

GENERAL FAIR RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Any person residing in Rio Arriba County, or any youth enrolled in Rio Arriba County or Los Alamos County 4-H program and FFA Chapters, regardless of age, color, disability, gender, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status may exhibit in the Rio Arriba County Fair, unless specific department rules allow entries from other Counties/States. Youth enrolled in the Los Alamos County 4-H Program are permitted to exhibit livestock and enter the homemade delights contest, upon meeting project and contest requirements. The Rio Arriba County Fair will be held on **July 29th – August 3rd, 2025**.
2. In a case where there is not a rule to cover a situation, the Rio Arriba County Fair Association Board will make a rule and define its application for that given situation(s).
3. All 4-H/FFA and NON-4-H/FFA, contests, awards, advertising, entertainment, and other activities related to the Rio Arriba County Fair must have written authorization from the Rio Arriba County Fair Association Board prior to the event.
4. Any person who violates any of the General or Specific Rules will forfeit all entry fees, privileges, and premiums, and may face expulsion from current and future Rio Arriba County Fairs.
5. The Fair Management will take every precaution for the safety of Visitors and Exhibits but assumes no liability for personal injury or for loss or damage to any property of patrons, concessionaire, or exhibitors, due to theft, fire, weather conditions or other causes.
6. Any 4-H/FFA and Open Indoor Exhibitor may choose to sell the exhibit(s) following these guidelines:
 - On the final day of the Fair, Saturday, the exhibitor may choose to place a silent auction sheet alongside their item(s). The silent auction sheet, including any reserve price (if applicable), must be provided by the exhibitor or their family. The management and oversight of the silent auction process will be the responsibility of the exhibitor or their family, with Extension staff and volunteers not involved in supervising this process.
 - Purchased items will remain in the exhibit hall until the conclusion of the Fair.
 - Items must be picked up by the exhibitor or their family on Sunday, the tear-down day of the Fair. Any sales transactions will be conducted privately between the purchasing party and the exhibitor or their family.
 - If the item is selected for display at the State Fair, it will not be released to the owner until after the event concludes. The final sales transaction, if applicable, will be arranged privately between the involved parties.
7. The Fair Board reserves the exclusive and final authority to interpret these rules and regulations, and to resolve all matters, questions, and grievances arising out of or in connection with the Fair.
8. Use and possession of liquor and/or illegal drugs of any form will not be allowed by anyone during, before, or after Fair activities. Only County made wines will be allowed as a County Fair exhibit. The Rio Arriba County Fair Grounds is a Drug & Alcohol-Free facility. The Rio Arriba County Fair & Livestock Auction and all events herein are Non-Alcoholic events. Any person(s) who are found in violation or suspected to be in violation will be asked to leave the premises immediately and/or will have their vehicles towed at their own expense. If the Exhibitor and/or his/her Guests are in violation or suspected to be in violation at any time, the Exhibitor will be disqualified from any/all events and will have any titles and/or awards stripped from them immediately.

9. **Conduct: There is a ZERO Tolerance Policy when it comes to conduct displayed by an Exhibitor, any Family Member or Visitor to the Fair.** All persons are warned that any act of discourtesy or disobedience to Officials, Parents or Exhibitors on the part of the Exhibitor, Parents or Sponsors will result in a disqualification of the Exhibitor from adjudication, and the Owner shall forfeit his/her entrance and other fees.
10. The Rio Arriba County Fair Association reserves the right to remove/ask any individual to vacate the Fair Grounds and forfeit any winnings or placing should their behavior/conduct warrant it. Any Exhibitor, Parent or Sponsor who shall attempt to interfere with any Judge in the performance of their duties or shall make any false statement(s) in regard to any animal exhibited or shall interfere with Clerks' and Judges' books shall be excluded from the competition and may be subject to other disciplinary actions.
11. All - Exhibitors must always adhere to the 4-H/FFA and the Rio Arriba County Fair Association dress code during the Fair.
 - Long sleeve button up shirt is required to be worn in the Show Ring.
 - Clothing must be clean and free from holes and tears.
 - No bare skin exhibited between shirt and pants/shorts.
 - Skirts and shorts must be at least mid-thigh length.
 - Underclothing cannot be visible.
 - No garments with offensive slogans.
 - No muscle shirts.
 - No tube tops, halter tops, spaghetti strap tops, off the shoulder tops, low cut tops, backless tops or sheer shirts.
 - No caps or hats will be worn in the Show Ring.
 - Western Hats will be allowed during the Horse Show.
12. Official 4-H Ages: age on Jan 1 of current 4-H year Oct-Sept
 - **Novice** - 8-year olds in the 3rd grade, 9-year olds, 10-year olds, 11-year olds in the 5th grade
 - **Junior** - 11 year olds in the 6th grade; 12 year olds; 13 year olds in the 7th grade
 - **Senior** - 13 year olds in the 8th grade; 14 year olds; 15 year olds; 16 year olds; 17 year olds; 18 year olds; Youth who are 19 by December 31 of the current 4-H year are not eligible to enroll as a 4-H member.

ALL JUDGES AND JUDGING

1. The Rio Arriba County Fair will utilize the Judging system of the Modified Danish System for all Categories including Livestock.
 - The difference between the Danish and Modified Danish system is the degrees of specificity in the number of exhibits distributed between the Blue, Red, White, and no awards groups. In the Danish System, exhibits are generally assigned an award based on a numerical score for blue, red, and white ribbons. When the Modified Danish System is employed individual entries or contestants within each group are further ranked in relation to their relative standing within each group giving strict adherence to a standard of characteristics for a blue, red, or white ribbon that is used by the judge.
 - Livestock Award Ribbons: Blue, Red, White, Best of Show, Champion Breed Rosette, Grand Champion Rosette, Reserve Grand Champion Rosette and/or Buckle, and Trophy.

- Junior Livestock Grand Champion Exhibitors will be presented with a traveling trophy to be displayed on their animal(s) pen during the current Rio Arriba County Fair. The traveling trophy is in recognition of the current Rio Arriba County Fair Grand Champion animals. The safeguards of the traveling trophy are the responsibility of the Exhibitor throughout the Fair and must be returned to the Rio Arriba Fair Association Board President the evening of the Junior Livestock Auction.
- 2. 4-H Indoor Exhibit Award Ribbons: White, Red, Blue, State Fair designation, Best of Show and Grand Champion ribbons will be awarded.
 - Trophies will be awarded to High Point Winners based on a point-system in the following 4-H categories: Home Economics, Horticulture, Creative Arts and General Indoor Exhibits in the three formal 4-H age group divisions: Novice, Junior and Senior. (Note: State Fair Designation does not apply to live horticulture exhibits).
 - A State Fair Sticker may be awarded to one First Place Entry in each class, nominating them to advance to the New Mexico State Fair. Only one exhibit per class, per age group (Novice, Junior, Senior), may advance.
- 3. A total of three (3) overall indoor buckles will also be awarded. One buckle to the Novice; one buckle to the Junior and one buckle to the Senior Individual with the most overall combined indoor exhibit points.
 - Additional awards or compensation may be given to Grand Champion winners.
- 4. No person shall act as a Judge/Superintendent at the Rio Arriba County Fair in any division in which they are a Member, or their immediate Family is an Exhibitor.
- 5. Judges may disqualify or transfer any exhibit to the correct class if the exhibit is not truly a representative of the current class or division.
- 6. During judging, Judges will stress the educational value of the judging process. Judges will be expected, whenever possible and reasonable, to give reasons for their decisions.
- 7. During adjudication, no person or persons shall be allowed to express positive or negative influence on Judges. Violators of this rule shall face immediate exclusion from judging area and entry would face immediate expulsion from the Rio Arriba County Fair and forfeiture of entry fees and premium money.
- 8. Judges will verify the recordings of the Clerk and Superintendents immediately following the respective Livestock Show(s) and sign the official documentation.
- 9. The decision of the Judge is final, allowing only formal appeal as is indicated in the rules following.

