred to have the hogs de-haired rather than skinned.
9. The length will be measured for each carcass to provide this information to producers.
10. It is recommended to line up at least top 5 in order of placing for review by participants
11. Hogs meeting the above minimum standards will then be ranked on percentage muscle. The carcass judge will select and place the carcasses on overall carcass merits from among the carcasses with the highest percent muscle.

### **Qualifications for Carcass Lamb of Merit**

1. Weight Limits: Minimum recommended live lamb weight 100 lbs, maximum of 135 lbs. Required hot carcass weight 50 lbs (minimum) to 80 lbs (maximum). Southdown & Cheviot breeds required hot carcass weight 40 lbs (minimum) to 70lbs (maximum).
2. Minimum fat thickness: 0.10; Maximum fat thickness: 0.25
3. Maximum USDA Yield Grade, 2.9. The USDA Yield Grade will be determined according to USDA (1994) grading standards.  $YG = 0.4 + (10 \times \text{adjusted fat thickness, inches})$
4. Estimated "Percent Boneless, Closely Trimmed Retail Cuts (BCTRC)" is used to predict cutability and used in ranking. The formula for BCTRC is:  
 $\%BCTRC = 49.936 - (0.0848 \times \text{hot carcass weight, pounds}) - (4.376 \times \text{adjusted fat thickness, 12th rib, inches}) - (3.530 \times \text{body wall thickness, inches}) + (2.456 \times \text{ribeye area, inches}^2)$
5. Minimum Carcass Quality Grade: Choice-minus
6. Carcass shall be free of serious bruises ("old", not recent), free of injection sites on the more valuable carcass parts - leg, loin, rack, shoulder (neck excluded) - and free of any evidence of surgical altering of the live lamb.

### **Qualifications for Carcass Goat of Merit**

1. Weight Limits: Minimum recommended live goat weight is 80 lbs, maximum of 120lbs. Required hot carcass weight 40lbs (minimum) to 65 lbs (maximum).
2. Minimum Adjusted fat thickness at the 12th rib: 0.05 inches
3. Estimated "Percent Semi-boneless Closely Trimmed Primals" (leg, sirloin, loin, rack & shoulder) (SBTP) will be calculated and considered during final evaluation:  
 $\%SBTP = 60.69330 - (0.23174 \times \text{hot carcass weight, pounds}) + (1.96202 \times \text{ribeye area, in}^2) - (1.57832 \times \text{body wall thickness, inches})$
4. Fat thickness adjusted by .05 for each percent KP over 1%.
5. Carcasses must show no evidence of spool joints on the fore shanks.
6. Carcasses shall be free of serious bruises, free of injection sites on the more valuable carcass parts (leg, sirloin, loin, rack, and shoulder, neck excluded), and free of any evidence of surgical alteration of the live goat.

