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4-H RULES &
GUIDELINES

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Elko County 4-H Project Rules & Guidelines

a. Juniors are those members 9 or 10 years old as of January 1 of that year (4-H age). Intermediates are 11-13 (4-H age) and Seniors are 14-19 (4-H age).

b. A 4-H livestock/events project member must be officially enrolled in the program.

c. A completed enrollment form must be in the County Extension Office by the designated date.

d. Members must have paid their county dues which includes accident insurance for members.

e. All 4-H club requirements must be met before a member is eligible to enter county and state competition including participating in 80% of the club's meetings and/or designated activities.

f. A record sheet must be completed before credit for a project can be awarded and before the 4-H member can be presented with a year completion pin.

g. A dress code is maintained for all Elko County events and official 4-H dress is required. Official 4-H dress is: long-sleeved white shirt, green tie, blue or dark jeans and appropriate footwear for the event, leather shoes/boots are preferred. Some events have specific safety requirements that must be followed.

h. Market beef project animals must be selected by January 1 of the project year, market rabbits by July 15; market chickens must be hatched 6 to 8 weeks prior to Fair and be in the 4-H'ers possession prior to July 21. All other project animals must be selected by June 1 of the project year.

i. Members are expected to do the work of caring for their project. Exceptions for members away from home attending school may be authorized verbally by the local leader and the County Extension Office.

j. Substitution of an animal in case of death or disease may be authorized only by the local livestock leader, the club member’s general leader, and the County Extension Office.

k. The project must be exhibited sometime during the club year but not necessarily at the county Fair. If the project is not exhibited at the Fair, it must be exhibited in a manner approved by the club leader and the County Extension Office.

l. Entry forms for county events (camp, horse and livestock show, etc.) will require the general leader’s signature to verify 4-H members’ eligibility of participation.

m. Entry forms’ due dates will be strictly enforced.

Danish System of Judging

The Danish System of judging is the accepted method of judging used in 4-H youth programs across the United States. In all Elko County 4-H competitions the Danish System of judging is used. With this system all entries are judged on their own merit, and NOT judged against the other entries or exhibitors in the class. This means each entry is judged according to how well it meets the established standards of quality/excellence or established standards of the class requirements. Entries are judged as blue, red, or white award. If an entry so merits, the judge may award a Grand Champion and/or Reserve Champion award to those entries already meeting a blue ribbon placing. All awards are up to the judge’s discretion and are awarded accordingly. For example: a class may have a Grand Champion presented and not a Reserve or vice versa.

- **Blue:** excellent work, exceeding the standards
- **Red:** good work that meets the expected standard, but needs some improvement to be deemed excellent
- **White:** fair work that is average or satisfactory but has enough improvements needed to cause the placing to drop from good to fair.

4-H Livestock Program and the Elko County Fair

The following rules and regulations govern the Elko County 4-H Livestock Program. Any changes or suggestions to these guidelines should be brought up at the Annual 4-H Livestock Evaluation Meeting held each fall. Interested individuals must attend the meeting to cast a vote on 4-H livestock related subject matter. Those eligible to vote include general leaders, adult livestock leaders, 4-H members, parents of 4-H members, and livestock related committee members. All proposed rule changes that pass a vote in this meeting, before implemented, may be contingent upon approval of another committee or verification of compliance with UNCE policies and procedures.

4-H Livestock Division for the Elko County Fair

The Elko County Fair Board governs the Elko County Fair.

The Livestock Show is limited to Elko County 4-H club members. Each boy and girl is permitted to enter any 4-H livestock class for which their entry qualifies. They are, however, limited to one entry per class. The same animal may not be entered in more than one class with the exception of pair and herd classes and showmanship as their second class entered. Members
entering large or small livestock as a market project are limited to one (1) market project per year. Refer to the current Elko County Premium Book for awards. Official 4-H dress is required for all classes of the Elko County 4-H Livestock show. (See General Rules).

**Elko County Fair-Premium Money**

Premium money is awarded to members that take part in the Horse Show, Dog Show, Small Animal Show and Large Animal Show. Premium money will be presented on Monday, the last day of the Fair, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. If you fail to pick up your premium money at this time, you will forfeit all monies to the Fair Board. You may make arrangements with your leader or a fellow 4-H member to pick up your premium money for you.

**Market Projects**

To be eligible to sell a beef, sheep, goat, pen of market rabbits or a pen of fryer chickens the member must have:

