

## 4-H/FFA Agriculture Advisors

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4-H is the youth development program of Washington State University Extension. The 4-H youth development program helps youth people and adults put knowledge to work in all of Washington's counties, cities and town. 4-H teaches life skills that lead young people to become self-directing, positive, contributing members of society. These life skills include positive self-esteem, effective communication, a sense of responsibility to oneself and one's community, sound decision making, and a strong sense of belonging. These skills give young people the tools necessary for successful adulthood. 4-H is educational program for youth ages kindergarten through 19 years of age. It is conducted through 4-H Leaders who are supported by WSU Extension Educators who help conduct 4-H projects and activities.



The FFA Department is a national organization of teen boys and girls enrolled in Agricultural Education classes. The local unit is the Chapter in each school offering vocational education, under the supervision of the agriculture teacher who is always the local chapter advisor. The state unit includes all chapters in the state, under the supervision of

the State Department of Education. The program includes the improvement of agriculture leading ultimately to the ownership of the farms and the development of good rural citizenship. Participation in fairs and livestock shows is recognized as having educational value as well as stimulation for better results and fine projects, under supervision of the qualified Chapter Advisor and with the cooperation of the Fair's management.

## Rules and Regulations

1. General rules and regulations will apply to all entries in the 4H and FFA sections.
2. The Washington State 4H Youth Development Program Policy, EM 0758E, will apply to all entries in the 4H section, as a minimum requirement.
3. 4H – recorded as last year completed: Primary: Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Junior: Grades 3, 4, 5 Intermediate: Grades 6, 7, 8 Senior: Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 FFA – grade is recorded as year currently enrolled in. Novice: Grades 9, 10 Advance: Grades 11, 12 (see Beef Dept., Section 2 for exception) No youth may show in the 4H or FFA classes after he or she exceeded six months beyond Grade 12 graduation.
4. Primary 4H members are encouraged to exhibit at the fair in the appropriate departments, divisions or classes; however, they are not to be judged on a competitive basis. Participation ribbons and/or other awards will be given to primary members.
5. 4H exhibitors shall be enrolled in all 4H projects by June 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
6. Livestock that is shown in 4H and FFA classes cannot be shown in open class. No individual may show the same class of livestock in both 4H and FFA department.
7. No exhibitor shall make more than two entries in any class. (See Junior Market Stock Sale for Special Rules.)
8. All animals to be shown shall be entered by August 1. 4H and FFA members shall have their 4H leader or FFA advisor sign their entry forms.
9. Youth entering livestock such as beef, horses, goats, swine or sheep shall be able to handle

and control said animal to insure safety of exhibitors, volunteers and the general public.

10. All animals entered shall meet the animal health requirements as outlined in this book.
11. 4H members shall exhibit only those articles made or animals cared for during the current 4H year. The 4H year runs from October 1 – September 30.
12. 4H members shall exhibit or compete only in the project in which they are enrolled. Exhibits shall be different enterprise than FFA, FCCLA or school projects.
13. Animals from same farm can and will be put together due to limited number of pens.
14. All 4H/FFA exhibitors showing animal projects shall enter a Fitting and Showing class with their animal in each division entered. Show scheduling problems shall be resolved with Superintendents approval. Participation in other classes is optional.
15. The Palouse Empire Fair does not charge a stall fee; the Fair will furnish bedding. Each exhibitor is encouraged not to waste the bedding material.
16. Exhibitors shall furnish their own feed (including hay), feed boxes, and water containers.
17. Judges will award exhibitors premium points to which they are entitled, regardless of competition, using the Danish system.
18. All premium money will be prorated to all those who take part according to the number of points each contestant earns.
19. Ribbons will be given to each placing where the judge believes a ribbon is deserving. Only blue ribbon animals will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion.
20. Additional regulations applying to specific sections will be found under that section.
21. Each livestock exhibitor is to give daily care to his/her animals and to clean pens and stalls before 8 a.m. daily including Sunday. Washing of sheep will be at the discretion of the Superintendent.
22. **RESPONSIBILITY OF OWNER:** Exhibitors shall show their own animal. Only legitimate reasons for absentee showing will be accepted. The exhibitor must request permission from the barn superintendent if he/she cannot be present to show or sell his/her animal.

Exhibitor is responsible to see that his/her animal is not overlooked in any phase of the show. All animals shall be properly fitted and exhibited by the owner to be eligible for the sale and premium money. Stalls, pens and animals are to be kept clean at all times, including after the sale and through Sunday at 5 p.m.

**THE PALOUSE EMPIRE FAIR** supports the **IAFE** National Code of Show Ring ethics and by exhibition at this fair, all exhibitors agree to be bound by same rules and regulations.

## ANIMAL HEALTH AND THE USE OF ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES

The use of illegal drugs and/or the improper use of animal health products or foreign substances shall not be tolerated in the Washington State 4H Youth Development Program. Extension personnel, 4H volunteers, families, youth, and fair/show officials have a legal and moral obligation not to misuse these products. We have the responsibility to tell others not to use these substances, and to report those who do use any illegal substance.

The administration of any drug or medication, which could affect an animal's performance resulting in an unfair advantage or the disposition of the animal, is unacceptable. Additionally, there are federal penalties for using illegal substances in animals that are going into the nation's food supply.

## LIVESTOCK – PRESENTATION OF CHAMPIONS

The Presentation of Champions shall consist of Champion and Reserve Champion youth winners (Open, 4H, and FFA) in any of the livestock, horse or small animal divisions. The superintendent shall determine the number of participants per division.

A listing of Champion participants shall be submitted to the Fair Office by division superintendents no later than Saturday evening.