## **CCFAJL MARKET LIVESTOCK SALE**

1. A maximum of 30 goats, 30 lambs, 30 steers and 70 hogs will be sold through the market livestock sale.
2. Any youth exhibitor who has satisfactorily completed his/her livestock project to date and whose animal places in the blue or red ribbon color group is eligible to sell one animal at the Cochise County Fair Association Market Livestock Sale. At the judge's discretion any market animal that he/she feels might not be ready for slaughter or is of inferior quality will be awarded a white ribbon and will not be eligible to be sold in the county fair market livestock auction.
3. There will be a mandatory meeting on Wednesday, 7:00pm at the show ring, for all Youth Exhibitors selling an animal.
4. All champions - Grand, Reserve and Cochise Bred and Fed Champions must sell at auction. Except for the champion exhibitors, all others wishing to retain their project animals can do so by notifying the superintendent.
5. All sales are final. No exhibitor or agent shall attempt to buy-back an animal after it has sold at auction. If an exhibitor is found to have done this, the sale will be void and the exhibitor will be banned from exhibiting at the county fair for one year.
6. Sale Order. The animals will be rotated in the following order for 2020: Hog, Goat, Steer, and Lamb - Champion Live, Champion Carcass, Reserve Live, Reserve Carcass, Best Bred & Fed of each; the auction would then proceed with the blue ribbon animals continuing with the rotation until all animals are sold. Species will be interspersed so that all 1st place blues, etc. will sell together and the same with the reds. Actual placings will be listed on the sale order.
7. Sale Notification. Youth Exhibitors with multiple animals must complete a form and turn it in to the superintendent for each market animal exhibited designating which animals to sell and not to sell no later than 5:00 pm on Friday. If an exhibitor has not submitted a form and notified the appropriate superintendent, the superintendent has the authority to decide which animal will be sold.
8. Policy for Selling Animals at the Fair. "For Sale" signs will not be permitted to be placed on the animals' stalls nor should any open business transactions for breeding or market livestock take place prior to the CCFAJL Market Livestock Auction on Saturday afternoon, with the exception of dairy goats and dairy cattle. Any Youth Exhibitor found to be in violation of these rules will not be permitted to exhibit or sell livestock in the next year's fair.
9. All youth exhibitors are expected to send a thank you note to their buyer(s) and donors. A copy of your buyer thank you note, and indication that all notes are completed by the exhibitor, must be sent (mail or email) to the CCFAJL Chairperson c/o the CCFA office. A club or chapter may decide that their members must notify their designated person rather than the office. If this is the case, then the club or chapter must notify the CCFAJL Chairperson and each of their members of their process. The designated leader will then notify the office when thank you notes are complete. The CCFA Treasurer will not send a check to a Youth Exhibitor

until they have received payment from the buyer(s) and have received confirmation that a copy of the exhibitors thank you notes are completed. The list will be updated weekly.

## **CCFAJL LARGE LIVESTOCK AUCTION PROCEDURES**

1. A five percent (5%) commission will be deducted from the purchase price only. All “add-ons” will go directly to the seller.
2. Add-ons that total less than \$100.00 must be paid for the day of the sale.
3. Add-ons must be received no later than the Wednesday following the sale.
4. Code of Conduct for Large Stock Sale: In an effort to define conduct guidelines for sellers of large stock at the sale the Cochise County Fair Junior Livestock Auction sets forth the following:
5. All stock presented for sale shall be presented in the same manner as set forth in the rules governing the exhibition of that market species.
  - a. Sellers will be in correct show dress as set forth in the rules governing the exhibition of that market species.
  - b. Sellers who choose not to meet the standards set forth in #1 and #2 of Section T, or missing their assigned sale position, shall be pulled from the sale order, then reinserted at the end of that ribbon group. If the seller or animal is deemed to still not be within standards, they may be moved to the end of the sale order, or may be excluded from the sale. The final decision will rest with the Livestock Council President and his/her committee.
  - c. NO exhibitor shall solicit a buyer or group EXPRESSLY for an individual’s project. Invitation to participate in the fair and sales shall be broad based. Any person found in violation, shall be subject to disciplinary action by the CCFAJL Committee. These guidelines are set forth in the spirit of maintaining our high-quality sale, while encouraging pride and professionalism in our youth.
  - d. QUESTIONS REGARDING RULES Requests by youth exhibitors or leaders for clarification or an exception to a rule shall be directed to the CCFAJL Committee.

## **GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

A grievance addresses decisions or actions that can be reversed or changed.

1. Before filing a Grievance a Youth Exhibitor must first try to resolve the issue informally by seeking the help of a 4-H leader, FFA Advisor, or Superintendent (hereinafter “Adult”)
2. The youth exhibitor and Adult should decide if filing the grievance is the best way to approach the situation. To help decide whether or not to file a grievance, ask yourself this question: “Can whatever caused my dissatisfaction be reversed or undone?” The formal grievance best fits a situation where you want to appeal a decision. Please note: A grievance is different from a complaint. Making a complaint would be best if you want to report inappropriate behavior on the part of a Youth Exhibitor, 4-H leader, FFA Advisor, or superintendent. Any Youth Exhibitor, 4- H member, FFA member, leader, advisor, parent, or concerned citizen can make a complaint.
3. If the situation occurs during the county fair try to resolve it with the project superintendent. If the situation occurs prior to the county fair, try to resolve with it with the CCFAJL Committee prior to filing a grievance.
4. The grievance committee will consist of the CCFAJL Committee members as decided by Cochise County Fairboard.