PROTESTS AND APPEALS

Judges Decisions

1. Any Exhibitor has the right to appeal the decision of a Judge if they can provide evidence that the award was made in violation of the rules that govern the event or 4-H/FFA project requirements, or that there has been misrepresentation, fraud or collusion. All appeals must be made in writing and filed with the respective Rio Arriba County Fair Superintendent (for specific project) immediately. Concern will be brought to the attention of the Rio Arriba County Fair Association Board. All department rules shall be referenced that govern the event.

2. All disputes not covered by these rules shall be referred to the Rio Arriba County Fair Association Board and will follow the Grievance Process if applicable, which can be found on the Rio Arriba County Fair Association website.
3. A formal complaint form is included in the Livestock Exhibitor Packet and may be obtained from a Rio Arriba Fair Association Board Member. **All complaints or grievances must be WRITTEN and any verbal complaints during the Fair will not be discussed/accepted. The Rio Arriba County Fair Association Board will answer any questions or clarify rules, but complaints will not be accepted unless in writing.** The Rio Arriba County Fair Board will meet in a timely manner to address complaints received in writing and decisions will be final.

GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES

1. No animals will be allowed to unload at the Fairgrounds until they have been inspected by the Veterinarian and Livestock Inspector. Animal(s) unloaded without inspections will be banned from the Fairgrounds.
2. All animals with communicable diseases may not unload.
3. All animals need to be washed and cleaned prior to arriving at the Fairgrounds.
4. All animals leaving Rio Arriba County/District to a Meat packer at the end of the Fair on Sunday will need a Form One inspection done by species (lambs, steers, and goats) NO PAPERWORK IS NEEDED FOR SWINE.
5. If the Livestock Exhibitor enters an agreement with their Buyer to transport their animal(s) home with a later scheduled date to deliver to the Buyers' choice of Meat Packer, the Livestock Exhibitor is fully responsible for getting a new Form One inspection from a New Mexico Livestock Inspector at that time.
6. Livestock Exhibitors are required to comply with all the statutory and regulatory provisions of the State of New Mexico related to animal health and brand inspection. For updated information please contact the New Mexico Livestock Board at 505-861-6161.
7. All 4-H/FFA entries must be certified for eligibility through their Rio Arriba County or Los Alamos County 4-H Agent or FFA Advisor.
8. No individual entry or entries without all required signatures will be accepted, including but not limited to registration, nomination, and health forms
9. All animals must be owned, cared for and entered in the individual name of the Livestock Owner.
10. Booster Showmanship Show: Youth ages 5 to 8 and just completed 2nd grade are eligible to show Horse, Swine, Lambs, Goats, Rabbits, or Poultry. All animals will need to be recognized animals of the fair and must adhere to the rules of the Rio Arriba County Fair. Youth may pre-arrange to show another Exhibitors animal. All Booster Exhibitors must register during the allotted time.
 - Awards for the booster shows will be participation ribbons only.
 - Booster classes will be conducted at the beginning of each Species Showmanship Show.
 - In accordance with New Mexico 4-H Policy, the Cloverbud age group is a noncompetitive, exploratory program. Youth in the Cloverbud age group may not enroll in Large Animal Projects including Beef, Dairy animals, Horse, Sheep, Swine and Goats. They may, however, take part in County Projects that include learning about large animals under the New Mexico "Cloverbud" Program as these activities focus on discovery.
 - Each booster showman will be allowed one animal per species.
 - **All exhibitors are limited (5) exhibits per species.**
11. All Livestock Exhibitors must always keep stalls and animals presentable, including walkways in the immediate area. Livestock Exhibitors must feed, water, and care for their own beef, sheep, swine, goats, llamas, rabbits, and poultry.
12. Feed and bedding material for livestock must be furnished by the member who is showing the animal(s). If a livestock exhibitor will be unable to be present, they must make arrangements in advance for the care of their animal(s) and give justification for their absence. The Rio Arriba County Fair Association serves the right to refuse entry in future years to an exhibitor who fails to give proper care to their animal(s) until released.

13. Beef Neck Ropes: For the safety of the animal, exhibitor, and public, all beef animals are mandated to wear a neck rope while in stalls. No closed-in pens, tie stalls will only be allowed. Breeding bulls will be required to always have a nose ring.
14. For the health of the animals, no bedding other than sand will be allowed for sheep and goats (specifically wood chips or shavings are not allowed). All other bedding material must be approved by the Superintendents. Common bedding will be used in the barn for all beef cattle. Straw will not be permitted as bedding in the beef area.
15. Trimming Chutes and stands will be permitted as space permits and only in a designated area of the Barn at the discretion of the Superintendents. No more than one chute per Livestock Exhibitor or two per family, per species will be allowed. Chutes and stands must be removed after each show, to allow for the next species to use the area.
16. Only one fan per beef will be allowed.
17. Priority of the washing area will be given to the species that is currently being shown and in accordance with class order.
18. Lounging areas will be set up only if space permits and at the discretion of the Superintendents.
19. Aisles must be kept clear for access to Fair Visitors. All tack boxes, chairs, tools, etc. must be kept out of the walkways, safe and presentable to our public. Dividers will be allowed, but they MUST remain within the stall space assigned to the Livestock Exhibitor, or they will be removed.
20. Feed must be removed from in front of the animal, apart from horses, rabbits, and poultry, by 10 o'clock AM, after the morning feeding. Feed must remain in the animals' designated feeders during feeding time allotments. No feed will be allowed to be stored in the barn or alleys. Livestock Exhibitors must store feed at their trailer or outside of the barn.
 - **Feed Times: 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 a.m.**
21. Pens must be clean and should be checked and cleaned at a minimum of every three hours. The Superintendents will enforce cleaning rules and disciplinary actions could occur if not followed.
 - **For livestock exhibitors who do not follow the minimum pen cleaning standards, there will be a \$5.00 fine per species for the 1st offense, assigned grounds cleanup for 2nd offense, and the 3rd offense will result in the offending Exhibitor being designated to the last Exhibitor to check out on Sunday. These disciplinary actions will be at the discretion of the Superintendent.**
22. Each Livestock Exhibitor is responsible for the care, showing and selling of his/her own animal until the Superintendent has approved and signed their release forms.
23. It is the responsibility of the Livestock owner to see that their sale animal is delivered to the Buyer or correct Meat Packer.
24. It is the primary responsibility of the livestock exhibitor to groom their livestock. **Adults, Extension Staff & F.F.A. Advisor, and immediate Family Member(s) may assist younger exhibitors in preparing their animals for show.**
25. If instruction and assistance is required, the Livestock Exhibitor must be present and always involved. If a Livestock Exhibitor has more than one animal in a class, they may have another currently enrolled member of Rio Arriba or Los Alamos County 4-H/FFA Program exhibit an animal for them.
26. All Livestock Exhibitors must be present at the time of judging. Each Livestock Exhibitor must exhibit their own animal unless they have more than one animal in that class or have a medical excuse.

27. Livestock exhibited in the 4-H/FFA Division must be tagged/inspected at the designated time established by the Rio Arriba County Fair Association and Extension Office.
28. No livestock can be transferred from a 4-H Club to an FFA Chapter or vice versa or within the family during the feeding period.
29. All Market Steers, Breeding Heifers, Market Lambs, Market Goats, Market Swine, Rabbit, Poultry, Horse, and County Bred animals to be exhibited must have been declared via a nomination certificate.
 - To be eligible to exhibit in 4-H/FFA Divisions, Livestock Exhibitors must have adhered to official tagging dates; otherwise, entry will be considered for the youth Open Division.
30. All 4-H/FFA Animals must be ear tagged and/or tattooed for identification with an ear tag provided by the Rio Arriba County Fair Association, Rio Arriba or Los Alamos County Extension Service Offices or New Mexico State Fair.
31. All Livestock in a Registered Breeding Class must have a Certificate of Registration in the name of the Livestock Exhibitor. The Certificate must be verified by the Superintendent of this department.
32. The Official Livestock Classifier/Superintendent will be the sole Judge in determining the Class Weight Divisions.
33. Livestock Exhibitors will be assigned stall space(s) and an RV space by a lottery drawing handled by the Rio Arriba County Fair Association Board/Committee Chair. Drawing will be held on the Sunday prior to the Fair; all livestock species exhibitors will be handled in the same manner. All animals will be kept in assigned stall space throughout the Fair. Stall space must be neatly kept and supplied with fresh bedding.
34. Market animals which do not meet the minimum weight requirements in their prospective class will only be allowed to show for ribbons and to complete their 4-H or FFA project(s). These animals will not be eligible for Champion or Grand Champion awards. Such animals are not eligible to be sold in the Junior Livestock Auction and the sale of these animals outside of the auction ring is the responsibility of the Livestock Owner. The Rio Arriba County Fair Association assumes no responsibility in the sale of these animals.
35. All animals will be required to have one official weight. Livestock Exhibitors may choose to weigh their animal(s) upon arriving on the fairgrounds (off trailer) or wait to settle animal(s) into their pen(s) then receive an official weight(s) by the check-in deadline. All animals will only be allowed to cross the scale one time on check-in day. Check-in will run from 9am to 6pm and it is the Livestock Exhibitor's responsibility to ensure their animal has an official weight on record by 6pm. There will not be any re-weigh opportunities. Once an animal is weighed that will become the official weight of record.

