

Custer County 4-H Newsletter



July, 2019

Welcome to the Fair Newsletter!

With Fair just around the corner, you will find valuable information pertaining to your 4-H project and the Custer County Fair contained within this newsletter. If you have any questions, please reach out. The best way to reach Sarah is by calling 208-833-3179 or emailing her at sdbaker@uidaho.edu.

FAIR BOOKS: Fair Books will not be mailed out to everyone this year. It is available for download on the Fair Board's website at www.co.custer.id.us/fair. A limited number of books will be printed, and can be picked up at the Extension Office or at the Fairgrounds during Fair Week.



FACEBOOK PAGE: Please "like" the **Custer County Fair** Facebook page! Fair information, schedules, open class entry forms, and 4-H information will be available on this page. This is a great way to stay up to date on what is happening at the Custer County Fair, and also to download relevant forms.

Custer County Fairgrounds & Exhibit Policies:

- **Dogs, pets, bikes, guns** (*of any nature, including pellet or bb guns*), **ATVs, and motorcycles are not allowed** around or in the concession area, show ring, and livestock barns unless involved in a competition or show.
- The Custer County Fair Board is not responsible for any accidents that may occur to any animal or exhibitor, or for any article per exhibit of any kind, that may be lost, stolen, destroyed, or in any way damaged. Exhibitors and observers participate at their own risk.
- All exhibits are under the supervision of the Fair Board. Indoor exhibits may not be handled while on display.

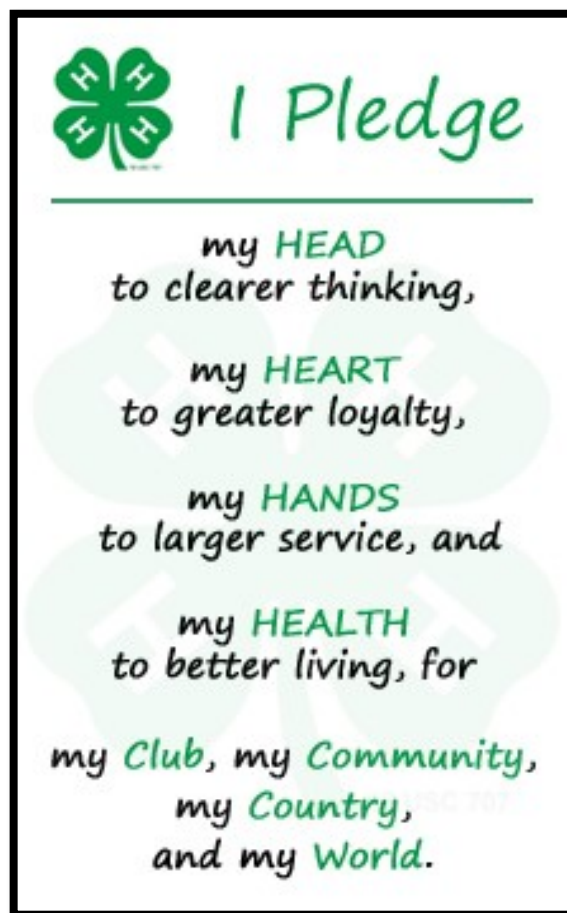
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4-H EXHIBITS DUE ON MONDAY, JULY 29

All non-livestock 4-H projects must turn in their exhibit to the Extension Office on Monday, July 29. The Extension Office in Challis will be open until Noon on Monday, or they will be accepted at the Exhibit Building on the Fairgrounds in Mackay until 6:00 p.m. This includes all archery, leadership, KYG, or other non-livestock projects.

