INTRODUCTION:

The Humboldt County Livestock Show is held under the supervision of the Humboldt County Show and Sale Committee. The Board makes and enforces all rules for the show. Throughout the rules, “Board” refers to the Humboldt County Show and Sale Committee, and “Show” includes the Humboldt County Show and Sale.

The purpose of the Humboldt County Livestock Show is to provide an opportunity for youth members to exhibit their livestock projects before the public, thus promoting and providing the incentive for achieving excellence in livestock production skills and practices. Such achievement and participation in the Show encourages sportsmanship, leadership, citizenship and responsibility of the highest order in the members.

Through the judging and placing of entries, modern livestock marketing standards are outlined and the education of members, leaders and parents regarding livestock industry trends is made possible. As part of the Show, the Board offers the Livestock Sale for market animals.

INTERPRETATION AND ENFORCEMENT:

The Humboldt County Show and Sale Committee reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, or connected with, or incident to, the Show.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE:

The Grievance Committee will consist of the Humboldt County Show and Sale Committee. Any dispute or question regarding rules and management decisions must be in the form of a written protest signed by the exhibitor and presented to the Show Manager within two hours of the time of the action or questioned incident. All grievances will include a $50 deposit, which will be forfeited if the grievance is not sustained. The protest will then go to the Grievance Committee. The final decision will be made by the Grievance Committee. Show and Sale Committee has the right to seek dismissal of the exhibitor and deny any awards. Any dispute or question with regard to decisions of the management must be presented to the Grievance Committee in the appropriate manner. Any grievance can be appealed. Appeals must be made within two hours of the Grievance Committee’s decision. The Board reserves the final and absolute right of decision.

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LIABILITY:

All entries are accepted with the understanding that each exhibitor shall be solely responsible for any loss, injury or damage done to or occasioned by him/her, or arising from any animal or article exhibited by him/her. Exhibitors and parents agree to hold blameless the State of Nevada; Humboldt County Show and Sale Committee; Humboldt County 4-H Small Animal Committee; Humboldt County Fairgrounds; Board of Regents, University of Nevada, Reno; Nevada Cooperative Extension; Extension Personnel; 4-H leaders; and other persons involved in the Show in case of accident or injury of any nature to the exhibitor, or any loss or damage that may occur to their property or livestock.

CONDUCT AND SUPERVISION OF EXHIBITORS:

Exhibitors are the representatives of their youth organizations and are expected to act in an appropriate manner. Misconduct of an exhibitor such as to reflect discredit on himself/herself, his/her club, or the Show, will be cause for disqualification and will result in sending the exhibitor and his/her exhibit home. Malicious damage to the Humboldt County Fairgrounds will also be considered a just cause to send an exhibitor and exhibit home. In such cases, all awards will be withheld.

Every effort will be made to secure competent judges for the show. They will give reasons for the decisions rendered. These are to assist in the education of livestock production and showmanship. THE DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES ARE FINAL. Any interference, discourteous or unsportsman-like conduct towards the judge or officials by parents, youth members or spectators, will be cause for disqualification of the participant and forfeiture of any awards.

Any use of alcohol, illegal drugs or tobacco by minors is grounds for immediate disqualification and expulsion from the Show and Sale. Exhibits and exhibitors will be sent home and forfeit all rights to any awards or prizes.

While at the Show and Sale, all exhibitors must be responsible to and chaperoned by their respective leaders and/or parents. All exhibitors must be under the supervision of an adult chaperone at all times and not left in the care of the Show officials.

LARGE ANIMAL SHOW DRESS CODE:

Shall consist of western attire or 4-H or FFA requirement uniform. Sturdy tennis shoes (not canvas material) may be worn when showing sheep, swine and goats. Boots are required when showing beef. *No shoes with open toes, open backs, heels or platform soles, sneakers, flip-flops or similar soft shoes will be allowed at any time in the barn area (which includes the wash-rack area) or show ring. Protective shoes or boots are highly recommended in all classes. No hats.
GENERAL RULES:

1. A first year livestock project member may take a market animal their first year. It is strongly encouraged that all first year members join a club specific to the specie of market animal they are taking and attend all required meetings. First year members with no livestock background or knowledge are strongly encouraged to take a breeding project so that they may gain a better understanding and knowledge of the specie they are working with.