36. Junior Market Livestock weights will be as follows:
- **Steers** 900 lbs. minimum; no top weight (will be paid up to 1,300lbs if sold at auction)
 - **Lambs** 90 lbs. minimum; no top weight
 - **Southdowns** 80 lbs. minimum; no top weight
 - **Goats** 60 lbs. minimum; no top weight
 - **Swine** 190 lbs. minimum; no top weight
 - **Poultry Fryer Pen & Rabbit Meat Pens** 3.5lbs - 5.5lbs (individual weights)
37. The following are termed Unethical Practices:
- Doctoring, doping, injections, body "Fill-In" or the alteration, changing, defacing or modification of the anatomical structure.
- The removal, alteration, changing, or purposeful damaging of an ear tag.
 - Any type of injection where oils, glycerin or like substances are used for body "Fill-In," or added materials such as mud and/or water for added weight.
 - External applications of such things as liniments and blistering agents that would cause an edematous condition.
 - No adding of artificial or animal hair.
 - Any medication and/or approved FDA substance administered during the Rio Arriba County Fair must be given under the direct supervision of the Livestock Superintendent and the official Veterinarian(s) on the Fairgrounds.
38. Any Livestock Exhibitor found using the above listed unethical practices, or any other practice deemed unethical by the management will forfeit all awards, premiums, and sale money if any. The Livestock Exhibitor will also be barred from future participation until such time as reinstatement is made by the Rio Arriba County Fair Management.
39. Livestock Exhibitors exhibiting in Showmanship classes must own the animal they show. The Showmanship Classes will not be judged during the Market Classes.
40. Junior Livestock Showmanship Contest will consist of Junior Market Beef, Cattle Breeding, Sheep, Swine, Goat, Horse, Poultry and Rabbit. Livestock exhibitors will be asked questions covering parts of their animal, basic diseases and overall knowledge of species industry, example topics: how to check teeth, sex, toenails, etc.
- Awards will be based on the care and fitting of animals, training, showmanship ability of the Exhibitor.
 - Showmanship Classes will be divided by the age of the youth livestock exhibitor and follow the 4-H age divisions of Novice, Junior, and Senior. If an overall showman title is given, perhaps note an overall showman per species will be selected from the topic age group showman.
41. The Grand Champion Drive will include all 1st place eligible animals. No 1st place winning animal may be pulled by the Livestock Exhibitor prior to exhibiting in the Grand Champion Drive.
42. All Market Grand Champions and Champion County Bred Animals must be sold in the Junior Livestock Sale.
43. Market Grand Champion Animals must be sold over Champion County Bred Animals in the Junior Market Livestock and Homemade Delights Auction. If an exhibitor wins both Grand Champion with their Market (Lamb, Goat, Swine or Steer) and wins Champion County Bred (Lamb, Goat, Swine or Steer) they must sell their Grand Champion Market project first.

44. The Sifting Committee for the Junior Livestock Department will be composed of the Superintendents of the Junior Market Steer, Lamb, Goat and Swine Divisions. All livestock will be checked by the Sifting Committee and the official Veterinarian, and their decision will be final.
45. The Superintendents reserve the right to remove a potentially dangerous animal from the ring and/or if a Livestock Exhibitor is unable to control their animal they can be removed from the ring/barn. This is for the safety of the Livestock Exhibitor and others in the ring and barn.
46. All Rio Arriba County Fair Junior Market Livestock Exhibitors are required to complete a Wholesome Meat Act Certificate. A signed Certificate for each animal must be presented to officials during check-in/weigh-in. The undersigned certifies designated livestock has not been adulterated within the meaning of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act or the Wholesome Meat Act.
47. Rio Arriba County Health records must be completed and turned in by the Livestock Exhibitor at the time of check-in for each animal entering the Rio Arriba County Fair. The Health Forms serve as an official record to ensure that the product you are selling at the time of the Rio Arriba County Fair is safe for human consumption. Health records can be downloaded off the [Rio Arriba County Fair Association website](#), or you may contact the Rio Arriba County Fair Association to get an electronic copy sent to you.
48. Each exhibitor is responsible for the care and well-being of their animals until they are officially released. In the event that livestock is not properly cared for, the necessary labor, feed, and other required services will be provided at a rate of \$25 per animal, which will be billed to the exhibitor. The Rio Arriba County Fair Association reserves the right to deny future participation to any exhibitor who fails to properly care for their animals until release or who does not adequately clean their pens and surrounding grounds. **The Livestock barn and Arena Close at 10:00 p.m. every night of fair and will reopen at 6:00 a.m. the following morning.**

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK RULES

Open Classes

Must be a resident of Rio Arriba or Los Alamos County

- **Booster** - Age 5-8 and completed 2nd Grade
- **Youth** - Age 8 and completed 3rd Grade through age 17
- **Adult** - Age 18+

4-H/FFA Classes

- Must be a registered 4-H or FFA member in Rio Arriba or Los Alamos County and enrolled in the respective project.

Junior Market Steer Rules:

All Beef shows will follow a Blow and Show format. The use of adhesives and glues is strictly prohibited. Weight Limits: Minimum 900lbs - no top weight. All market steers will be sold by the pound. Steers making the Junior Livestock Auction will be paid by the pound. NOTE: Any Steer weighing more than 1,300lbs will only be paid up to 1,300lbs.

1. Market Steers will be classified by hip height and weight combined.
2. Market Steer – Calves must have all their temporary incisors. No Steer will be permitted to show which has lost its temporary teeth at the time of sifting.

Breeding Cattle Rules:

All Beef shows will follow a Blow and Show format. The use of adhesives and glues is strictly prohibited. Weight Limits: no minimum no maximum

1. Breeding Cattle will be classified by hip height.
2. Heifers – Calves must have all their temporary incisors. No Heifer will be permitted to show which has lost its temporary teeth at the time of sifting.
3. Beef can be tied outside in the arena or surrounding pens (weather permitting). This will help with the urine smell in the barn and allow the animals to de-stress. Superintendent approval is required.

Cow/Calf Pair Rules:

All general beef cattle show rules apply to the Cow/Calf Show. Junior Livestock Exhibitors are encouraged to expand their scope of livestock project experience to include breeding livestock projects. Any cow/calf pair may be exhibited provided the calf is bred-and-owned by the junior exhibitor and the following rules are met:

1. Cow must be solely owned by the junior exhibitor. The issue date on the recorded transfer of the cow must precede the breeding date of the cow for the calf at side and the cow must be continuously owned until show time.
2. Calves on the side of cow-calf pairs MUST BE the cow's natural calf. Calf must be the cow's most recent natural calf and must be born during the current year. Cow must be lactating, in the expression that the calf is nursing. Embryo transfer or cloned calf will not qualify to participate in this show.
3. Both cow and calf are required to be officially 4-H/FFA identified. Cows will be identified during the designated beef tagging process. Calf will be identified during designated event registration and must have a breeder brand or tattoo. The calf may be a steer, heifer or bull. Calf is eligible for individual classes but must be entered in the appropriate class. Calves exhibited in the calf class are not eligible for the Breeding Heifer class.
4. Both cow and calf must be haltered and lead to exhibit.
5. Both cow and calf have to follow "Blow and Show" guidelines at the beginning of the beef section.
6. Cow/Calf Pairs are required to be penned for the duration of the fair. Tie-outs: A row in tie-outs will be designated for Cow/calf pens only.