ALL ANIMAL/LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS DUE ON FAIR- GROUNDS ON TUESDAY, JULY 30 by 8:00 PM

All 4-H, FFA, and Open Class animal & livestock projects, including all breeding projects, must be on the Fairgrounds by Tuesday, July 30 by 8:00 p.m. This includes animals that will be shown in the YOUTH OPEN CLASS shows. Dr. Jeff Bennetts will be conducting vet checks beginning at 4:00 p.m., so please do not wait until the last minute to arrive on the Grounds! It is not required that animals are bathed prior to the Vet Check, but please make sure the official 4-H/FFA tag is readable (free off mud, wax, dirt, etc) and that your animal can be thoroughly examined (*example—if your hog is covered in mud, please wash them off so that Dr. Bennetts can check for external parasites*).



ARRIVAL OF ANIMALS: Animals can start arriving on the Fairgrounds on Sunday, July 28 (no earlier per Fair Board rules), however water and straw will not be provided or available until Monday, July 29 at 8:00 a.m. Stall assignments were made at the July 4-H Leader's Council meeting, so please contact your 4-H Leader or FFA Advisor to find out where your stall will be located.

ATTENTION BEEF EXHIBITORS: All cattle in the Beef Barn must be cross-tied from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Please make sure your steer, or breeding project (cows and calves) are cross tied before you leave for the evening. This is for safety reasons, so please make sure you have a cross tie for each beef project you are bringing to the Fair! Also remember that all water tubs/buckets must be removed (or emptied) from the beef barn between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Water tubs/buckets used in the beef barn can be no larger than 10 gallons.

4-H Silent Auction

The 4-H Leader's Council is conducting a silent auction at this year's Fair to raise funds for 4-H program.

Each 4-H Club is responsible for providing an auction item. Please bring the item to the Fairgrounds by 6:00 pm on Monday, July 29. If you know of anyone who would like to contribute an item to the Silent Auction, please encourage them to donate! All funds raised during the Silent Auction will be used towards future 4-H programs, events, and professional development for youth members and adult volunteer leaders. The Silent Auction will open on Wednesday, July 31 in the Exhibit Building and will close on Saturday, August 3 at 6:00 pm.



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR 4-H PROGRAM!

Barn Superintendents:

- **BEEF Barn:** Julie Waymire & Dana Donahue
- **SHEEP Barn:** Denise Johnson
- **HOG Barn:** Denise Johnson
- **HORSE:** Sharon Bradley & Kelly Swingruber

Barn Superintendents are an important part of our Fair and have many responsibilities. One of these is helping to line up exhibitors and animals during show time. Please be respectful and thoughtful when they are trying to get classes lined up and in the show ring in a prompt manner. This means keeping the aisles in the barn clear and not having unnecessary people or equipment in the barn at this time. If you have any questions or problems arise, during the week, please contact your barn superintendent, or Sarah (4-H) or Trent (FFA).

DISPOSAL OF DIRTY STRAW DURING FAIR: When you clean your pen each day, please dispose of dirty straw in the straw bin near the livestock scales on the west end of the Fairgrounds. This will be the only place where dirty straw or bedding can be placed. Straw or shavings is the only thing allowed in the straw bin—no trash please! **The straw bin next to the Sheep Barn will no longer be in use.**

Clean Pens: All livestock pens must be cleaned by 10:00 am each morning and your animals fed and watered. Please keep your pens, and the alley ways in the barn, neat and clean. Prospective buyer and community members will be visiting the Fair throughout the week and walking through the barns, so please keep them looking nice! The Fair Board will award a \$10 cash award to a 4-H or FFA member with the Cleanest Stall/Pen kept during the week of the Fair in each Barn. *The exception to this rule is hog pens do not need to be cleaned by 10:00 am on Wednesday; Please clean your pen prior to weigh-out (before 8 am), or after weigh-out is over.*

EASTERN IDAHO STATE FAIR (EISF) ENTRIES



4-H Horse Members

If you qualify to attend the EISF, and are planning on going to the EISF with your horse, entry forms and fees are due immediately following the 4-H Horse Show. Please meet with your 4-H Leader an hour following the 4-H Horse Show to complete Entry Forms and submit them to Sarah in the Fair Office (upstairs in the Exhibit Building).