2. This Show is for the youth exhibitor. They, and they alone, clean, feed, water, fit and groom animals. Parents are not to perform youth responsibilities regarding the animals. Failure to comply will result in a warning by the Show Management. A second violation will result in disqualification of that exhibitor. Each exhibitor must exhibit and care for their own animals at the show and sale except for illness, injury or conflict in show schedules and approved by Show and Sale (a doctor’s written medical release may be required), in which case another youth member should exhibit in his/her place. This does not apply to showmanship classes. The Show and Sale Committee realizes unusual and unforeseen circumstances may occur and the Committee may permit additional parental/guardian help if the Committee receives adequate evidence of need prior to check-in for the show and sale.

3. Humane treatment of animals is expected. Any abuse of an animal is grounds for immediate disqualification and expulsion from the show and sale and forfeiture of all awards.

4. 4-H members’ completed record books/project sheets must be turned into the Extension Office by October 15 of the year of the show. All sections must be filled out. If a section does not apply to your project, mark with an N/A and state why. Income section and Financial Summary MUST be completed. If the record book/project sheet for the animal species shown in the fair is turned in between October 16 and before December 31, a late penalty of ten percent (10%) will be applied to your next market project sale price, excluding add-ons. The penalty will go into the scholarship fund. After December 31, you will not be allowed to participate in the following year’s show and sale. Youth have a right to appeal this decision with final decision left to the Show and Sale Committee.

5. 4-H members must pay insurance ($5) before participating in any 4-H event.

6. 4-H exhibitors who are 4-H age 9 and 10 years old will show as JUNIORS; ages 11, 12, and 13 will show as INTERMEDIATES, and ages 14 years and older will show as SENIORS.

7. Members must participate in their club’s activities to the satisfaction of their leader to be eligible to show at the fair.

8. Classes will be split or combined as entries warrant at the discretion of the judge and/or the Show and Sale Committee.
9. All animal coverings must be removed before weigh-in.

10. The Large Animal portion of the Livestock Pavilion will be open Friday of the Show from 3:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday from 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

11. All species shall be inspected for general health conditions at the vet check at fair check-in. Unhealthy animals will be sent home.

   **ALL SWINE will be bled on a specified date, time and place set by the Show and Sale Committee.** All SWINE shall not be unloaded before having individual health papers inspected by Show veterinarian and approved as meeting all Nevada State PRV and Brucellosis requirements (blood test within 30 days of the Humboldt County Livestock Show).

12. All livestock areas must be kept neat and clean throughout the Show. A herdsmanship award will be presented to the clubs taking the best care of their animals and pens during the Show.

13. Large animal check-in will be on Friday prior to the show from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Show and Sale Committee reserves the right to check in their exhibitor’s animals at 2:30 p.m. Other arrangements can be made on a case by case basis by application to be approved by Show and Sale by barn cleanup.

14. The youth livestock projects release time shall be on Sunday of the Show. All animals, except market animals waiting to be shipped to the processing plant, must be removed from the barn and pens cleaned by 5:00 p.m. on Sunday of the Show. The Show and Sale Committee may seek to deny the Exhibitor the right to show next year if they do not participate in cleaning their stall(s) area at project release time. Barn cleanup will commence immediately after the Show and Sale Committee meeting and committee members are present.

15. Show entry forms will be sent out and must be completed and returned to the Humboldt County Extension Office no later than 5:00 p.m., August 1. If entry form is not turned in before deadline, you will not be able to participate in the show and sale.

16. All animals must be groomed with ear tags clearly visible and easy to read before check-in/weigh-in at the Show.

17. Any animal not properly cleaned, fitted or trained to be quiet and tractable may be disqualified from showing at the judge’s and Show Committee’s discretion. All sheep and beef exhibits must be brought in by halter and lead rope only.

18. All livestock shall be in the youth member’s possession by tagging time. All livestock must be weighed, recorded and identified with the appropriate method at the time of tagging. This will be done by a committee of at least two people (may include Show and Sale Committee member, Extension Office person or one livestock project leader). If the identification tag is lost, the Extension Office or Show and Sale Committee must be notified immediately. On Tagging Day, the exhibitor must identify his/her tag number.
19. Animals may participate in any livestock show within 30 days prior to the Humboldt County Show as long as veterinary health papers are provided upon entry to the Humboldt County Show and Sale.