Division champions in the respective categories will be named:

Cow/Calf Pairs: Two-year-old and mature cows

The individual classes will be made up and divided after the cattle are checked in at the show. Classes will be judged from the youngest class to the oldest within each class. The calf classes may be divided into classes at the discretion of the show committee. County bred class may be developed for cow/calf pairs. Cow/calf pairs are not eligible for Junior Livestock Auction.

Beef can be tied outside in the arena or surrounding pens (weather permitting). This will help with the urine smell in the barn and allow the animals to de-stress. Superintendent approval is required.

Junior Market Sheep Rules:

Weight Limits: Southdowns: Minimum 80 lbs. - No top weight.

All others Market Breeds Minimum 90 lbs. - No top weights.

All lambs making the sale will be sold by the head.

All lamb shows will follow a Blow and Show format. The use of adhesives and glues is strictly prohibited. Market Lamb classes will be divided by breed and weight (Western Whiteface and Fine Wool, White and Black, Mutton Cross and Southdown – Shropshire). Market animals in each class will be listed by consecutive weights.

1. All Market Lambs must have their temporary incisors (milk teeth). No lamb will be permitted to show which has lost its temporary teeth at the time of sifting.
2. Health Requirements & Inspection Procedure:
 - All Market Lambs will be slick shorn (no more than 1/4" of wool) prior to arrival at the fair.
 - All Market Lambs will be inspected at the gate or receiving area, any market lambs entering the barns without being ear tagged will be barred from the show and sent home.
 - The Rio Arriba County Fair Association will provide a licensed Veterinarian with capability of sampling skin lesions and conducting a microscopic examination to determine the presence or absence of ringworm.
 - Sheep with ringworm lesions will be denied entrance to the fairgrounds. However, sheep without lesions hauled on the same trailer will be allowed to show.

Junior Market Swine Rules:

Weight Limits: Minimum 190lbs – No top weight

1. All market swine must have been farrowed on or after January 1st of the current year. 2. No dressing (such as oil, paint, powder, etc.) other than water may be used on swine. Any swine with dressing other than water will not be allowed to show in a market class. All swine making the sale will be sold by the head.

Junior Market Meat Goat:

Meat Goat Weight Limits: Minimum 60lbs - No top weight.

1. Classes will be determined by breed and weight.
2. All Market Goats must have their temporary incisors (milk teeth). No goat will be permitted to show which has lost its temporary teeth at time of sifting.
3. All Market Goats must be uniformly shorn 3/8 inches or less above the knee and hocks upon arrival.
4. Goats must be naturally hornless, disbudded or dehorned but shall have no horn or scur longer than three (3) inches.
5. All goat shows will follow a Blow and Show format. The use of adhesives, glues, and baby powder is strictly prohibited.
6. Breeding goats are not eligible to advance to the Junior Livestock Auction. Rosettes will be given to the Grand Champion Doe, Reserve Champion Doe, Grand Champion Wether and Reserve Champion Wether, Champion Billy, and Reserve Champion Billy. 6. Health Requirements & Inspection Procedure:
 - The Rio Arriba County Fair Association will provide a licensed Veterinarian for the sampling of skin lesions and conducting a microscopic examination to determine the presence of ringworm.
 - Goats with ringworm lesions will be denied entrance to the fairgrounds. However, goats without lesions hauled on the same trailer will be allowed to show.

- Goats must also be free of external parasites, scabies, sore mouth and foot rot or other contagious diseases or will not be allowed to show.
- All meat goats making the sale will be sold by the head.

Pygmy, and Dairy Goat Rules:

Pygmy and Dairy Goat Weight Limits: No weight limits.

1. Classes will be determined by breed and type.
2. Breeding, Pygmy and Dairy goats are not eligible to advance to the Junior Livestock Auction. Rosettes will be given to the Grand Champion Doe, Reserve Champion Doe, Grand Champion Wether and Reserve Champion Wether, Champion Billy, and Reserve Champion Billy.
3. Health Requirements & Inspection Procedure:
 - The Rio Arriba County Fair Association will provide a licensed Veterinarian for the sampling of skin lesions and conducting a microscopic examination to determine the presence of ringworm.
 - Goats with ringworm lesions will be denied entrance to the fairgrounds. However, goats without lesions hauled on the same trailer will be allowed to show.
 - Goats must also be free of external parasites, scabies, sore mouth and foot rot or other contagious diseases or will not be allowed to show.

Rabbit/Poultry Pen Rules:

Rabbit Meat Pen: A rabbit meat pen must consist of three (3) rabbits under 69 days of age and each weighing between 3.5 – 5.5 lbs. They may consist of any color, variety, and/or breed. Grand Champion meat pen will advance to the Junior Livestock Sale. The meat pen will be sold as a pen. Meat pen buckle and ribbon to be awarded.

Poultry Fryer Pen: A poultry fryer pen must consist of three (3) birds 70 – 84 days of age and each weighing between 3.5 – 5.5 lbs. Grand Champion fryer pen will advance to the Junior Livestock Sale. The fryer pen will be sold as a pen. Fryer pen buckle and ribbon to be awarded.

Poultry Layer Pen: A layer pen must consist of three (3) of any lay type of breed, either Pullets or Hens. Grand Champion Layer pen does not advance to the Junior Livestock Sale.

See DEPARTMENT A 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK PROJECTS Division 10 – Poultry and Division 11 – Rabbits for single bird and rabbit classification parameters.

2025 Rio Arriba County Fair Species Bred and Born Show

Exhibitors must meet the following qualifications:

1. Species (beef, goat, lamb) must be owned by a 4-H or FFA member in a club or chapter from Rio Arriba or Los Alamos County and entered in the Rio Arriba County Fair. A copy of Form 1 from the NM Livestock Board must accompany this form.
2. Eligibility requirements are that the species (beef, goat, lamb) must be **Bred and Born** in the county of Rio Arriba/Los Alamos. Dam must be a resident of Rio Arriba/ Los Alamos; she must produce an egg that is fertilized by natural means or by Artificial Insemination (AI) in Rio Arriba/Los Alamos; the species must be born in Rio Arriba/Los Alamos; and shown by a Rio Arriba/Los Alamos County livestock exhibitor.
3. All eligible species (beef, goat, lamb) will be nominated by the Rio Arriba County Fair Association Species Bred and Born Show Committee (**RACFA-SBBC**). The Rio Arriba County Fair Species Bred and Born Show form along with the Proof of NMLB Form 1 will be required at the time of tagging. If this form is not turned in at time of tagging the species will not be eligible to participate in the show. Master Number must be registered within Rio Arriba/Los Alamos County.
4. Rio Arriba County Fair Species Bred and Born exhibitors will all adhere to RACFA fitting rules and regulations as described in the 2025 Rio Arriba County Fair Association rule book.
5. The show order will reflect if the species (beef, goat, lamb) is county bred. There is no sale slot for 2025.

Contestation is the act of contesting, or arguing over, something. It can also refer to a dispute or controversy. For example, you might contest a judge's decision or a legal case.

1. If any species (beef, goat, lamb) is contested, the animal's qualifications will be researched by the Rio Arriba County Fair Association (**RACFA**) and the Rio Arriba County Fair Association Species Bred and Born Show Committee (**RACFA-SBBC**). Two weeks will be given to the RACFA and RACFA-SBBC to review the qualifications of the species being contested. Once the review has been completed the RACFA and RACFA-SBBC will make an agreed decision on the eligibility of the species in question.
2. Any contestation must be done in writing to the RACFA and RACFA-SBBC. Only exhibitors showing the same species can contest. The exhibitor who is contesting will also have their animal's eligibility reviewed by the RACFA and RACFA-SBBC. Contestation can only be done from the date of species (beef, goat, lamb) tagging to July 1st.