4-H Building Exhibits

Archery, leadership, KYG, or any 4-H exhibit receiving a blue ribbon at the Custer County Fair automatically qualifies for the Eastern Idaho State Fair (EISF). We would like to display your exhibit at the EISF to represent Custer County 4-H. Contact Sarah and she will arrange to transport them to Blackfoot.

4-H Record Books: Your 4-H Record Book will be on display at the Fair inside of the Exhibit Building. You will be able to pick up your Book on Saturday, August 3 starting at 6:30 pm. If you do not pick up your book, they will be taken back to the Extension Office and you can pick them the week following Fair. Books left in the Extension office after September 30, 2019 will be discarded.

PLEASE READ!! If a youth is unable to show their animal (hurt, sick, other), they must get approval from the Extension Educator (4-H youth) or FFA Advisor (FFA youth) to participate in the Fitting & Showing and Quality classes to complete their project(s). If approved, a different 4-H or FFA member can show the animal (no adults can show a youth's animal). **You must find someone the same age group (Senior, Intermediate, or Junior) or younger, to replace the youth that can't show.** Fitting & Showing Class Requirements: The animal will be presented in class and then immediately removed (in and out) and will not be judged. Quality Class Requirements: The animal will be presented in the appropriate weight class and shown the entire time.



Attention SHEEP SHOW Participants: All market lambs must be slick shorn at weigh-out (Wednesday, July 31 at 8:00 am) with wool being less than 1/4 inch. Breeding sheep must be properly groomed (slick sheared or carded), washed, and clipped. White face breeding sheep do not have to be washed.



4-H & FFA ANIMAL PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENTS



Final Weigh-out: All market animals will be weighed-out on the permanent certified scales located on the Custer County Fairgrounds in Mackay. The scales used for official weigh-out are certified by a Idaho Weights and Measures representative prior to final weigh-out. No other scales may be used for obtaining official animal weights. All weights are official, and the decision of the weigh master is final. Market animals will be weighed only once during final weigh-in, and must be dry when weighed. **Each exhibitor must be present when the animal is weighed at final weigh-in, unless prior approval has been granted by the UI Extension Educator (4-H member) or FFA Advisor (FFA member).** Animals must meet the minimum weight requirements listed below in order to be sold at the 4-H & FFA Market Animal Sale (MAS):

- ♦ Market Beef: 1100 lbs
- ♦ Market Swine: 220 lbs
- ♦ Market Lamb: 110 lbs

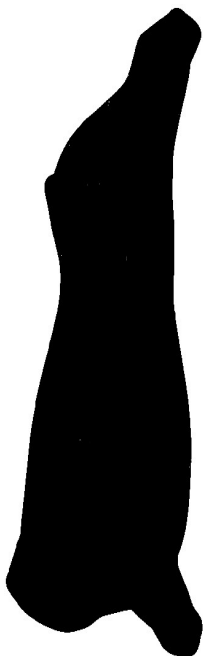


- **Market beef projects** will be weighed on Tuesday, July 30 at 8:00 p.m. A shrink of up to 3% (see below) will be taken for Sale weights on Saturday.
- **Market hog and lamb projects** will be weighed on Wednesday, July 31 at 8:00 a.m. Hogs will weigh first. Members who are participating in the 4-H Horse Show (begins at 10:00 am) will be allowed to weigh first. No shrink will be applied to hogs or lambs.

Beef Shrink Policy:

Per #19 of the 4-H & FFA Market Animal Sale Committee, beef will be shrunk based on mileage traveled to the Fairgrounds. **A.** Less than 20 miles from Fairgrounds: 3% shrink applied to sale weight.; **B.** 21-40 miles from Fairgrounds: 2% shrink applied to sale weight; **C.** Over 41 miles from Fairgrounds: 1% shrink applied to sale weight.

Ultrasound: All animals qualifying for the MAS will be ultra-sounded immediately following weigh-out (hogs & sheep) on the hog wash rack. Market steers will be ultra-sounded in the beef barn on Wednesday following hog and sheep weigh-in. Members are expected to bring their animals to ultrasound, so do not leave after they are weighed in!