1. Completed two full 4-H club years.
2. Completed two years of breeding projects in the species he/she intends to sell previous to the current year.
3. Participated in 80% of the club’s meetings and activities.
4. Completed breeding project record sheets for the two qualifying years and a copy turned into the Extension Office by June 1st to be kept on file.
5. Market Livestock exhibitors who do not meet the market project sheet requirements by December 30 will not be eligible to sell the next year.
6. Number of Animals - A member may sell market animals (beef, sheep, goat, pen of rabbits or a pen of chicken (broilers) through the Elko County 4-H Sale a total of five (5) times during his/her 4-H career. Only four of these five animals can be the same species. This rule does not apply to other sales. Special Note: starting October 1, 2016, all five of these animals can be the same species.
7. Shrinkage - Market animals will be received at the Fairgrounds between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. only, on Thursday of the Fair week. Market animals will be weighed immediately upon unloading.
   a. (Beef, Sheep, and Goats) - Sale weight on large animals will be determined by deducting a pencil shrink depending upon the distance traveled to the Fair.
   b. 0-10 miles - 3%
   c. 10-20 miles - 2%
   d. 20-50 miles - 1%
   e. 50 miles or more - 0%
   f. (Rabbits and Chickens) - There is no shrinkage on rabbits or chickens.
8. **Unmanageable Animals** - To receive a premium and to be eligible to sell, all market animals must be exhibited in the show ring in their designated class. At the discretion of the Livestock Sale & Grievance Committee, an unmanageable, kicking, or potentially dangerous animal may be prohibited from showing and selling. Safety of all 4-H members in the ring is top priority. Livestock tranquilizers are not permitted.
9. A market project sheet must be completed and turned into the Extension Office before a check will be issued to the 4-H member in payment for their market animal. Checks will be mailed after October 10. If a member fails to turn the market report in by Dec. 30, he or she will be ineligible to sell a market animal at the upcoming 4-H Livestock Sale at the Elko County Fair.
10. **Commission** - If sale costs exceed sale cost donations, a flat percentage rate will be applied to cover additional costs. Any amount remaining after the bills are paid will be deposited in a special 4-H livestock sale account. This fund will be used for sale promotion and advertising, to cover buyer bad debts (if they occur), and to cover other unexpected losses (condemned carcasses, etc.). The Livestock Sale & Grievance Committee will decide at its annual meeting what the carry over balance will be for the coming year. The Committee will vote on how to disperse excess funds to other 4-H programs.
11. **Back-up Animal** (Beef, Sheep, and Goats) - A maximum of one main and one back-up market animal will be tagged per 4-H member. The main animal must be designated at Fair time. A back-up animal may be shared with immediate family members only (brothers and sisters, not cousins).
12. **Back-up Pen of Rabbits or Pen of Fryer Chickens (Broilers)** - A maximum of one main and one back-up pen of rabbit fryers or fryer chickens will be identified per 4-H member. The main pen must be designated at Fair time. A back-up pen may be shared with immediate family members only (brothers or sisters, not cousins).
13. **Resale Animals** - Market entries receiving a red or blue ribbon must be sold through the 4-H Livestock Sale at the Elko County
Fair. White ribbon animals are ineligible for the sale. Once an animal is sold through the sale ring, it belongs to the buyer. The buyer may choose to take his/her purchase home live. If the buyer chooses to give the animal back to the 4-H member, the Livestock Sale & Grievance Committee will slaughter and resell the animal. The resale carcass value will be added to the 4-H member's check. The resale value will be deducted from the buyer’s bill. The animal will then be eligible for the carcass contest.

Market Beef

a. Market beef must be selected and under the care of the 4-H member by January 1 of the current year.

b. Market beef animals must have been born after January 1 of the previous year.

c. The finished steer must have an official shrunk sale weight greater than 1,000 pounds and must receive a live ribbon placing of red or better to sell at the auction. Underweight animals are not eligible to show or sell. Overweight animals will be sold at 1,200 pounds.

d. When a beef carcass grades Standard or yield grade 4 or 5, a deduction from the 4-H member’s check will be made based on the current week’s IBP packers' prices grid. This deduction could be as high as $350.00. Money deducted from the 4-H member’s paycheck will in turn be deducted from the bill of the consumer of that meat. If the consumer of that meat refuses the deduction, the deduction amount will be deposited into the sale account, not returned to the 4-H member.

e. Market steer calves can be raised or purchased by the 4-H member.

Market Lambs

a. Market lambs must be selected and under the care of the 4-H member by June 1 and must be born after February 15 of the current year.

b. The finished lamb must have a shrunk sale weight greater than 110 pounds and have a live ribbon placing of red or better to sell at the 4-H Livestock Sale. Underweight animals are ineligible to show or sell. Overweight lambs will be sold at 130 pounds.

c. Ewe lambs are not eligible as a market animal project; castrated males only.

d. When a lamb carcass has less than 0.09 backfat, or is a yield grade 4 or 5, a deduction from the 4-H member’s check will be made based on the current week’s Superior Packer standard pricing grids. This deduction could be as high as $40.00. Money deducted from the 4-H member’s paycheck will, in turn, be deducted from the bill of the consumer of that meat. If the consumer of that meat refuses the deduction, the deduction amount will be deposited into the sale account, not returned to the 4-H member.

e. Market lambs can be raised by the 4-H member or can be purchased.

Market Goats

a. Market goats must be selected and under the care of the 4-H member by June 1 and must be born after February 15 of the current year.

b. The finished kid must have a shrunk sale weight greater than 50 pounds and have a live ribbon placing of red or better to sell at the 4-H Livestock Sale. Underweight animals are ineligible to show or sell. Kid meat goats will be sold on a per head basis, not by the pound.

c. One main and one back-up kid can be tagged per exhibitor.

d. Only wether kid goats are eligible; no female goats qualify.

e. Market goats may be raised by the 4-H member or can be purchased. Any breed of goat is eligible for the market goat class provided it meets all of the above requirements.