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Head – Andrew Thronas, Vice - Garbiel Sanchez, Secretary - Carla Gasca, Treasurer - Emiliano Martinez

4-H/FFA and Open Horse Rules:

1. Determination of eligibility and appropriate age divisions.
 - All contestants must be bona fide 4-H members in New Mexico, enrolled in a 4-H horse project for the current show year, and in good standing.
 - A horse may be ridden in only one age division in each class, either Novice, Junior, or Senior, and the same horse cannot be shown in the other two age divisions. Horses entered in the show must be the project of the 4-H member. The 4-H member may own or lease a horse in which the 4-H'er must manage at least 50% of the time. For project purposes, management is considered to include feeding, grooming, exercising, training, and stall maintenance. The 4-H member is not allowed under any circumstances to exhibit stallions at any 4-H horse event.
 - The 4-H member must file an identification certificate (aka "4-H Horse Certificate") for his/her horse with the State 4-H Office by May 1st of the current 4-H program year. By filing the horse certificate, the 4-H member, parent and/or guardian, and county Extension Agent, agree that members have read, understood, and agree to abide by the rules stated herein. Upon receipt of a properly executed 4-H Horse Certificate, the State 4-H Office will issue a 4-H Horse Show Exhibitor Number for that horse/exhibitor combination for the 4-H Horse Show year. On the reverse side of that number, identifying information from the 4-H Horse Certificate will be printed as an aid to horse show management when verifying 4-H eligibility. Youth are responsible for their back number, and there will be a \$5 charge to replace any lost numbers.
 - Although horses are not required to be registered with any breed association, it is recommended that the 4-H member has documentation verifying the identity and ownership of the horse (e.g., registration certificate, New Mexico brand inspection transport permit, etc.)
 - Show management must tally points and placings for each exhibitor according to their 4-H age division (novice, junior, and senior). While hosting groups are encouraged to offer all of the following 4-H classes at each show, they must offer at least 6 of the 11 classes listed to be approved by the State 4-H Office. Shows hosted by breed associations and local horse associations shall not require a membership in their organization in order to compete in a 4-H Horse Show. Applications to host a 4-H Horse Show, as part of the statewide series, that are received in the State 4-H Office by March 15th of the current year will be given priority consideration. The State 4-H Office will review applications, notify hosts, and publish a list of the series shows on their website by April 1 of the current year.
 - The following classes* (and associated courses, patterns, equipment requirements, arena requirements, etc.) will be conducted and judged according to the rules printed in the most current handbook of the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA). The handbook is available

online at www.aqha.com. It is advised that any other 4-H classes offered outside of these be governed by AQHA rules for that particular class. The only exception is for English Disciplined Rail which will be governed by the current rulebook of the Pinto Horse Association of America (PtHA) available at www.pinto.org.

- Showmanship at Halter (AQHA SHW 370 to 378)
- Western Pleasure (AQHA SHW 402 to 414)
- Western Horsemanship (AQHA SHW 430 to 438)
- Ranch Riding (AQHA SHW 416 to 419)
- Ranch Trail (AQHA SHW 420 to 422)
- Ranch Reining (AQHA SHW 562)
- Hunter Under Saddle (AQHA SHW 601 to 604)
- Hunt Seat Equitation (AQHA SHW 616 to 622)
- English Disciplined Rail (PtHA N11)
- Barrel Racing (SHW 700 to 702)
- Pole Bending (SHW 703 to 705)

*Rule numbers given in parentheses are subject to change as updates to the AQHA and PtHA Official Handbook are made on an annual basis. 4-H exhibitors may cross-enter between Western Pleasure and Ranch Riding in the NM 4-H Horse Show.

For any classes not specifically included in the AQHA rules, the horse show judge is the final authority on how that particular class should be conducted and judged. Furthermore, the horse show judge is the final authority for interpreting AQHA rules as they apply to conduct of a show. In the event of inclement weather, the horse show judge is the final authority on determining which classes can safely be held. If a class is not conducted due to the judge's ruling, then no points will be awarded for that class.

2. NM 4-H Horse Show rules for conduct and safety (supersede any AQHA/PtHA rules):

- Safety is the foundation of good horsemanship. If the judge or show manager deems an exhibitor and/or horse is displaying unsafe behavior or lack of control, the judge or show manager shall notify the exhibitor to refrain from such behavior. If this behavior occurs in the show ring, the judge may "whistle off" the exhibitor to conclude the performance at that point, and the exhibitor will exit the arena. If this behavior occurs outside the arena, the judge or show manager shall issue a warning to the exhibitor. If repeated occurrences of unsafe behavior continue, the judge or show manager may excuse them from the show.
- Positive youth development requires a fair and level playing field and show management should make this a primary consideration for each 4-H Horse Show. Exhibitors expect fair and honest competition when they enter a contest, and all should strive to attain that at each event. If an exhibitor receives external aid (calling out specific maneuvers for a class, yelling out to correct a missed lead, etc. from a parent/guardian, trainer, coach, etc.) while in the competition arena, the judge and/or show manager shall issue a warning to those involved in the unfair behavior. If the external aid does not cease, the judge shall disqualify the entry in the class. If the external aid continues beyond one class, the show manager may disqualify the exhibitor/horse combination from the show.
- In speed events, a 5-second penalty shall be assessed any time the exhibitor's hat or helmet does not remain on their person when in the competition arena.
- Any disqualification due to unsafe or unfair behavior forfeits any fees paid for participation in the show. However, any points gained prior to disqualification shall stand. **Upon accepting the judging assignment, the horse show management should send a copy of these rules to the judge. Horse show management should have a copy of these rules and the current year's AQHA and PtHA rulebook on hand at the show for review.**

3. New Mexico 4-H Horse Show Attire and Equipment Rules

- Exhibitor attire requirements will follow AQHA SHW 320. Exhibitors and judges are reminded extra accoutrements shall not enhance class placing beyond a neat, clean, and functional presentation of exhibitor and horse that meets the class requirements.
 - Equipment for all classes shall conform to AQHA SHW 300, 305, 306, 307, 310, 311, and 312 for the respective class. Class specific rules mentioned in Section 2 above also apply. Equipment rules for English Disciplined Rail shall also follow these AQHA rules.
4. Determination of All Around Horse Awards
- The number of approved 4-H Horse Shows that comprise the series will be posted on the State 4-H Office website by April 1 each year. To be eligible for series awards, a youth must compete in a minimum of 50% of the approved shows listed by April 1. For determination of overall 4-H Horse Show Series awards, the exhibitor may only count points from their best (highest point value) shows that represent, in whole show increments, a simple majority (i.e., 2 of 4, 4 of 8, 4 of 7, 3 of 5, etc.) of the entire number of shows offered in the series. For example, if there are a total of 8 shows scheduled for the series, an exhibitor must participate in at least 4 different shows to be eligible for series awards, and the exhibitor can only count points from their "4 best (highest point value) shows" of the entire series. If an exhibitor chooses to participate in all 8 shows, they may count the points from their "4 best" shows towards the series award point tabulation. In the case of only 3 shows being offered in the series, an exhibitor would need to participate in at least 2 shows, and only the points from the 2 best shows would count towards the series award point tabulation.
 - Points toward high point and series awards are as follows. For classes with 6 or more entries, 1st place receives 6 points, 2nd place receives 5 points, 3rd place receives 4 points, 4th place receives 3 points, 5th place receives 2 points, and 6th place receives 1 point. For classes with less than 6 entries, each placed exhibitor will receive a point for each exhibitor they place above plus 1 additional point. For example in a class of 4, 1st place receives 4 points, 2nd place receives 3 points, 3rd place receives 2 points, and 4th place receives 1 point. Points are compiled on a one-horse, one 4-H member basis.
 - In case of a tie, the order of tie breakers will be: (1) earned points in the greatest number of different classes, (2) earned the most points in the riding classes, (3) greatest # of first places, (4) coin toss.
5. Two-year-old western pleasure futurity and showmanship classic 4-H'ers (Juniors and Seniors) with advanced skills in horsemanship are eligible to nominate a two-year-old horse for the Western Pleasure Futurity and Showmanship Classic held each year during the State 4-H Horse Show. Nominations are due in the State 4-H Office by May 1st of the current 4-H program year.
- Horses eligible for the two-year-old Western Pleasure Futurity must be totally green, that is, having never received any riding by ANYONE other than the 4-Her who nominates the horse to the futurity.
 - Basic Rules for the Western Pleasure Futurity
 - The 4-H member, brother or sister, parent or guardian must own the horses. Horses eligible for the two-year-old Western Pleasure Futurity must be totally green, having never received any riding by anyone other than the 4-H member who nominates the horse.
 - Horses must be in the 4-H member's possession and under his or her complete management (100%) and care by May 1st of the current year.
 - 4-H members may nominate more than one horse, but they may only show one horse in the class.
 - 4-H members nominate horses for the futurity by completing the nomination form available from the State 4-H Office. The nomination form must be certified (signed) by the county extension agent. A \$20.00 nomination fee must accompany the form. Futurity nominations must be in the State 4-H Office postmarked no later than May 1st. No late entries will be accepted. A list of horses nominated, will be published by June 1 on the State 4-H Office website. Nomination does not constitute an entry to the State 4-H Horse Show or Western Pleasure Futurity Class.