Carcass Contest: All animals ultra-sounded on the Fairgrounds will be automatically entered in the Carcass Contest. Results will be available on Saturday, August 3. Winners will be announced prior to the start of the Sale. Cash awards will be handed out at Awards Night. Remember that in order to be eligible for cash awards, you must have attended an end-product quality educational event sometime through-out the current 4-H/ FFA year.

4-H & FFA MARKET ANIMAL PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Buyer Appreciation BBQ: The 4-H & FFA MAS Buyer Appreciation BBQ is scheduled for Saturday, August 3 immediately following the Sale. This is an appreciation BBQ for MAS Buyers & Add-on Supporters. **All leaders and 4-H & FFA members are expected to HELP make the BBQ a success.** This includes helping set up, serve, and cleaning up at the BBQ.

Please help make our buyers feel welcome and appreciated!

Your help is needed to make this event a success. All members, leaders and their families are asked to bring a very large salad to the BBQ. The MAS committee will be providing meat, corn, beans, dessert, and water. As many as 500 people are served each year. Please make sure your salad can feed at least 25 to 30 adults. There is a large cooler inside of the Exhibit Building that is reserved for the MAS, so you can store your salad in there.

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YOU!

4-H & FFA MARKET ANIMAL

SALE ORDER:

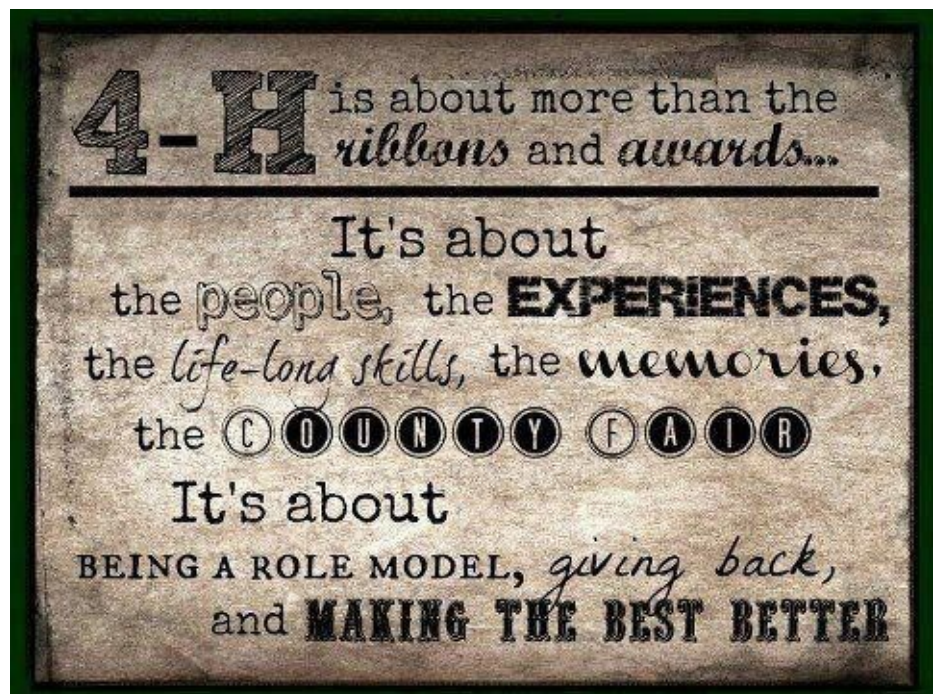
All Grand & Reserve Champions will be sold first. This year's order of animals is:

Hogs, Lambs, Beef

The Grand & Reserve Champion Hogs will sell first, followed by the Grand & Reserve Champion Lambs, followed by the Grand & Reserve Champion Steers.