Market Pen of Fryer Rabbits

a. A pen of fryers will consist of three fryer rabbits. Rabbits must weigh 3 pounds per rabbit, but ideally, no more than 5 pounds and be kindled no earlier than June 1.

b. If the rabbit pen is purchased, it must be done so by July 15. The pen of rabbits must be in the possession of the 4-Her by 8 weeks of age. The pens will be judged on meat type, uniformity, condition and conformation. The pen must receive a live ribbon placing of red or better to sell at the auction.
c. All fryer rabbits sold at the 4-H Livestock Sale will be given back to the 4-Her if the buyer chooses not to take the rabbits.

d. Market rabbits can be homegrown by the 4-H member or can be purchased.

Market Pen of Fryer/Broiler Chickens

a. A pen of fryer chickens will consist of three pullets and/or cockerels of any breed; however, it is strongly suggested that meat breeds such as Cornish or Cornish cross be chosen over egg laying and dual purpose breeds. Weight limits at Fair time are set at a minimum of 3 pounds per bird with no maximum. It is recommended that birds be hatched a minimum of 6 weeks and a maximum of 8 weeks prior to the show depending on the breed of bird and nutrition program chosen. The pen will be judged on meat type, uniformity, condition and conformation. The pen must receive alive ribbon placing of red or better to sell at the auction.

b. Fryers can be home hatched or purchased; however, in all cases they must be home raised and cared for by the 4-H member. Extension staff must approve any exceptions.

c. All broilers sold at the 4-H Livestock Sale will be given back to the 4-Her if the buyer chooses not to take the fryers.

Carcass Contest

Beef, Sheep and Goats
Animals that are sent on the truck to processing facilities will be evaluated for the carcass contest. Once an animal is sold it belongs to the buyer. It is the buyer’s discretion whether that carcass is entered in the contest. Buyers processing on their own can make arrangements for animals to be evaluated.

Breeding Project/General Rules for all Livestock Species

Breeding projects defined: an intact male or female carried as a project during the current 4-H year. Animal will be carried through the second year and be capable of producing offspring. Inferior animals or animals dying could/would be replaced with animals capable of breeding.

a. Breeding projects must be selected by June 1 and under the care of the 4-H member.

b. All breeding classes will be judged as breeding animals and should be shown in top breeding condition. They should not be too fat or too thin.

c. Breeding projects should be carried over from one 4-H year to the next.

d. Classes with only one or two entries may be ineligible to show. Small classes may be combined at the discretion of the show management to make a class of three. Example: Yearling Ram and Ram Lamb classes. Only blue ribbon animals can receive a trophy or plaque. Awarding a trophy or plaque in any class is at the discretion of the judge.

e. Calves must be born after January 1 of the current year. Commercial and registered lambs must be born after January 1 of the current year.

f. Yearling heifers and registered commercial sheep must be born after January 1 of the previous year.

g. All sheep must be shorn 6-8 weeks before the show. This rule is automatically suspended for wool & fiber breeds of sheep entered in breeding stock classes. Market lambs are to be shown slick shorn.

h. Calves shown with their dams in grade cow-calf pair classes may be of any sex (including bulls).

i. Yearling heifers must weigh 500 pounds minimum.

j. Exhibitors entering registered classes should have registration papers available to show to the livestock superintendent, if requested, prior to show time. Futurity animals are eligible to be shown in individual classes. (Definition: a futurity animal was shown at the previous year’s Fair as a yearling heifer or a ewe lamb. She returns with her offspring as a pair for competition.)

k. Checkout time for cattle, sheep, goats, rabbits, and poultry is immediately following the load-out of the market animal truck on Monday. Premium money will be paid from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Monday of the fair. Members failing to pick up their money at this time will forfeit it back to the Fair Board.
Elko County Fair 4-H Classes

Large Animal Show: Beef and Sheep

The Large Animal Show is open to all Elko County 4-H members in good standing that have carried a beef or sheep project in the current year. Members may compete in as many classes as they have a qualifying entry but may have only one entry per class. 4-H members competing in the large animal showmanship classes must show their own animal. A minimum of three animals is required to constitute an official class. Small classes may be combined at the discretion of the show management to make a class of three when there are insufficient entries in a class. Official 4-H dress is required.

Beef Classes

1. **MARKET STEERS** – The weight breakdown of these classes will be determined by the 4-H Program Coordinator and Beef Superintendent following final weigh-in. Classes will be posted Friday morning. For rules governing this class see Market Projects page 4-5.

2. **GRAND CHAMPION STEERS** – First and second place steers in classes 1H, 1M and 1L show for Grand and Reserve Champions. For rules governing the breeding classes see Breeding Projects/General Rules All Livestock Species, pages 7-8.

3. **GRADE HEIFER CALF** - Unregistered (commercial) heifer calf of any breed or crossbreed born after January 1, current year. Animals are required on the grounds only during the day of showing.

4. **STEER CALF** - Born after January 1, current year. May be any breed or crossbreed. Animals are required on the grounds only during the day of showing.

5. **REGISTERED HEIFER CALF** - Born after January 1, current year. Animals are required on the grounds only during the day of showing. Registration certificate must be available on day of showing.

