

# 4-H & FFA LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS



## Junior Market Stock Sale Committee

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The Palouse Empire Junior Market Stock Sale is sponsored by the Palouse Empire Jr. Market Stock Sale Association in conjunction with the Palouse Empire Fair. A deduction will be made from the sale price on all animals sold through the sale ring to cover expenses incurred by the PEJMSSA.

## General Rules and Regulations

Eligibility: This sale is open only to 4H and FFA members in good standing who have completed the **Whitman County** Quality Assurance Program, as certified by a registered **Whitman County** Quality Assurance Instructor, and who submit a record of health at weigh-in time.

## Sale Limitations

1. Only one animal per exhibitor will go through the sale. Second animals can either be turned to packer or taken home by exhibitor. Animals going home must be identified at weigh in. Lambs will be tagged by color as follows:  
**Yellow Tags:** Sale Animals  
**Red Tags:** Turn Animals  
**Green Tags:** Take Home
2. The Grand Champions and Reserve Champions of each species shall be sold through the sale ring. In the event of an exhibitor with shows two animals regardless of species, and both placing

either Grand or Reserve, the exhibitor will declare which animal will be sold with proceeds going to the exhibitor and which animal will be sold under the following options;

**The Exhibitor will receive turn price for the declared second animal and donate proceeds above the turn price to the livestock barn of their choice. Those dollars to be held and dispersed by the Junior Market Stock Sale Committee. If the Exhibitor opts out of donating the second animal, then that animal will be removed from the sale and not replaced.**

3. FFA Grand Champions will sell first on even-numbered years; 4H Grand Champions will sell first on odd-numbered years.
4. The Reserve Grand Champion will be No. 3 and 4 in the sale order. The sale order for classes of livestock (beef, sheep, swine, and goats) will be decided upon by the committee on a yearly basis.
5. Heavy muscled lambs will not be allowed to go through the Market sale or be entered in a market class. They can be shown in the appropriate breed class.
6. **Lamb Tail Docking:** Scientific research indicates that the incidence of rectal prolapse is reduced when the tail is docked in a non-extreme manner. Complete tail removal (extreme docking) is not an accepted sheep production practice and will be discouraged at the Palouse Empire Fair. In order to determine extreme docking, the gray tail docking measuring device will be used. The device will be raised in a vertical plane and should catch enough tail to lift: this is comparable to two fingers width. A violation has occurred if there is inadequate tail to lift. The exhibitor will be informed with a correction expected for future Palouse Empire Fair Participation
7. **Length of Ownership:** Exhibitor shall have owned and had in their possession and care, their lamb for not less than sixty days prior to the Wednesday weigh-in day of fair week.
8. **Lamb Weight Limits:** Minimum weight is one hundred LBS, maximum weight is one hundred

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and sixty LBS. Lambs shall not show yearling teeth.

**Goat Weight Limits:** Goats must be less than one year and a minimum weight of sixty LBS and with no stated maximum weight.

**Beef Weight Limits:** Minimum actual weight for steers is 1000 lbs. No maximum weight. Any steer dropped after January 1 of previous year, will be eligible.

**Swine Weight Limits:** Minimum weight for is 240 lbs. Maximum weight is 300 lbs.

## THERE WILL BE NO RE-WEIGHING OF ANIMALS

Animals not making weight class, with the exception of swine, which must meet minimum weight at weigh in time, may be shown in fitting and showing if no other animal is available.

- 9. Grading:** Grading will be done at time stock is judged and on the basis of market grades, **Lambs** U.S. Good or better to be eligible for sale. Special emphasis will be made to have the desirable prime or choice lambs placed in the blue ribbon class. **Hogs** shall grade U.S. No. 2 or better to be eligible for sale. Hogs grading U.S. No. 1 will receive blue ribbons; U.S. No. 2 red ribbons; and U.S. No. 3 white ribbons. **Steers** shall grade U.S. Select or better to be eligible for sale. Special emphasis will be made to have the desirable prime or choice steers placed in the blue ribbon class. Steers below Select will receive white ribbons. Brand (haul) slips signed by the exhibitor shall be turned in to the Beef Superintendent(s) BEFORE steers will be weighed on Wednesday as they are unloaded, *no exceptions*. All branded steers will ALSO require an official valid Washington State Brand Inspection certificate issued by a state inspector or a valid, signed Washington State Dept. of Ag Self-Inspection Certificate showing exhibitor as the legal owner. Any questions, please call Leslie Alexander at 1-509-545-8816. Animals consigned to the sale shall not be entered in any other class except the appropriate Fitting and Showing class.
- 10. Attention Exhibitors:** The use of antibiotics, tranquilizers and other drugs with any meat animal is contrary to meat inspection regulations. There is a zero tolerance for antibiotics, tranquilizers and many other drugs in most food animals. Samples may be collected

from animals for testing purposes. Any animal or carcass that shows evidence of having an injection will be retained by orders of the State or Federal meat inspector. If any detectable amounts of antibiotics or other drugs are found, the entire carcass will be condemned and the exhibitor will not receive payment for the animal. This would also apply to carcasses condemned because of disease.