20. Lander Area youth members may participate in the Show and Sale. If a member has a market animal, they must have either 1) a confirmed bid (equal to at least the last year’s average) to be eligible to go through the sale or 2) a lower contract bid at which the animal will have to sell turned in to the Humboldt County Extension Office one week prior to the show. If no bid form is turned in, the animal will not be shown or sold.

21. Pershing County youth members (does not include those signed up and active in the Humboldt County program) may participate in a breeding project, at a cost of $10, if space is available in the barn (to be determined after August 1).

22. Pershing County youth members may participate in a market class and the sale only if they are signed up and active in the Humboldt County program.

**USE OF DRUGS:**

Entry into the Show signifies compliance with all pharmaceutical, biologic and chemical withdrawal regulations. Before administering any products consult with a veterinarian and follow label directions.

The United States Department of Agriculture Wholesale Meat Act applies to the sale of market livestock sold during the Humboldt County Livestock Show and Sale as follows:

A. Animals must be in good health and the carcass free of drug or chemical residue.

B. Antibiotics and sulfonamides have required withdrawal periods.

C. Drug label directions for use and withdrawal periods must be followed.

D. If drugs or other chemical residues are found in the tissue of the carcass, the entire carcass may be condemned.

If a carcass is condemned for any of the above reasons the exhibitor forfeits all rights to the Sale proceeds.

A Drug Free Consent Form must be signed by the exhibitor at time of weigh-in of market animal.
SHOWMANSHIP:

1. Each livestock exhibitor must participate in the Showmanship contest and show their own animal. No two people may show the same animal. **All Showmanship animals must be a breeding or market animal entered in the livestock show.**

2. A member may show more than one class of livestock as long as there is no conflict of show schedules. If conflict of schedule arises, the youth member must choose the class of species of livestock he/she will show.

3. Showmanship contest will be before quality judging.

4. A Round Robin Showmanship class will be conducted for members showing BEEF, SHEEP, SWINE and GOATS. Participation in Round Robin is highly recommended.
   
   a) The first and second place (third place is alternate) individual Senior, Intermediate and Junior showman of each class of livestock will compete.
   
   b) Each person will have the opportunity to show each of the classes of livestock presented.
   
   c) The high point individual in each age group will receive an award for being the Grand Champion Junior, Intermediate and Senior Showman of the Show.

BREEDING ANIMAL CLASSES:

1. A youth livestock member between the ages of 9 and 19 years of age is eligible to compete in any or all of the breeding animal classes, only ONE entry per class however.

2. After a member has shown a ewe lamb or yearling heifer, it is hoped they will show them in the following years as mature ewes or cow/calf pairs.

3. A member may show a breeding animal for their first time in the Aged Ewe Class or Cow/Calf Pair class ONLY if the animal was purchased prior to giving birth to its offspring.

4. All exhibits will receive a ribbon. Awards will be awarded in each division of BEEF, SHEEP, SWINE and GOATS.

5. Market animals have priority in show schedule following showmanship.

6. All breeding animals must be de-horned by June 1.
**BREEDING CLASSES:**

**BEEF:** All breeding beef must have been vaccinated for Brucellosis. Animals must be selected by April 1 and tagged by April 15. All cattle must be shown and restricted by halter. *The Commercial and Registered categories have been eliminated.*

1. Yearling Heifers must have been born after January 1 of the preceding year.

2. Cow/Calf Pair – an individual cow may be shown a maximum of three times – once as a heifer, once with her first calf, and once with her second calf. No cows five years of age or older may be shown. Calves must be born before June 1 of current year.

3. Heifer Calf – born after January 1 and before April 1 of current year.

**SHEEP:** All breeding sheep must have a sheep scrapie tag. Project animals must be selected by June 1 of the current year. An individual ewe may be shown a maximum of two times – once as a Ewe Lamb or Yearling Ewe AND once as a Ewe with Lamb(s) Pair.

1. Ewe Lamb – born October 1 of the previous year through June 1 of the current year.

2. Yearling Ewe – born October 1 of two years previous through September 30 of the previous year and has not lambed.

3. Aged Ewe – Over 1 year of age and has lambed current year. No ewe five years of age or older may be shown.

**SWINE:** Project animals must be selected by June 1 of the current project year. All swine must have individual health papers meeting all Nevada State PRV and Brucellosis requirements, i.e. blood test within 30 days. There will be no class of mature sows or boars due to the danger in showing.