6. **REGISTERED BULL CALF** - Born after January 1, current year. Animals are required on the grounds only during the day of showing. Registration certificate must be available on day of showing.

7. **GRADE YEARLING HEIFER, CROSSBRED** - Born after January 1, previous year. Crossbred heifers of any two or more breeds. Minimum weight 500 pounds.

8. **REGISTERED YEARLING HEIFER** – Born after January 1, previous year. Minimum weight 500 pounds. Registration certificate must be available on day of showing.

9. **GRADE COW-CALF PAIR** - Any unregistered cow of any breed or crossbreed, age and weight, but the calf must be born after January 1 of the current year. Bull calves are eligible. Both cow and calf must be shown together and the pair will be judged as a combination. The calf is eligible in the grade calf class of its proper sex. May enter pair in only class 9 or class 10 - not both.

10. **CROSSBRED COW-CALF FUTURITY** - The cow must have been shown as a yearling and identified at the previous year's Fair. The calf must be born after January 1 of the current year. Bull calves are eligible. Both cow and calf must be shown together and the pair will be judged as a combination. The calf is eligible in the grade calf class of its proper sex. May enter pair in only class 9 or class 10 - not both.

11. **STRAIGHT BREED COW-CALF FUTURITY** - The cow must have been shown as a yearling and identified at the previous year's Fair. The calf must be born after January 1 of the current year. Both cow and calf must be shown together and the pair will be judged as a combination. The calf is eligible in the grade calf class of its proper sex. May enter pair in only class 9 or class 11 - not both.

12. **REGISTERED COW-CALF PAIR** - Calf must be born after January 1 of the current year. Pair will be judged as a combination. Registration certificates must be available. Calf is eligible in the registered calf class of its proper sex. May enter pair in only class 12 or class 13 - not both.

13. **REGISTERED COW-CALF FUTURITY** - The cow must have been shown as a registered yearling and her calf must be born after January 1 of the current year. This pair is eligible in registered cow-calf pair class and the calf is eligible in the registered calf class of
its proper sex. Registration certificates must be available. May enter pair in only class 12 or class 13 - not both.

ALL AROUND ANGUS - This event is to encourage youth to raise and appreciate top quality black Angus. Market steers are not eligible. Champions from breeding class will be eligible to compete. Members do not sign-up for this class. There is no premium money paid on this class.

ALL AROUND HEREFORD – This event is to encourage youth to raise and appreciate top quality Herefords. Market steers are not eligible. Horned or Polled Herefords are eligible to compete. Champions from breeding classes will be eligible to compete. Members do not sign-up for this class. There is no premium money paid on this class.

ALL AROUND OTHER BREED – All breeds (except Hereford and Black Angus), including crossbreeds are eligible. Market steers are not eligible. Champions from breeding will be eligible to compete. Members do not sign-up for this class. There is no premium money paid on this class.

TOP ANGUS STEER - This award is given to the highest placing market steer of straight Angus breeding (from an Angus sire and an Angus dam). Members do not sign-up for this class. There is no premium money paid on this class.

TOP HEREFORD MARKET STEER--This award is given to the highest placing market steer that is Hereford or Hereford cross. Members do not sign-up for this class. There is no premium money paid on this class.

Sheep Classes

20. MARKET LAMBS - The weight breakdown of these classes will be determined by the 4-H Program Coordinator and Sheep Superintendent following final weigh-in and classes will be posted Friday morning. For rules governing this class see Market Projects pages 4-6.

GRAND CHAMPION LAMB – First and second place lambs in classes 20H, 20M and 20L show for Grand and Reserve Champions.

For rules governing the breeding classes see Breeding Projects Large Animal pages 7-8.

21. GRADE WINTER EWE LAMB, DIVISION I - (Junior 4-H members only) lambs born from January 1 through March 15, of the current year are eligible. Futurity lambs are eligible.

22. GRADE SPRING EWE LAMB, DIVISION I - (Junior 4-H members only) lambs born from March 16 or after, of the current year are eligible. Futurity lambs are eligible.

23. GRADE WINTER EWE LAMB, DIVISION II - (Intermediate and Senior 4-H members only) lambs born from January 1 through March 15, of the current year are eligible. Futurity lambs are eligible.

24. GRADE SPRING EWE LAMB, DIVISION II - (Intermediate and Senior 4-H members only) lambs born from March 16 or after, of the current year are eligible. Futurity lambs are eligible.

25. GRADE YEARLING EWE - Ewes born after January 1, previous year. Futurity ewes are eligible.

26. YEARLING EWE FUTURITY - The ewe must have been shown in the Registered or Grade Ewe Lamb Class at the previous Elko County Fair. Ewes are shown with their lambs and judged as a combination. Registered and grade sheep will be shown together with age of the lambs being considered. If entries are sufficient, registered and grade will be split into two classes. The lamb(s) entered MUST be the offspring of the ewe entered.

27. REGISTERED EWE LAMB - Ewe lambs born after January 1, current year. Registration certificate must be available.

Beef Showmanship

This contest is open to all livestock exhibitors. Exhibitors must show their own livestock. Any exceptions must be approved by the show management. There are 3 divisions within each species: Junior, Intermediate and Senior.