After all of the champions sell, all hogs will sell, followed by

all lambs, and finally all steers. We have the potential to sell 77 animals at this year's sale, so please invite and encourage buyers to attend! This can include a personal phone call, personal visit, or written invitation. Help make our Buyers and Supporters feel welcome when they arrive at the Fairgrounds! Invite them to arrive early and visit with you and walk through the barns and look at your animals. The buyer registration table will be set up inside of the Exhibit Building starting at Noon on Saturday, August 3. Here they can get their bidder number or fill out Add-on forms.



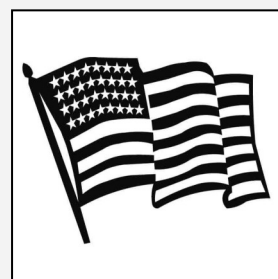
If you are selling an animal in the Sale, please read the following!

Once you have sold your animal, make sure you get your picture taken with your animal (*inside of the livestock arena*). Following this, go put your animal away and make sure they are fed and watered. DO NOT CLEAN YOUR PEN OUT AT THIS TIME. Go find your buyer in the crowd, shake their hand, and tell them THANK YOU. Cold bottles of water will be located near the Arena, and you are encouraged to pass these out to buyers. Once you have thanked your buyer (depending on your sale order), please go help at the Buyer Appreciation BBQ.

If the sale is still going on, help pass out cold water to buyers in crowd or go help set up the BBQ in the grassy area. If the BBQ has started, help serve food, hand out napkins/plates, etc, or bus tables (throw away trash and take plates off of tables).

Once the BBQ has concluded and is cleaned up, you can go start cleaning out your pen. After you have cleaned your pen, find your Barn Superintendent and make sure they have verified that it is clean. After this, make sure your animal has food and water. If you leave feed and water buckets that you want returned, make sure your name is written on them and the Extension Office will collect them on Sunday. If they are throw-away, plastic buckets, the Extension Office will throw them away on Sunday. This will not count towards your pen “not being clean”. There are some animals that do not get transported off the grounds to the Packers until Sunday. Make sure they have FEED and WATER before you leave the Fair-

BEST DECORATED STALL AWARDS: The 4-H Leader’s Council is sponsoring cash awards to the best decorated stall(s)/pen(s) in EACH barn during the Fair. This year’s Fair Theme is: *Red, White, & Blue! This Fair is for You!* Let’s make all of our Livestock Barns look great for Fair goers and prospective buyers. The County Agent will sponsor an OVERALL award to the best decorated stall/pen for the entire Fairgrounds. These awards will be announced at 4-H Awards Night.



POSTERS: All 4-H & FFA members are encouraged to make a poster to hang above their Stall or Pen during the Fair. This should include your name, your animal’s name, and your 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. This is also a great place to thank your previous year’s buyers. Make them colorful and fun! Everyone enjoys seeing the great posters that the exhibitor’s make!

STALL CARDS: The UI Extension Office will provide Stall Cards to all 4-H & FFA Market & Breeding projects. This information will include: Exhibitor’s Name, 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, Breed of Animal, Beginning & Ending Weights, Average Daily Gain, Age, and Days on Feed. These will be available after final weigh-out on Wednesday and will need to be hung up above your stall or pen that day.

FUN 4-H EVENTS AT THE CUSTER COUNTY FAIR!

4-H MOVIE NIGHT: (Tuesday, July 30 at 9:00 pm)

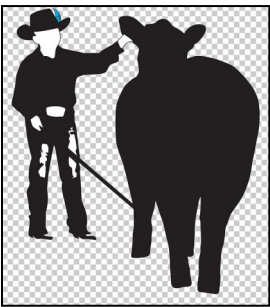
The 4-H Leader's Council has teamed up with the Custer County Fair Board to sponsor a free movie for all 4-H & FFA members at the Custer County Fair. The movie will start at 9:00 pm on Tuesday, July 30 and be shown at the Mackay Main Theater on Main Street!