- 4-H members, with a properly nominated horse, may enter their futurity project in the State 4-H Horse Show. Members must submit the appropriate entry forms and fees to show management.
 - As soon as the horse becomes a futurity project, it can only be ridden and shown by the 4-H'er.
 - Advice and counsel on training techniques may come from outside sources; however, the 4-H member must do all the riding and work on his/her own futurity horse (Refer to 1a). Horses for the futurity do not have to be registered.
6. Procedures Western Pleasure Futurity
- Three go-rounds will be held during the State 4-H Horse Show. Each round will be judged independently, by a different judge, according to AQHA rules for two-year-old Western Pleasure as described in rules SHW402 to 414.
 - The point system for each go-round will follow Section 4 above.
 - Winner of the champion award will be the horse with the greatest number of points after all three go-rounds.
 - In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided by a coin toss.
7. Procedures Showmanship Classic
- An additional dimension to the Western Pleasure Futurity is the Showmanship Classic. It is only open to those horses nominated to the Western Pleasure Futurity. This will enable 4-H'ers who do not feel their futurity prospect is sufficiently trained for the Western Pleasure Futurity to participate in the State 4-H Horse Show, and it will assure their futurity prospect's eligibility for the three-year-old versatility class the following year. The Showmanship Classic is also open to those horses that are going to be shown in the Western Pleasure Futurity. If the 4-H member has nominated (2) two or more horses to the two-year-old Western Pleasure Futurity, he or she may only show one horse in the Western Pleasure Futurity, but they may show a different eligible horse in the Showmanship Classic.
8. Basic Rules for Showmanship Classic
- Only those horses properly nominated to the Western Pleasure Futurity are eligible for the Showmanship Classic.
 - Members must submit the appropriate entry forms and entry fee to show management.
 - The Showmanship Classic will be handled in the same manner as the regular showmanship class. Exhibitors may be asked oral questions from the NM 4-H Horse Project Manual by the judge. The exhibitor's final score will be the score on showmanship and the score on the questions.
- Note:** Only those horses that are nominated as two-year-olds for the two-year-old Western Pleasure Futurity, whether shown or not, will be eligible for the three-year old Versatility Class the following year.
9. 4-H Three-year-old versatility
- The horses properly nominated, as two-year-olds to the futurity are eligible the following year to enter the three-year-old versatility classes. The versatility class is held during the State 4-H Horse Show. Nominations for the versatility class are due to the State 4-H Office by May 1st of the current year.
10. Basic rules for the Versatility Class
- Only those horses properly nominated as two-year-olds to the two year old Western Pleasure Futurity, whether shown or not, are eligible for the three year-old versatility classes. Horses must be in the 4-H member's possession and under his or her complete management (100%).
 - Advice and counsel on training techniques may come from outside sources; however, the 4-H member must do all the riding and work on his/her own versatility horse. Horses for the versatility class do not have to be registered.
 - 4-H members may nominate more than one horse to the three-year-old Versatility Classes. However, only one horse may be shown.
 - 4-H members may nominate their horses for the three-year-old Versatility Class by completing the nomination form. A \$20 nomination is due in the State 4-H Office on or before May 1st.

- AQHA class and equipment rules (see Section 2) for the three-year-old Versatility Classes (Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, and Ranch Trail) will be used. It is suggested that each 4-H show offer classes for the versatility prospects.

11. Procedures for the 3-year-old Versatility Classes.

- Class procedure will consist of three separate classes: western pleasure, western horsemanship and ranch trail. These classes will be their own separate classes for versatility entries.
- Points will be kept on the places of all three classes. Winner of the versatility champion award will be the horse with the greatest number of points. In case of a tie, the winner will be decided by a coin toss.
- The point system for each go-round will follow Section 4 above.

12. Miniature Horse

- The point system will be a modified point system based on The American Miniature Horse Association rules and regulations. Miniature horse show rules that are applicable will be used. Visit <http://www.amha.org/rulebook> for more information.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AND HOMEMADE DELIGHTS AUCTION

The Junior Livestock and Homemade Delights Auction will be held on the Saturday of fair week, in the show ring. There will not be a secondary auction.

1. Rio Arriba County Fair Sale Order Procedure:

- The first and second place winners in each eligible 4-H/FFA market animal class will be sold at auction. One Rabbit meat pen, One Fryer pen, the Grand Champion Market Steer, Grand Champion Market Swine, Grand Champion Market Lamb, Grand Champion Market Goat, County Bred Champion Steer, County Bred Champion Lamb, and County Bred Champion Goat will be sold.
- Sale order will be by order of selection, Grand Champion, Reserve Champion,
- The number of livestock sale slots will be determined by the number of classes.
- Bump ups from livestock will be allowed: Allowing 3rd and 4th place winners to be bumped up if the 1st and 2nd place winners are pulled from sale. In cases where Grand and Reserve are selected from the same class then ONE representative can be bumped up from that class (3rd place).
- Resales will not be allowed in the live junior livestock auction. Buyers may choose to donate the animal back to the exhibitor, but once an animal has been sold in the auction, it may not be resold.

Homemade Delights:

- One Grand Champion and one Reserve Grand Champion will be selected from the ten (10) classes and sold at the live (in-ring) auction. The remaining eight (8) classes will be available for bid at a silent, ringside auction. Bidding for the silent auction will begin at the start of the live, in-ring auction and will close once the last live, in-ring entry is sold. Please note, no minimum reserve price will be set by the exhibitor. See Department D – 4-H/FFA Homemade Delights Department for new and additional rules, requirements and changes.

See DEPARTMENT D - 4-H Homemade Delights Contest & Auction Rules for further parameters.

2. An exhibitor will be limited to two (2) total sale slots in the Junior Livestock Auction. A Livestock exhibitor may not sell more than one of each species. For example, an exhibitor may sell 1 steer and 1 swine OR 1 steer and 1 lamb, OR 1 lamb and 1 swine. If the exhibitor has a Homemade Delight eligible for the auction, they may sell their Homemade Delight and their eligible animal. Only animals entered in the individual name of the owner are eligible. If in the case the Livestock exhibitor owns both the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of the same species, then the Reserve must be pulled from the sale. Also, in the case the Livestock exhibitor owns both the Grand Champion and County Bred Champion of the same species, then the County Bred Champion must be pulled from the sale. In the event a Livestock exhibitor has multiple animals of the same species the highest placing animal will be eligible to sell in the Junior Livestock Auction.
3. All eligible animals in the Junior Livestock Order of Sale must be sold unless the livestock exhibitor “pulls” the animal, in which case the Superintendent must be notified in writing one (1) hour after the final livestock show.
4. Livestock Exhibitors may not substitute a non-qualifying animal in place of an animal that qualifies for the sale.
5. The Sales order committee will approve the sale list prior to final sale posting. The sale order committee is composed of the head livestock superintendent, 4-H extension agent, FFA advisor, and two fair association members (One member at large and one executive member). Livestock Exhibitors will be charged an administration fee of \$30.00 per auction entry sold in the Junior Livestock Sale.