Exhibitors will be judged on cleanliness, training and ease of handling of their animal, their proper attire and showmanship skills.

14. SENIOR BEEF SHOWMANSHIP
15. INTERMEDIATE BEEF SHOWMANSHIP
16. JUNIOR BEEF SHOWMANSHIP
28. REGISTERED YEARLING EWE - Ewes born after January 1, previous year. Registration certificate must be available.

29. REGISTERED RAM LAMB - Born after January 1, current year. Registration certificate or proof of registered sire and dam must be available.

30. REGISTERED YEARLING RAM - Born after January 1, previous year. Registration certificate must be available.

31. AGED EWE-LAMB PAIR - WINTER LAMB - Ewes two-years old and older with their lambs are eligible. Both registered and grade ewes are eligible. Lambs on grade or registered ewes must be born after January 1 through March 15. Registered and grade will be shown together with the age of the lambs being considered. Lamb(s) entered MUST be the offspring of the ewe entered.

32. AGED EWE-LAMB PAIR - SPRING LAMB - Ewes two-years old and older with their lambs are eligible. Both registered and grade ewes are eligible. Lambs must be born on March 16 or after. Registered and grade will be shown together with the age of the lambs being considered. Lamb(s) entered MUST be the offspring of the ewe entered.

33. WOOL, FIBER, & OTHER BREED EWES, ALL AGES - Open to female breeding stock only. Class will be split at the gate based on entries of three or more entries with similar breed type or wool/fiber type. This class is designed for unusual breeds and is not open to Suffolk breed sheep.

ALL AROUND EWE - The Champion All Around Ewe will receive a permanent trophy. This is given to encourage youth to raise and appreciate top quality sheep. The champion ewe from classes 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32 and 33 are eligible to compete. Members do not sign-up for this class. There is no premium money paid on this class.

ALL AROUND RAM - Winners from classes 29 & 30 are eligible for this class. Members do not sign up for this class. There is no premium money paid on this class.

Sheep Showmanship

This contest is open to all livestock exhibitors. Exhibitors must show their own livestock. Any exceptions must be approved by the show management. There are 3 divisions: Junior, Intermediate and Senior. Exhibitors will be judged on cleanliness, training and ease of handling of their animal, their proper attire and showmanship skills.

34. SENIOR SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP
35. INTERMEDIATE SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP
36. JUNIOR SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

Small Animal Show: Rabbits, Poultry, and Goats

The Rabbit, Poultry and Goat Shows are open to all Elko County 4-H members in good standing and currently carrying any of these animals as 4-H projects. Members may compete in as many classes for which they have a qualifying entry. However, members are limited to one entry per class. Members must show their own animals in showmanship. Any exception must be approved by show management. A minimum of three animals is required to constitute an official class. Small classes may be combined at the discretion of the show management to make a class of three when there are insufficient entries in a class. Official 4-H dress is required.

For rules governing the breeding classes see Breeding Projects General Rules page 6.

Only animals entered into the show can be checked into the small animal barn and surrounding area during the show and sale which ends on Sunday evening.

All animals entered into the barn must be watered twice a day and fed once. Cages must be cleaned at least once a day, preferably in the morning, and fresh shavings added.

Feeders and water containers must attach to the sides of the cage and be of adequate size for the animal. The small animal barn supervisor has the right to request that a feeder be replaced if deemed inadequate.

The selling of rabbits or poultry will be limited to enrolled Elko County 4-H members who have shown at the current Elko County Fair and will be limited to selling on Labor Day, the last day of the Fair.

Rabbit Classes

For breeds not listed, contact the Extension Office for specification on which class to enter. The same animal may not be shown in more than one class. The exception to this is the pet rabbit class and all showmanship classes that may be used as the animal’s additional classes.
**LARGE BREED CLASSES** Breed examples: Rex, New Zealand, Californian, Champagne D'Argent, Satin, and French Lop. (Over 8 lbs.)

66. **PUREBRED JUNIOR BUCK** - Under 6 months of age
67. **PUREBRED INTERMEDIATE BUCK** – 6 months to 8 months
68. **PUREBRED SENIOR BUCK** - 8 months of age or older.
69. **PUREBRED JUNIOR DOE** - Under 6 months of age
70. **PUREBRED INTERMEDIATE DOE** – 6 months to 8 months
71. **PUREBRED SENIOR DOE** - 8 month of age or older

**MEDIUM BREED CLASSES** Breed examples: Angora, Florida White, Dutch, Havana, Mini Lop, and Silver Marten. (5-7 lbs.)

72. **PUREBRED JUNIOR BUCK** - Under 6 months of age
73. **PUREBRED SENIOR BUCK** - 6 months of age or older.
74. **PUREBRED JUNIOR DOE** - Under 6 months of age
75. **PUREBRED SENIOR DOE** - 6 month of age or older

**SMALL BREED CLASSES** Breed examples: Mini Rex, Holland Lops, Netherland Dwarf, Dwarf Hotot, Jersey Wooly, and Fuzzy Lop. (under 5 lbs.)