**GOATS:** All breeding goats must have a scrapies tag. Project animals must be selected by June 1 of current project year. An individual nanny may be shown a maximum of three times – once as a Spring Kid, once as a Breeding Nanny and once as a Mature Nanny. All milking dairy goats (mature does) are required to be milked out completely by the exhibitor after check-in on the night before the Show. The milk-out will be supervised by one or more Show officials.

All producing milk goats that are not milked out after check-in will not be allowed to show. The judge will be informed of the milk out.

1. Spring Doe Kid – kids born after March 1 of the current year.
2. Breeding Nanny – born before March 1 and under two years of age but has not had a kid.

3. Mature Nanny – over one year of age and has kidded the current show year.

**MARKET ANIMAL CLASSES:**

1. One market animal and one backup market animal regardless of species may be selected for the fair. The backup animal may be a family backup for any youth in the family. The purpose of a family backup is to allow a family to have one backup if each youth does not wish to have a backup animal of his/her own. If the animal’s identification is lost, the Extension Office must be notified immediately.

   One market animal (original or the backup) is allowed to the fairgrounds at check-in time.

2. Exhibitors may show or sell one market species, i.e. one market beef OR one market lamb OR one market goat OR one market swine OR one meat pen of rabbits OR one meat pen of poultry. Only one market animal, regardless of species, may be weighed at check-in time.

3. All market classes may be divided into weight classes by the Board to be determined after weigh-in time.

4. Market animals have priority in show schedule following showmanship.

5. Any market animal sifted because of weight will not be sold through the auction ring. The member may exhibit the animal in showmanship. White ribbon animals may not be sold at auction.

6. Youth members may not sell any animal at the Show prior to the Sale and may not advertise animals for sale until after the livestock auction is over.

7. A percentage rate of **income** of at least 5% but not to exceed 10% will be placed on all income passing through the auction ring. This money is used for sale and show publicity, buyers’ pictures, frames, transportation, judges’ fees, and other costs directly related to the sale and show.

8. All large market animals must be slaughtered for carcass contest, with the exception of market goats.

9. In order to allow for difference of travel, shrinkage will be deducted from check-in weights as follows: under 30 miles – 2%; 30 to 50 miles – 1%; over 50 miles – none. The weigh-in weight less the shrinkage specified above equals the SALE weight of each animal.
10. ALL ANIMALS (CATTLE, GOATS, AND SHEEP) MUST BE DEHORNED AT TAGGING TIME AND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHOW IF STUBS ARE ONE INCH OR LONGER AT CHECK-IN TIME. No intact male animals will be allowed in large animal market classes.

**MARKET CLASSES:**

Any animal may be inspected at any time by a qualified committee at the exhibitor’s home and informed of animal’s condition. The animal must be halter broke and shown by halter by the youth member to the committee.

**MARKET STEERS**

1. Members must have their market steer selected and declared to the Humboldt County Extension Office no later than March 1.

2. All market beef must be tagged between February 1 and March 1 of the year of the show by a designated official. Official tagging days will be determined by the Show and Sale Committee.

3. The minimum sale weight shall be 1,000 pounds and a maximum sale weight of 1,300 pounds (shrunk weight). Market Beef may exceed the upper shrunk weight, but will be sold at the 1,300 pound shrunk weight. **Animals exceeding the maximum weight limit will be sold at maximum sale weight with the extra pounds above the limit being donated to the buyer by the exhibitor.**

4. Cattle will be shown with the aid of a show stick and halter.

5. Placing of beef animals will be on the Danish System as follows:

   Group 1 – (Blue Ribbon) animals grading USDA CHOICE or better, having ABOVE AVERAGE conformation and showing indications of yielding a high percentage of lean to fat.

   Group 2 – (Red Ribbon) animals grading USDA HIGH GOOD or better, and having AVERAGE or BELOW conformation or having ABOVE AVERAGE conformation and excessive finish.

   Group 3 – (White Ribbon) animals grading USDA GOOD and below.

**MARKET LAMBS**

1. Members must have their market lamb selected, started on feed and declared to the Humboldt County Extension Office by June 1. No substitutions may be made after June 1. Market Lambs must be slicked sheared before show weigh-in.
2. All lambs must be tagged between June 1 and June 15 of the year of the Show by a designated official. Official tagging days will be determined by the Show and Sale Committee.