Animals sold in the Junior Livestock Sale become property of highest bidder and may not be exhibited at any other local, county, state, regional or national livestock show. Animals sold outside of the sale ring are the responsibility of the seller. All transactions must be negotiated between parties. The Fair Association will not act as an agent or accept responsibility in out of-ring sale transactions. Buyer(s) are not allowed to donate the animal back to the seller for the purpose of showing it at other fairs.

Sale Terms and Conditions

The terms of sales are cash. Payment is to be made to the Rio Arriba County Fair Association. Complete payment in full is expected on the date of the sale unless previous arrangements have been made. **If payment is not received within 30 days of the auction, legal actions may be implemented to collect any outstanding debts.** Title passes when the purchaser signs the acknowledgment of purchase at the cashier's desk. However, the seller retains a security interest in items sold until the buyer's funds are cleared and processed.

The highest bidder shall be the buyer. If any dispute arises between two or more bidders, the sole authority to settle the dispute is reserved by the auctioneer and his/her decision shall be final. The purchaser assumes complete responsibility for items at the time the auctioneer says "Sold." Sale management auctioneers and employees of the sale management act as agents for the sellers but assume no liability for either buyer or seller. Any representation made by the sale management is made on behalf of the seller.

A \$30 deduction will be made from each exhibitor's total sale proceeds to cover necessary expenses related to the livestock sale and to fund one (1) photograph, which the exhibitor will frame and present to the buyer along with a thank you letter. Each participant in the Livestock Sale who sells an animal must make a concerted effort to personally present a framed sale picture and a thank you note to the buyer before the sale proceeds are released.

All thank you notes to buyers, add-on donors, and award donors must be submitted, stamped, and ready to be mailed to the Rio Arriba County Extension Office before November 1st (or within 90 days from the date the check was issued, after which the check will be void). Alternatively, arrangements can be made with a fair board member. The fair board will verify the submission of all thank you notes and ensure compliance. A fair board member will facilitate mailing after confirming compliance, or the notes will be returned to the exhibitor for personal delivery if preferred.

Any exhibitor who does not comply will not receive their sale check until the requirements are met. Failure to comply by November 1st may result in a one-year suspension, as determined by the fair board.

NON-LIVESTOCK 4-H/FFA RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All 4-H & FFA members must be enrolled in the project area to exhibit in the department. Only currently enrolled 4-H & FFA members (in good standing and having received an overview of the Rio Arriba County Fair rules) are eligible to enter the 4-H & FFA Division of the organization they represent. All others will be entered in the Open Division.
2. Students enrolled in 4-H School Enrichment Programs and Special Interest Programs are eligible to exhibit at the County Fair in their appropriate Division or Category.
3. All 4-H & FFA entries must have been completed within the current 4-H project year.
4. For 4-H & FFA Divisions, only those exhibits selected for the State Fair are eligible to be exhibited at the State Fair.
5. Entries may be disqualified if they do not meet the project requirements.
6. All exhibits must be the individual member's own work.
7. Articles must have the exhibitor's name, address, and year covered and attached to the project or article.
8. Exhibitors are restricted to no more than one (1) exhibit per class.
9. Only classes listed in the fair book will be accepted; however, if there is an accidental omission in this Fair Book and there is a class listed in the current NM State Fair book for 4-H & FFA Divisions, the classifying official shall refer to the NM State Fair book to identify class, project, and description and then project will be accepted.
10. Superintendents oversee their departments. In all cases, the Superintendent does reserve the right to reject entirely, or accept conditionally, any entry if it does not meet project requirements.
11. The 4-H Leader or FFA Advisor who brings exhibitors to the Fair shall maintain responsibility and supervision of the youth. Every effort must be made to maintain proper conduct.
12. Exhibitors involved in illegal or disruptive behavior may be disqualified from the current or future fairs.
13. Where there is no competition or where classes are not filled, exhibits may be awarded first, second or third according to its merits. State Fair winners may or may not be designated.
14. New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service does not have the option of making Cloverbud activities competitive. 4-H is a youth development program and conducts activities that are based on sound principles of child development.
15. Any competitive events offered by the Rio Arriba County Fair Association for 5- to 8-year olds cannot be done under the name or emblem of 4-H Youth Development, and youth cannot be recognized as 4-H members as part of their participation in these events. Participation in these types of activities is the decision of the young person and his/her parent/guardian.

Special Rules: Novice, Junior and Senior age levels must be indicated as follows: Add an "N" to the class number if the exhibitor is a Novice (ages 9-11 or 8 years old and in third grade). Add a "J" to the class number if the exhibitor is a Junior (ages 12-13 or 11 years old and in 6th grade). Add an "S" to the class number if the exhibitor is a Senior (ages 14-18 or 13 years old and in 8th grade).

4-H/FFA SPIRIT TABLE CONTEST RULES

Due to limited space, a 6-foot table space is allocated on a first come/first-serve basis by registration. Arrangements for space must be made through the County Extension Office. Registration Form may be emailed, mailed, or hand carried to Rio Arriba Cooperative Extension Service.

1. Registration Form must be received by the date published by the County Extension Office.
2. Each 4-H Club/FFA Chapter may enter only one table exhibit.
3. Spirit Table exhibits will use the 4-H theme determined by the State Fair each year.
4. Spirit Table exhibits are to be designed and put in place by 4-H/FFA members only, with no assistance from leaders or parents. All materials for spirit table must be brought into exhibit area prior to table construction, no additional items may be brought in after construction of table begins. Parent/Club Leaders will remain in the multi-purpose building hallway and doors will remain closed during construction. All of those involved are reminded that the exhibits are not available for viewing,

access to the multi-purpose building is made only to create the table displays and exhibit access/viewing is off-limits.

5. 5. Failure to comply with these rules can result in disqualification of that spirit table.
6. 6. Person(s) responsible for putting in a club Spirit Table will be responsible for always keeping the area clean and orderly while the Fair is open to the public
7. 7. Members must provide their own supplies.
8. 8. Spirit Table club signs will be furnished by the Extension Office.
9. 9. A committee of judges will determine the Spirit Table winners. The decision of the judges is final. Winning 4-H/FFA Spirit Table will advance to represent Rio Arriba County at the State Fair.
10. 10. Spirit Tables must be set up on Monday of Fair week, from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
11. 11. Spirit Tables are to be removed on Sunday, the end of Fair week, between 8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
12. 12. State Fair booth set up and take down dates to be announced. Club is responsible for set-up and take down of their booth at the State Fair.

PROJECT POSTER/EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS

Poster

Posters may be no larger than 14 x 22 inches (this is half a standard sheet of poster board). Posters are defined as any flat paper, foamboard, cardboard, or other backing appropriate for hanging on the wall for display. Flat items placed on stands or with stands attached will be considered posters and the stands will not be utilized for display.

Display Boards

Display boards may be no larger than 14 x 22 inches (this is a small display board or half of a standard display board). Display boards are defined as scored, freestanding science boards that may be purchased at any school supply store. These boards are made freestanding by the sides folded slightly.

3-D Display

3-D vertical displays may be no larger than 24 x 24 inches. A vertical display is defined as exhibits with a solid base where the exhibit itself rises. This would apply to small engines, self-determined, or any other appropriate 3-D display.

Project Specific Boards

Some projects are given measurements within the project. For example, leather craft and braiding have guidelines in the project book. If an exhibit is defined by the project book; that is the rule members must follow.

Mounting Material

Mounting material must sustain the week-long display.

Oversized Exhibits

Because of security and space limitations, extremely large/heavy project exhibits, such as large woods, welding or other large project displays, will need prior approval from the Extension Office. This only applies to actual items - posters, display boards, and vertical displays may not be oversized. We cannot guarantee that oversized items will be placed in the exhibit building.

MEMORIAL BUCKLES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Barbara Faulkner Memorial Buckle

In honor of Barbara, the Faulkner family will donate one buckle to the Homemade Delights contest in memory of her. Barbara loved coming to the Rio Arriba County Fair. She enjoyed supporting the kids by buying as many Homemade Delights as possible. It was a huge thrill of hers to see the kids smile. Barbara passed away February 13, 2015. After the Homemade Delights have been judged and placed for the auction, the family will select one or two judges to choose a buckle winner. Judges will select from the 1st or 2nd place winners based on taste. A second-place winner could potentially win this buckle.