76. **PUREBRED JUNIOR BUCK** - Under 6 months of age
77. **PUREBRED SENIOR BUCK** - 6 months of age or older.
78. **PUREBRED JUNIOR DOE** - Under 6 months of age
79. **PUREBRED SENIOR DOE** - 6 month of age or older

**PUREBRED D.Q.s (Disqualification)**

The judge will select the rabbits for this class. All Breeds, All Sizes

These classes are for purebred rabbits that through some fault (missing toenail, incorrect color pattern, etc.) are disqualified from one of the purebred classes. These classes will be shown following the purebred classes so that any disqualification found by the judge in the above classes can enter into the D.Q.s class of their age and sex. The rabbits are rolled into the D.Q.s class on the day of the show.

**PUREBRED JUNIOR BUCK** - Under 6 months of age. Members do not sign-up for this class.

**PUREBRED SENIOR BUCK** - 6 months of age or older. Members do not sign-up for this class.

**PUREBRED JUNIOR DOE** - Under 6 months of age.

**PUREBRED SENIOR DOE** - 6 month of age or older. Members do not sign-up for this class.

**CROSSBRED RABBITS** All crosses, all sizes

84. **JUNIOR BUCK** - Under 6 months of age
85. **SENIOR BUCK** - 6 months of age or older
86. **JUNIOR DOE** - Under 6 months of age
87. **SENIOR DOE** - 6 month of age or older

**GRAND CHAMPION BUCK** - Winner of classes 66, 67, 68, 72, 73, 76, 77, 84, 85 and any added buck classes, compete for the Grand Champion Buck. Members do not sign-up for this class.

**GRAND CHAMPION DOE** - Winner of classes 69, 70, 71, 74, 75, 78, 79, 86, 87 and any added doe classes, compete for the Grand Champion Doe. Members do not sign-up for this class.

**BEST OF SHOW RABBIT** - Winners of the Grand Champion Buck & Doe classes are eligible for this class. There is no premium money paid on this class. Members do not sign-up for this class.

**BEST PET RABBIT** - Open to all rabbit project members. Judging based on rabbits disposition and ease in handling (50%) and condition (50%). Conformation not a requirement. This rabbit is eligible in any other class in which it qualifies.

**RABBIT FRYER** - Weight limit is 3, to ideally, no more than 5 pounds. Kindled no earlier than June 1. This rabbit should be 8-10 weeks of age at time of showing. This is not a market class; however, entry is eligible to show (with 2 pen mates) in class 93 Market Meat Pen.

**MARKET MEAT PEN CLASS** - Pen of three fryers rabbits. Rabbits must
weigh 3, but ideally, no more than 5 pounds and be kindled no earlier than June 1. They should be 8-10 weeks of age at time of showing. Pen will be judged on conformation, meat type, uniformity and condition. One rabbit from this pen is eligible for class 92 Rabbit Fryer. For rules governing this class see Market Projects pages 4-6.

Rabbit Showmanship

Exhibitors must show their own rabbit. Any exceptions must be approved by the show management. There are 3 divisions: Junior, Intermediate and Senior.

Exhibitors will be judged on cleanliness, training and ease of handling of their animal, their proper attire and showmanship skills.

94. SENIOR RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP
95. INT RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP
96. JUNIOR RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

Poultry Classes

For breeds not listed, contact the Extension Office for specification on which class to enter. The same animal may not be shown in more than one class. The showmanship classes are the exception to this rule, and may be used as the animal’s second class.

100. ROOSTER/Clean-legged. Roosters of any age, breed or crossbreed are eligible for this class.
101. BANTAM ROOSTER/Clean-legged. Bantam roosters of any age, are eligible for this class.
102. HEN/Clean-legged. Hens of any age, breed, or crossbreed are eligible for this class.
103. BANTAM HEN/Clean-legged. Bantam hens of any age are eligible for this class.
104. ROOSTER/Feather-legged. Roosters of any age, any breed or cross-breed, full size or Bantam are eligible for this class. Breed examples: Cochin, Silkie, Brahama, Salmon Faverolles, Millefleur and Porcelain.
105. HEN/Feather-legged. Hens of any age, breed, or crossbreed, full size or Bantam are eligible for this class. Breed examples: same as for class 104.
106. ROOSTER/Fancy. Must be purebred. Open to rare or unusual breeds and specialty exhibition breeds, full size or Bantam. Breed examples: Polish, Sultan, Crevecoeurs, Golden Hamburgs, Dorking, Phoenix, Lakenvelder, Campine, Buttercup, Modern Red Game, Sumatras, Old English, and Japanese Bantam.
107. HEN/Fancy. Must be purebred. Open to rare or unusual breeds and specialty exhibition breeds, full size or Bantam. Breed examples: same as class 106.
108. POULTRY – FRYER. Weight limit is 3 to 5 pounds and must have been hatched this year. This class is not a market class.
109. DUCKS and GEESE. Open to males of any age, all domestic breeds.
110. DUCKS and GEESE – Open to females of any age, all domestic breeds.
111. MARKET MEAT PEN of FRYER CHICKENS (Broilers) - Pen of three pullets and/or cockerels. Birds must weigh a minimum of 3 pounds and it is recommended that birds be hatched a minimum of 6 weeks and a maximum of 8 weeks prior to the show depending on the breed of bird and nutrition program chosen. Pen will be judged on conformation, meat type, uniformity and condition. One bird from this pen is eligible for class 108 Poultry Fryer. For rules governing this class see Market Projects pages 4-7.
112. FOWL, OTHER – This class includes any 4-H poultry project of other fowl. Examples: Turkeys, pigeons, and guinea fowl. Please specify the type of fowl entered in this class on your entry form so that proper space and cage size can be provided for in the Fair barn.