### **Process for Filing a Grievance:**

1. Youth Exhibitor/Adult completes the Grievance Form
2. Within 24 hours of an incident (or ASAP if a physical or emotional safety issue) provide a copy to the Cochise County Fair Association Junior Livestock Chair or Committee member.
3. The CCFAJL Chairperson sends Grievance Form to the Grievance Committee.
4. The committee conducts investigation and decides on resolution.
5. The resolution is written on Form and then it is sent/given to Youth Exhibitor, Adult, project superintendent, and a copy to the CCFA GM for filing.
6. Decisions of this committee will be final.

## CCFAJL SMALL STOCK PROJECT RULES

1. **Enrollment deadline:** Youth exhibitors must be enrolled in the project area they intend to exhibit at the county fair by the deadline as set forth in the exhibitor's category (i.e. 4H, FFA, Other Youth).
2. **Entry Deadline:** All county fair small stock exhibits must be entered online no later than 5:00 pm, September 1 to avoid late fees.
3. The maximum number of entries per species/division is 15 entries (a pen of 3 is 1 entry).
4. **Entry Fees:** Entry fees for small stock are \$4 per animal entry and are not refundable. All fees are due and must be postmarked or received in the office by September 15<sup>th</sup> to avoid a \$25 late fee. Fees are payable to Cochise County Fair Association Junior Livestock, 3677 N Leslie Canyon Road, Douglas, AZ 85607. All entry fees must be paid by September 15<sup>th</sup> or entry will be deleted.
5. Animals shown at the fair must be in the ownership of the exhibitor showing the animal by June 30 of that year. If the animal was born or hatched after June 30, then the exhibitor must have had the animal(s) dam in their ownership by June 30. Deadline for poultry and rabbit meat pens is August 1. The only exception is in the case of a hardship as approved by the project leader. No hardships will be considered or animals replaced after the county fair entry deadline of September 1<sup>st</sup>.
6. In the case of hardship (loss of animal) between June 30<sup>th</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>, a hardship form must be submitted to the project leader for approval to replace the animal. Only one hardship per species will be considered. A copy of the completed form must be submitted to the CCJL Secretary. Form is available online or from the 4-H office.
7. Exhibits entered in the 4-H, FFA or Other Youth departments may not be entered in any other fair department.
8. Judging will be on the Danish System.
9. **Fair Check-in Times:** County Fair check-in on Wednesday from noon to 6 pm. Animals will not be checked in before noon on Wednesday.
10. Mandatory meeting for all Youth Exhibitors – Thursday, 7:45 a.m.
11. All small stock will be inspected before admitting, and no diseased, bug infested, or unsightly specimens will be admitted at the small stock superintendent's discretion; if bugs have been detected on bird(s) they may only be brought back into the barn for inspection once after being dusted, if bugs are still present on the animal(s) they will not be admitted into the barn for the remainder of the fair. The superintendent will remove diseased or unsightly animals from the small stock barn during the fair.
12. No nursing bunnies or cavies & un-feathered fowl, or those due to birth/hatch will be admitted into the barn.
13. Rabbits must be legibly tattooed in left ear, cavies must have a monel metal (a corrosion resistant alloy metal) ear tag (size 001 or 003) permanently placed in the left ear, pigeon/dove, poultry, waterfowl, and land fowl must be leg banded prior to