3. The minimum shrunk weight shall be 110 pounds and a maximum shrunk sale weight of 155 pounds. Market Lambs may exceed the upper shrunk weight, but will be sold at the 155 pound shrunk weight. Market lambs must be slick sheared before show weigh-in. **Animals exceeding the maximum weight limit will be sold at maximum sale weight with the extra pounds above the limit being donated to the buyer by the exhibitor.**

4. Placing of lambs will be on the Danish System as follows:

   **Group 1** – (Blue Ribbon) animals grading USDA CHOICE or better, having ABOVE AVERAGE conformation and showing indications of yielding a high percentage of lean to fat.

   **Group 2** – (Red Ribbon) animals grading USDA HIGH GOOD or better and having AVERAGE or BELOW conformation or having ABOVE AVERAGE conformation and excessive finish.

   **Group 3** – (White Ribbon) animals grading USDA GOOD and below.

**MARKET HOGS:**

1. Members must have their market hog selected, started on feed and declared to the Humboldt County Extension Office by June 1. No substitutions after June 1.

2. All hogs must be tagged between June 1 and June 15 of the year of the Show by a designated official. Official tagging days will be determined by the Show and Sale committee.

3. Market Hogs must have a minimum shrunk sale weight of 210 pounds. Market Hogs may exceed the upper shrunk weight limit of 270 pounds but will be sold at the 270 pound shrunk weight. Exhibitors will donate any extra poundage above the 270-pound limit to the buyer. Market Hogs with a shrunk weight of 300 pounds or greater cannot be shown or sold in the Market Class. The animal can be shown in the showmanship class only.

4. Hogs will be shown with a cane or other show aid.

5. Placing of pork will be on the Danish System using a combination of finish (backfat as listed in carcass contest rules) and muscling as follows:

   **Group 1** – (Blue Ribbon) US No. 1 hogs with ABOVE AVERAGE conformation.

   **Group 2** – (Red Ribbon) US No. 1 hogs with AVERAGE or BELOW conformation and quality and US No. 2 hogs with ABOVE AVERAGE conformation and quality.
Group 3 – (White Ribbon) US No. 2 hogs with AVERAGE or POOR conformation and quality. US No. 3 hogs, medium and cull hogs.

MARKET GOATS:

1. Members must have their goat selected, started on feed and declared to the Humboldt County Extension Office by June 1. No substitutions may be made after June 1.

2. All goats must be tagged between June 1 and June 15 of the year of the Show by a designated official. The Show and Sale Committee will determine official tagging days.

3. Market goats can be wethers or does. No bucks permitted. No horns permitted. Market goats must be one year old or less. Market goats will be shown with a neck collar only.

4. A minimum shrunk weight shall be 65 pounds and a maximum sale weight of 100 pounds. Market goats may exceed the upper shrunk weight, but will be sold at the 100 pound shrunk weight. Animals exceeding the maximum weight limit will be sold at maximum sale weight with the extra pounds above the limit being donated to the buyer by the exhibitor.

5. Dispersal of animals will be the responsibility of the buyer. Goats will not participate in the carcass contest.

6. Placing of goats will be on the Danish System as follows:

   Group 1 – (Blue Ribbon) animals grading USDA CHOICE or better, having ABOVE AVERAGE conformation and showing indications of yielding a high percentage of lean to fat.

   Group 2 – (Red Ribbon) animals grading USDA HIGH GOOD or better and having AVERAGE or BELOW conformation or having ABOVE AVERAGE conformation and excessive finish.

   Group 3 – (White Ribbon) animals grading USDA GOOD and below will not be allowed to sell.
HERDSMANKSHIP CONTEST

**Purpose:** To encourage contestants to maintain clean exhibit areas. To maintain the best showing of livestock exhibits and to facilitate the public viewing.

**Awards:** Competition will be between clubs in each division. Any award money will be prorated.

**Rules:** Herdsmanship duties are the responsibility of the exhibitor rather than parents and leaders. Exhibitors are expected to be courteous, helpful and informative to the visitors. Exhibit areas should be orderly, neat and attractive.

1. Herdsmanship begins after entry closes and ends when animals leave the premises.
2. Stalls and pens shall be kept clean.
3. A club may consist of one exhibit.

The Herdsmanship Contest is open to all large animal exhibitors but you must sign up for the Herdsmanship Contest on the large animal show entry form.