GRAND CHAMPION ROOSTER- Winners of classes 100, 101, 104, &106 are eligible for this class. Members do not sign-up for this class. There is no premium money paid on this class.

GRAND CHAMPION FRYER – Winners of class 108 are eligible for this class. Members do not sign up for this class. There is no premium money paid on this class.

GRAND CHAMPION HEN - Winners of classes 102, 103, 105, & 107 are eligible for this class. Members do not sign-up for this class. There is no premium money paid on this class.
**GRAND CHAMPION FOWL** – Winners of Classes 109 & 111 are eligible for this class. Members do not sign up for this class. There is no premium money paid on this class.

**BEST OF SHOW POULTRY & FOWL** - Winners from the Grand Champion Hen, Grand Champion Rooster and Grand Champion Fowl are eligible for this class. Members do not sign-up for this class. There is no premium money paid on this class.

**POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP** - Exhibitors must show their own animal. Any exceptions must be approved by the show management. There are 3 divisions: Junior, Intermediate and Senior.

Exhibitors will be judged on cleanliness, training and ease of handling of their animal, their proper attire and showmanship skills.

**Goat Classes**

No intact male goats of any age will be allowed on the Fairgrounds during the Elko County Fair. All breeds or crossbreeds (horned, polled, haired, etc.) are eligible as long as they are manageable, but polled or disbudded animals are preferred. A collar or choker chain is required show equipment in all goat classes.

**MARKET GOATS** – For rules governing this class see Market Projects on pages 4-6.

**DAIRY GOAT CLASSES** (Breed Examples: Alpine, La Mancha, Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, Oberhasli, Saanen, Sable, Toggenburg, etc., and crossbreeds)

**MEAT GOAT CLASSES** (Breed examples: Boer, Kiko, Spanish, Myotonic, etc., and crossbreeds)

**PYGMY GOAT CLASSES- PET BREEDS**

**ALL AROUND DAIRY DOE ALL BREEDS** - 1st place winners of classes 120, 123 and 122 are eligible for this class. Members do not sign up for this class. This is a non-premium class.

**ALL AROUND MEAT DOE ALL BREEDS** - 1st place winners of classes 125, 126 and 127 are eligible for this class. Members do not sign up for this class. This is a non-premium class.
ALL AROUND PYGMY DOE ALL BREEDS- 1st place junior doe winners of classes 130 and 131 are eligible for this class. Members do not sign up for this class. This is a non-premium class.

BEST OF SHOW ALL BREEDS- 1st place winners of All-Around Dairy Doe, All-Around Meat Doe, All-Around Pygmy Doe. Members do not sign up for this class. This is a non-premium class.

Goat Showmanship

This contest is open to all livestock exhibitors. Exhibitors must show their own livestock. Any exceptions must be approved by the show management. There are 3 divisions: Junior, Intermediate and Senior. Exhibitors will be judged on cleanliness, training and ease of handling of their animal, their proper attire and showmanship skills.

146. SENIOR GOAT SHOWMANSHIP
147. INT. GOAT SHOWMANSHIP
148. JUNIOR GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

Miscellaneous Livestock Classes and Awards

Round Robin Showmanship

SENIOR DIVISION – Grand Champion showmanship winners in the Senior age division of Beef, Sheep, Horse, Dog, Goat, Rabbit and Poultry are invited to take part in this contest.

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION – Grand Champion showmanship winners in the Intermediate age division of Beef, Sheep, Horse, Dog, Goat, Rabbit and Poultry are invited to take part in this contest.

DRESS: 4-H uniform-dark pants, white long-sleeved shirt, boots, and 4-H green tie.

ELIGIBILITY: Must be grand champion winner in showmanship in the Senior or Intermediate age divisions, but are eligible to show in only one species. Example: grand champion in poultry and rabbits, may only show poultry or rabbits, not both species. If the grand champion winner of any species is unable to show, that species will remain unrepresented.

ANIMALS: The winner of showmanship classes will show the respective animal that they qualified with. Exceptions for sick or lame animals would be at the discretion of the Round Robin Committee. If a contestant has won their showmanship class in more than one species, they will need to choose one species to show in this contest and inform the Round Robin Committee of their decision. For example: a member has won their showmanship class in both sheep and rabbits must pick one species to compete with and cannot show both.

JUDGING: Showmanship with each animal will be timed for a maximum of four minutes. Participants then move to the next animal until all have been completed. Judges score individually, then scores will be totaled, and awarded accordingly. Ties will be decided by questions and answers by the judges. One question in each division. Answer will be scored and tie broken.

AWARDS: Winner will receive a prize designated at show time. There is no premium money paid on this contest.