- their arrival at the fair. Any banding issues may be resolved with the superintendents. The tattoos, ear tags, leg bands, breed, and variety of the animals must match the county fair entry form or they will not be eligible for exhibition. All leg bands must be on the birds before check-in.
14. Make sure to know the sex of your animal when submitting your fair entry. Classes may not be changed after the official entry deadline on animals over the age of 6 months.
  15. Exhibitors are responsible for providing food and water containers for their animals. Exhibitors are also responsible for bringing their own feed to feed and water their animals throughout the fair. If you will not be at the fair all four days it is the exhibitor's responsibility to make arrangements with other members to care for your animals.
  16. Breed Judging:
    - a. All poultry, pigeon, waterfowl, quail, turkeys, peafowl, and pheasants will be judged in their cages in the barn and not carried to the table. Notable comments will be made on the cage tag and the judge will be available for questions at the completion of judging.
    - b. All cavies and rabbits will be carried to the breed show tables for judging and will be shown by breed and variety. If you have multiple animals to be shown at the same time, you will need to have multiple people to assist you with your animals. If the member cannot be there, they must make arrangements for an alternate individual(s) to be there. The exhibitor or alternate will be required to carry the exhibits to and from the judging table. Superintendents will not carry the animals to the tables. If the exhibitor or alternate is not present, the exhibit will not be judged and therefore, ineligible to sell in the auction.
  17. Rabbit meat pens will consist of three (3) rabbits, all the same breed and variety. Entries must be tattooed and tattoos recorded on entry form. Age limit will be a minimum of 6 weeks but not over 10 weeks. There is a weight limit of not over 5 lbs. per rabbit. Rabbits are judged on uniformity of weight, conformation and meat producing qualities.
  18. Poultry meat pens: Raise three (3) live chicks from day-old chicks to 6 to 10 weeks old. Entries must be leg banded and number recorded on entry form. Fryers must weigh 3 ½ to 5 lbs. each, broilers 5 to 8 lbs. each, and roasters 8 to 10 lbs. each. Birds within the pen must weigh no less or more than the amount specified. If any bird is under or over minimum and maximum weights the pen will be disqualified. The heaviest weight bird determines the class. Birds are judged on uniformity of weight, conformation and meat producing qualities. Birds will be divided into subclasses upon check in.
  19. Exhibitors may enter up to two poultry meat pen classes.
  20. A pet class will be provided for mixed breeds of all species. Mixed breeds are not eligible for champion classes or the auction.

21. Birds exhibited in a trio or pen may not be exhibited both individually and as a trio or pen. In the case of loss of an animal after entry the remainder may be shown individually. Notify the 4-H office as soon as possible.
22. Champion and Reserve hen or rooster cannot be taken from a trio.
23. Eggs: One-half dozen (6) eggs will constitute an entry. Entries with fewer or more than six eggs will be disqualified. Eggs must appear clean, and should not be excessively dirty. All eggs in an entry must be of a single size group (small, medium, large). Eggs will be judged on uniformity of weight, shape, color, shell texture and interior quality by candling. One egg in each entry may be broken at the discretion of the judges.
24. Attire: Small stock members will be expected to show and sell in clean clothing that is deemed proper attire for the occasion. A clean well-groomed showman is of the utmost importance in creating a favorable public image. Refer to Section F.
25. Each species will have a junior and senior showmanship class with no minimum number of exhibitors. Showmanship buckles will be awarded at the judge's discretion.
26. All showmanship entries are due on September 1st with other fair entries.
27. Members participating in the showmanship classes must exhibit their own animal, and that animal must have been shown in a breed or pet class. Borrowing an animal from any other person will not be permitted.
28. Judge will provide verbal feedback to the audience and participants with the results at the end of each class.
29. No private treaty sales will be conducted until after the end of the small stock sale.

## **CCFAJL SMALL STOCK AUCTION PROCEDURES**

1. Sale will begin at 10 a.m., Saturday of the fair.
2. Exhibitor is allowed to sell two entries per species, with a maximum total of four (4) entries at the small stock auction of combined purebred species and they will be blue or red ribbon.
3. Exhibitors wanting to sell animals at the sale must complete and turn in a small stock sale notification form by noon on Friday if they intend to sell their animal(s). There will be a box in the small stock barn for members to drop off notification forms.
4. Sale notification forms are sent prior to the fair to members with small stock entries and small stock leaders to facilitate the selling process.
5. The small stock sale order will be alternated by species. Alternating sale order: pygmy goat, pigeons/doves, rabbits, cavy, poultry, waterfowl, landfowl. Best in Show - Fur and Best in Show
6. Feathers sell first, then grands, reserves, blues, and reds.
7. An animal that is eliminated or disqualified will not be eligible for sale.
8. All sellers will see to it that his/her animal is returned to its original cage in the small stock barn.
9. Buyers may roll-over an animal for a maximum of two times, the second roll-over is final. The animal is the buyer's responsibility.