- 11. No washing of sheep at the Fair without permission of Sheep Barn Superintendent**
- 12. Lambs are not allowed out of the barn during the fair with the exception of showing in the arena, prep work on the stands between sheep and pig barns, and removal of lamb to exhibitor's home. Removal is only allowed with Superintendent's permission and knowledge.**
- 13. To participate in the Palouse Empire Fair Jr. Market Stock Sale or turn an animal to the packer:** The Exhibitor must complete the Whitman County Quality Assurance Program prior to **August 1**, and give their completed Market Animal Health Record to the Superintendent at time of Fair weigh-in. Animals will not be weighed until the completed Health Record is produced. Beef health records are available in the WSU/Whit. Co. Extension Office or accessed from the website <http://extension.wsu.edu/Whitman/youth/> Failure to comply with the Whitman County Quality Assurance Program will prohibit the youth exhibitor from participating in the Palouse Empire Fair Jr. Market Stock Sale or turning an animal to the packer.
- 14.** Animals must receive blue or red ribbons to go through the sale. No white ribbon animals will be allowed to sell. They will remain the responsibility of the owner.
- 15. No animal that has been exhibited and sold through another Junior Market Stock Sale is eligible to show and sell in this sale.**

*NOTE:* Floor Price on turn steers will be exact amount paid by the packer based on quality yield grade of individual animal. Any docks on carcass price by packer will be passed on to seller.

## General Rules for Fitting and Showing

1. Any 4-H or FFA member may enter this contest with his or her own animal.

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- The contestant shall do all work in connection with the Fitting and Showing contest.
- The 4-H and FFA Fitting and Showing contestants will be divided into separate 4-H and FFA classes if there are sufficient entries, at the discretion of the superintendent.
- Showing will be by kind of livestock (beef, swine, lamb, and goats). Entries need not be entered in another class.
- Awards will be on the basis of:
  - Presentation for showing
  - Showing of animal
  - Appearance of the exhibitor
- An over-all Champion and Reserve Champion will be determined from 4-H Junior, Intermediate and Senior classes combined. An over-all Champion and Reserve Champion will be determined from the FFA novice and advanced classes combined.

Grand Champion winners are eligible to compete in the Ernie Dippel Round Robin contest.

**Livestock Judging Contests**  
Committee: All Whitman County Co-Ag Instructors  
FFA Chairman: Nathan Moore  
4-H Chairman: Janet Schmidt  
Committee: Whitman County 4H Livestock Leaders

## Livestock Judging Contest is open to all FFA Chapters and to 4-H members.

- Each contestant will place at least three classes of livestock (sheep, swine, beef, and goats).
- Each contestant will yield grade at least 5 market steers, 4-H being the exception.
- Suitable banners will be awarded to the three top placing FFA teams and prizes to the three top 4-H individuals (in each age group.)
- Registration for 4-H youth will be at 8:00 a.m. sharp in the YAP barn for the livestock judging contest on Saturday.

**Memorial  
L. Clint Luce  
Livestock Judging Contest Award**

This award (certificate) is given to the Whitman County 4H member who has the highest total combined number of points in swine, beef and

sheep judging at the Palouse Empire Fair contest. It is given on behalf of Clint Luce, a former Cooperative

Extension agent who strongly felt that judging teaches important skills useful to youth throughout their lives.

## Special Contest

PNW Market Stock Fitting and Showing Contest

PNW will award \$10 to each blue ribbon winter in 4-H and FFA Market Stock Steers, Lambs, and Swine, Fitting and Showing

4-H: Dept. 201-FFA: Dept. 251

Div. 1-----Steers

Div. 1-----Goats

Div. 1-----Lambs

Div. 1-----Swine

## Special Contest

Ernie Dippel Round Robin Memorial  
1<sup>st</sup> Price- \$200 & 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize- \$100

- Open to all 4-H and FFA members selling an animal in this year's Junior Market Stock Sale.
- Open to Fitting and Showing Champions in the four sale animal classes – Beef, Sheep, and Swine and goats.
- Contestants shall compete on all three animals to be judged Round Robin Champion.
- The Round Robin contest will be on Saturday, starting in the Swine barn, check with superintendents for time. Questions, contact the Beef Barn Super.  
(If there is a tie, each winner will receive the designated prize money)

## FFA /4-H SWEEPSTAKES

1<sup>st</sup>- 50pts, 2<sup>nd</sup>- 35pts, 3<sup>rd</sup>- 15pts

## HERDSMANSHIP AWARDS

Open to all 4-H, FFA members, or youth exhibitors in the barn. Daily awards will be awarded to the individual with the highest daily score.

Sweepstakes award may be given to the club or chapter with the highest total points of all four days.