Herdsman Award

The purpose of the Herdsman Contest is to encourage exhibitors to care for livestock, pens and equipment properly and keep stalls and animals clean and attractive at all times. This is solely a 4-H contest and any parents helping will decrease the chance of that 4-H club winning. An anonymous committee selected by the Elko County Cattlewomen will judge this contest.

4-H Hard Luck Award

This award is given to a 4-H member whose project has had some serious disappointments beyond his/her control, has taken adversity with tact and grace and remained active in the club and project. Extension staff and show management will select the winner.

Bill McKnight Herdsman Award

Presented during the Elko County Fair & Livestock Show.

To Qualify: You must be entered in 2 or more cattle breeding classes. One of the classes must be the futurity class.

Point System: A point system will be used based on their class placing and the ribbon color awarded. The person that qualifies with the highest points will be the winner of the Bill McKnight Memorial Outstanding Cattle Breeder Buckle.

Elko County Fair Home Arts Division

The Home Arts Division is open to all 4-H members. Members can exhibit items such as photography, leathercraft, sewing, woodworking, food, canning,
Elko County 4-H Horse Show

(Qualifying event for State Horse Show)

The Elko County 4-H Horse Show is open to any Elko County 4-H member in good standing who has carried a horsemanship project during the current year. Blue ribbon winners in most classes are eligible to compete in the state contest. Official 4-H dress is required and all safety rules will be followed. All 4-H participants are required to wear a properly fitted ASM-SEI rated helmet with harness while handling or riding a horse. (See State Horse Show rules.) NOTE: This helmet rule applies to all 4-H horse project activities; including practices, workshops, trail rides, gymkhanas, etc.

Elko County 4-H Shooting Sports Contest

(Qualifying event for State Shooting Sports Contest)

This contest is open to any Elko County 4-H member in good standing that has carried a shooting sports project during the current year. The member must also have completed a mandatory safety course and passed the safety test in each discipline he/she plans to compete in during the year and must have attended at least three county 4-H shooting sports practices in each discipline that he/she will be competing in at the county contest. Blue ribbon winners are eligible to compete in the State Shooting Sports Contest. Official 4-H dress is required for the awards presentations. Long-sleeved shirt and closed toed shoes are required attire during the competition. All safety rules will be followed. High point overall awards for each age division will be tabulated on the 3 disciplines where the contestant has the highest scores. (See State Shooting Sports Rules).

Elko County 4-H Dog Show

The Elko County 4-H Dog Show is open to all Elko County 4-H members in good standing that have carried a dog care and training project during the current year. Blue ribbon winners are eligible to compete in the State Dog Show if one is offered. State 4-H Dog Show rules will be followed with one exception; the addition of a showmanship class for 4-H members who are showing two dogs and wish to enter them both in a showmanship class. Official dress is required. (See State Dog Show Rules.)

Elko County 4-H Fashion Revue

This contest is open to any Elko County 4-H member in good standing that has carried a Fashion Revue/Clothing project during the current year.
Elko County 4-H Speech & Visual Presentation Contest

This contest is open to any Elko County 4-H member in good standing. Dress code is required unless participants dress in costume to enhance their speech or demonstration. (Example: member is dressed in proper snowmobile wear for a snowmobile demonstration.) Blue ribbon winners are eligible to compete in the state contest if available.

Elko County 4-H Talent/Skit Contest

The County 4-H Talent/Skit Contest is held each year following the evening performance of the County Fashion Revue. There are no definite rules for this contest but performances should follow these guidelines:

a) Performance is done by the clubs’ 4-H members.

b) The performance can be comedy material, talent routines (singing groups, dance numbers, juggling or tumbling acts, etc.) or an entertaining non-humorous sketch on a relevant topic.

c) The performance can last from 3 minutes to 10 minutes. There is no penalty for not adhering to these time limits, however it is at the judge’s discretion to penalize a performance that they feel is too long or too short. Props should be carefully stored backstage and volunteer help recruited, so that there is the least possible preparation time for each performance.


d) Any subject (including the Fair theme) qualifies for a performance topic. Theme and material should be in good taste and represent the spirit of clean living, good citizenship and the “4-H Way.” Judges are asked to evaluate the performance on their entertainment quality.

e) Awards will be presented.

Elko County Food Contest

This contest is open to any Elko County 4-H member in good standing participants do not need to be in a food/nutrition project to participate in this contest. The contest rules will be sent out to interested members before the contest.

Elko County 4-H Photography Contest

This contest is being reconfigured so watch your newsletter for rules and guidelines.

Elko County 4-H Election of County Officers

Applicants need to complete an application and return it to the Extension Office before December 15. Applications will be reviewed and applicants will be interviewed by a selection committee consisting of a leader representative and a member representative from Elko County 4-H clubs or past 4-H volunteers and members. Offices will be filled according to the decisions of this committee.

4-H members, ages 13 – 19 years old, who have had some leadership experience in a local club and wish to pursue additional goals may be interested in applying for the county officer team. Applying for a position on the officer team is an excellent opportunity for members to make new 4-H friends and expand leadership experiences. Officer team members are the primary planners for the annual 4-H Camp and are to assist at county events.