4-H "BUILD & LAUNCH YOUR OWN ROCKET" WORKSHOP: (Wednesday, July 31 at 7:30 pm)

The 4-H Teen Leader Club is hosting a free Rocket Building workshop on Wednesday, July 31 at 7:30 pm in the Mackay Rodeo Arena at the Fairgrounds. Space is limited, so please make sure you arrive on time! You will build your own rocket and then launch it! This has proved to be a very popular and FUN event for youth, so please plan on attending!

ADULT LIVESTOCK SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST (Friday, August 2 at 6:00 pm)



This is a great opportunity for 4-H & FFA parents, leaders, advisors, alumni, and others to show us what they really know! The roles will be reversed and the adults (18 & older) will be in the show ring, and the kids will be coaching from the sidelines! Winners of the Fitting & Showing competition will be the official judges. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners in each species (hog, sheep, & beef). Come join in on the fun, or at least come and watch it!

Entry fees are \$5.00 and you can sign up anytime on Friday. If you get signed up to show an animal, you must participate or pay an \$20 fine to the 4-H program! Please make sure you get permission to use a 4-H or FFA member's animal prior to removing it from it's pen. A tag number or exhibitor's name (of the animal you are showing) will be required to be given when you check in and pay your entry fee. The contest will take place in the Livestock Arena.

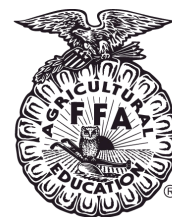
4-H CONSUMER DECISION MAKING CONTEST (Wednesday, July 31 at 2:00 pm)

Like a traditional livestock judging contest, 4-H youth will have an opportunity to learn about and judge everyday consumer products (like sunscreen for example). They will compare products looking at key features such as SPF in sunscreen and then determine the best buy to fit the presented scenario. Each youth will compete in their appropriate age division and the highest scores will win prizes and could qualify to compete in the Eastern Idaho State Fair in Blackfoot in September. The contest is held inside the Exhibit Building.





4-H & FFA Schedule of Events at the **2019 Custer County Fair**



Monday, July 29

12:00 pm	All 4-H Exhibits due to Extension Office (Challis)
	4-H Silent Auction items due to Extension Office (Challis)
6:00 pm	All 4-H Exhibits due at Exhibit Building (Fairgrounds, Mackay)
	4-H Silent Auction items due to Fairgrounds (Mackay)

Tuesday, July 30

9:30 am	Judging of 4-H Exhibits (Exhibit Building, Fairgrounds)
5:00 pm	Vet checks on all 4-H & FFA Market & Breeding Livestock (Fairgrounds)
8:00 pm	All 4-H & FFA Market & Breeding Livestock Projects on Fairgrounds
	Weigh 4-H & FFA Beef (Fairgrounds)

Wednesday, July 31

8:00 am	Weigh 4-H & FFA Market Livestock (Hogs & Sheep)
	Ultrasound 4-H & FFA Livestock (Beef, Hogs, Sheep)
10:00 am	4-H Horse Show (Mackay Rodeo Grounds)
2:00 pm	4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest
4:00 pm	4-H Demonstration Contest
7:30 pm	4-H "Build Your Own Rocket" Workshop (Mackay Rodeo Grounds)

Thursday, August 1

8:00 am	4-H & FFA Market Hog Show
1:00 pm	4-H Interview Contest

Friday, August 2

8:00 am	FFA Breeding Sheep Show
	4-H & FFA Market Sheep Show Following
1:00 pm	FFA Breeding Beef Show
	4-H & FFA Market Beef Show Following
6:00 pm	4-H Adult Livestock Show

Saturday, August 3

9:00 am	4-H Corn Shucking Contest
10:00 am	4-H & FFA Round Robin Show
2:00 pm	4-H & FFA Market Animal Sale
	Buyer Appreciation BBQ Following Sale
6:00 pm	4-H & FFA Livestock released from Fairgrounds with paperwork
	4-H Silent Auction closes
6:30 – 7:30 pm	Check-out 4-H Exhibits



For a complete schedule of events, visit the Fair Board website at
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