10. Buyers and add-on donors must pay immediately after the sale unless prior arrangements have been made.
11. A five (5%) percent commission will be deducted from the sale amount collected for each exhibitor. All “add-on” monies will be paid directly to the seller.
12. All small stock sold at the Saturday sale must be picked up before 3 p.m. Saturday or after 5 p.m. on Sunday. All other animals are subject to the posted release time on Sunday.
13. Seller will coordinate with the buyer for pickup arrangements. All private treaty sales must have exhibitors present in order to release animals.
14. Before leaving the small stock barn on Sunday, all cages and areas your animal occupied are to be cleaned out, cans and tags removed. Exhibitors must check out with a member of the check-out team. Those not checking out and not cleaning their cages will be charged a \$25 cleaning fee with the proceeds going to the County Small Stock Fund.
15. All members are expected to send a thank you note to their buyer(s) and donors. A copy of your buyer thank you note, along with a statement (“All thank you notes are complete and have been mailed.”) by the member must be sent (mail or email) to the CCFA management. A club or chapter may decide that their members must notify their designated person rather than the office. If this is the case, then the club or chapter must notify the CCFAJL Chairperson and each of their members of their process. The designated leader will then notify the office when thank you notes are complete. The CCFA Treasurer will not send a check to a Youth Exhibitor until they have received payment from the buyer(s) and have received confirmation that a copy of the exhibitors thank you notes are completed. The list will be updated weekly.

## **ROUND ROBIN AND SUPREME ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP**

1. A Round Robin Showmanship Class for large livestock and small stock will be held on Sunday of the fair.
2. The Round Robin Committee will select judges prior to the fair. All animal species will be set up after fair entries - animals can or will be brought in to help build classes as needed. The committee will arrange to have halters and show sticks available as necessary.
3. Champion showmanship winners from each species are eligible to participate. Exhibitors who may be eligible to compete in more than one species must select the species they wish to compete with in the Round Robin Class. Immediately after each show, the Champion Showman (junior and senior) must notify the superintendent of the species whether or not he/she will participate in the Round Robin. If the Champion does not want to participate, the superintendent will notify the Reserve Showman of his/her eligibility and sign the exhibitor up for the class. Only champion or the reserve (if champion declines) showmanship winners are eligible.
4. There will be 11 species of animals shown: Small Stock – pigeon, poultry, waterfowl, rabbits, cavy; Large Livestock – pygmy goat, dairy goat, meat goat, sheep, beef, swine. Dog and western horse champions will be eligible to

participate in supreme round robin, but dogs and horse will not be shown as part of the event. Substitution or combination of classes may occur at the superintendent's discretion due to the availability of animals.

5. All classes will run 10 minutes.
6. All senior members will compete together followed by all junior for each species. The competition will begin in the show ring for the large livestock portion beginning with swine, beef, sheep, market goat, dairy goat, pygmy goat. The show will then move to the front of the small stock barn. The show order will be rabbit, cavy, poultry, waterfowl, pigeon/dove. If necessary, classes may be divided if a sufficient number of animals are not available.
7. Each exhibitor will be assigned a number for identification. Animals will be numbered ahead of time. Participants will then draw a number to select the number of the animal shown.
8. Contestants will not participate in their species, but will receive all points. Since dog and horse will not be shown, those participant qualifiers will draw for a species to sit out.
9. Judges will not ask questions of the participants.
10. There will be a 10-question general knowledge quiz to be used as a tiebreaker. Participants will take the quiz during the round they sit out.
11. Official dress will be worn.
12. Scorecards will be used and scores tallied. The highest score determines the champion for the Round Robin.
13. Awards will be presented during the Awards Ceremony.