Elberta Honstein Memorial Buckle

In every field there are those individuals who surpass their peers in vision of the future and ability to shape another's future. Leaders demonstrate a clear vision of what should be and a well thought out strategy to achieve a vision. The Elberta Honstein Memorial award was developed to honor persons who make a significant contribution to their community through actions, dedication, and time. This person should have a passion for helping others and being a role model in his/her community. This award is presented to a person who demonstrates exceptional leadership to or in support of the Rio Arriba County Fair.

- Eligibility: This person can be a 4-H or FFA leader, Project leader, Fair Association volunteer or a Sponsor.
- Criteria: Persons who are being nominated to receive this award will have consistently demonstrated dedication and service to 4-H, FFA and/or the Rio Arriba County Fair. This person(s) cannot be part of the nominee's job description or duties and the individual cannot receive any monetary or personal benefit from their involvement.
- Nomination Process: One-page detailed essay must be submitted to the Rio Arriba County Fair Association no later than 5 business days prior to the County Fair. Essay can be mailed or emailed to: Rio Arriba County Fair Association, P.O. Box 1940 Espanola, NM 87532
- or to: racfaboard@gmail.com
- Judging Criteria:
 - The degree to which their services/actions have made a lasting or meaningful contribution or impact on the 4-H and FFA program – 40%
 - The length and degree of their service(s) – 20%
 - The extent to which their service or action might be considered above and beyond – 20%
 - The extent to which their action(s) could be recognized and valued by their peers/community leaders – 20%

The award recipient will be selected by a two-person committee designated by the Rio Arriba County Fair Association Board of Directors.

Gregorio F. Garcia, Sr. Memorial Buckle

The Gregorio F. Garcia, Sr. Memorial buckle will be awarded to the 4-H or FFA member observed giving of him or herself to make the fair a memorable experience for someone else. This buckle will be awarded by observation only, not by application. The observation may be done by either fair association members or by members of the Garcia family. A 4-H or FFA member can only win the Gregoria F. Garcia, Sr. buckle once.

Max Martinez Memorial Sweepstakes Buckle

Sponsored by Martinez Ranch, Cebolla, New Mexico. Buckle award to honor the memory of Max D. Martinez, a 46-year supporter of 4-H and youth activities in Rio Arriba County.

The Max Martinez Memorial Sweepstakes Buckle will be awarded to a senior age 4-H or FFA member exhibiting livestock at the Rio Arriba County Fair. The winner must excel in showing three (3) different species of large livestock during the same year at the Rio Arriba County Fair. Poultry and rabbit exhibits

will not count toward the sweepstakes. The point system that will be used to determine the winner as follows:

- First Place = 5 points; Second Place = 3 points; Third Place = 1 point
- In the event of a tie, the winner will be selected by the criteria decided by the committee prior to the county fair.

A three (3) person committee will make the final determination and shall be composed of the Livestock Department Superintendent, the County Extension 4-H Agent, and one appointed Volunteer Leader/Fair Association member who is not enrolled in the same club(s) as the potential recipient(s).

If there are no senior age 4-H members eligible, junior age members will be considered using the same criteria listed above. A 4-H member can only win the Max D. Martinez Memorial Sweepstakes Buckle once.

Sammy Gurule Memorial Scholarship and Buckle

Sammy Gurule was a 4-H and FFA member in Rio Arriba County. He held several leadership roles in both organizations and was dedicated to helping his community. Sammy's dream was to become a veterinarian and to remain closely involved with his hometown of Tres Piedras.

To honor Sammy; his family has established this academic 4-H/FFA scholarship to encourage 4-H and FFA members to continue their education beyond high school in any academic field. Amount of the scholarship will depend on funds available and will be payable directly to the individual. To apply, any 4-H or FFA high school graduating senior must apply and submit an essay:

Topic:

"How will this scholarship benefit me in furthering my education"? Include your most memorable experiences in 4-H or FFA. (250 words minimum / 500 max)

Scholarship requirements:

- Must be a graduating senior of the current year.
- Must be planning to attend a 4-year institution.
- Must be an outstanding 4-H or FFA member.
- Must be a resident of Rio Arriba County.
- Must have a 2.5 scholastic grade point average based on a 4.0 scale. Copy of current transcripts must be attached.
- Preferably show more than one species of animals at the Rio Arriba County Fair.
- Care for their animals (feeding, washing, etc.).
- Ability to make activities fun for everyone.
- Exhibit outstanding showmanship and sportsmanship.
- Take pride in all accomplishments.
- Be active in and outside of Rio Arriba County (Jackpots, State fair, Community, etc.).
- Be knowledgeable about animals being exhibited.

Selection Committee:

Applications will be reviewed by two (2) Extension Staff Members, the Fair Association President, and members of the Gurule Family.

Application Deadline:

Application must be received by July 1, of the current year. Late applications will not be accepted. Return application to Rio Arriba County Extension Service, HCR 77 Box 9, Abiquiu, NM 87510.

Welding Memorial Buckle

Tito Garcia Memorial Buckle for Welding will be awarded to the 4-H or FFA exhibitor who has the best agricultural or farm welding project. The more complex the project, the better the chance to win. The buckle will be awarded by a member of the Garcia family. A 4-H or FFA member can only win the Welding Memorial Buckle once. This buckle is sponsored by the Ben Garcia Family in memory of Tito Garcia.

Tony Maez Memorial Round Robin Showmanship

Tony Maez was a member of 4-H in Rio Arriba County in the 50's and early 60's showing horses and leathercraft. Tony and his wife Anna's two youngest children were very active, very involved 4-H members in Rio Arriba County. From the time their children joined 4-H as Cloverbuds they would do everything they could to attend every event they were involved in, including FFA functions they were invited to. Tony was very supportive of the showing of livestock and nothing thrilled him more than watching the shows and even more thrilling were the showmanship classes. He always said, "that's how we really see who's been working hard all year with their animals." The Maez Ranch is happy to sponsor the Round Robin show in Memory of Tony. Invited to show will be the Showmanship winners of, Market Steer, Breeding Heifer, Market Lamb, Market Goat and Market Swine. If the showmanship winner is unavailable or drops out of the show the second-place showman will be invited to step in. In the event the second-place showman also chooses to not participate that species will not have a representative, but the species will still be shown in the Round Robin. If one exhibitor has won showmanship for two species, the said exhibitor will be asked to identify which species they are representing by Friday at 6pm to a member of the Rio Arriba County Fair Association. The second-place winner will then be invited to show for the dropped species.

Rio Arriba County "All Around Fair Participant"

An "All Around Participant" buckle will be awarded annually at the Rio Arriba County Fair. The buckle will be awarded to an outstanding 4-H and/or FFA member who exhibits all the character traits that these organizations instill in their youth.

The individual chosen to receive the "All Around Fair Participant" Buckle should exhibit the following characteristics:

- Be an outstanding participant and have at least 1 year in 4-H and/or be a green-hand in FFA
- or a combination of the two to equal up to 1 year.
- Community Service; at least 1 event in the current 4-H/FFA year.
- Academic Success, cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater.
- Participated in at least one other event other than county fair (i.e., county, district, or state competitions etc.).
- Demonstrate exemplary sportsmanship and leadership (2 letters of recommendation: one from a schoolteacher and another from FFA Advisor or 4-H Agent).
- Exhibitors must be exhibiting at least two projects (indoor and/or outdoor) during the current fair.
- The finalists will be interviewed by a committee prior to the fair.
- Reflection on what you have learned through and/or by being involved in 4H/FFA (250-word essay).

Potential applicants should be observed throughout the program year. Applications shall be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to the county fair. A committee will consist of a Fair Association member, the Board of Directors (buckle sponsor) and a teacher. All applications should be submitted to the East Rio Arriba Soil and Water Conservation District, 19283 US Hwy 84/285 Suite 112, Hernandez, NM 87537 no later than two weeks prior to the fair at which time the committee will review the applications and make their se