

Custer County 4-H Newsletter



July, 2021

Welcome to the Fair Newsletter!

With Fair coming up next week, 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 or texting 208-833-3179 or emailing her at sdbaker@uidaho.edu, or contact Terrie in the office at 208-879-2344.

FAIR BOOKS: Fair Books were not 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 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 grassy 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.

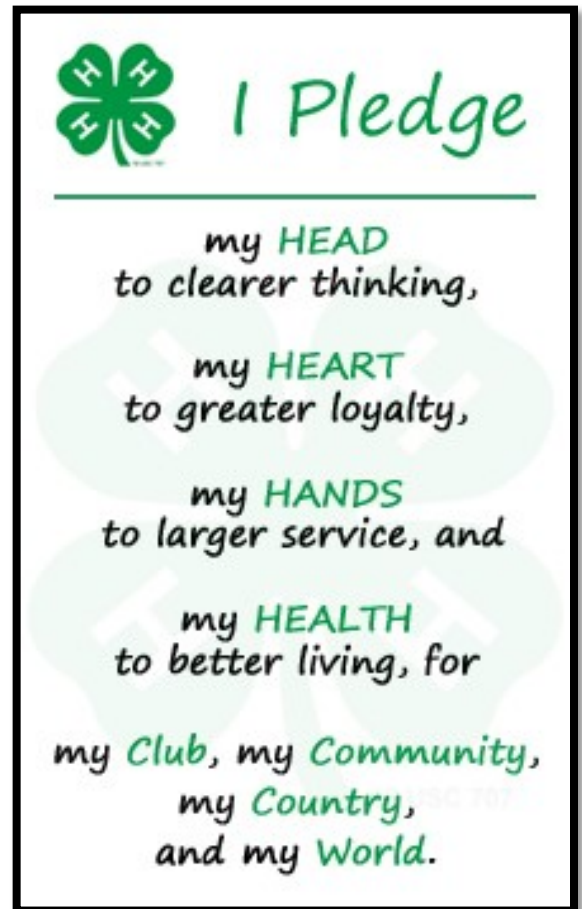
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**ALL ANIMAL/LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS DUE ON FAIR-
GROUNDS ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 3 by 5:00 pm (hogs
& sheep) and by 6:00 pm (beef)!**

All 4-H, FFA, and Open Class animal & livestock projects, including all breeding projects, must be on the Fairgrounds by Tuesday, August 3. Sheep and hogs need to be on the grounds by 5:00 pm and beef projects by 6:00 pm. 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 Monday, August 2 at 8:00 am. Water will be turned on and straw will be available. While animals are not due on the grounds until Tuesday, earlier check-in and arrival is encouraged! 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, or see the map posted inside of the barns.

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.



STRAW at the FAIR

There is a limited number of straw bales provided to youth 4-H & FFA members this year. Based on the number of youth entries this year, and the amount of straw available, the following recommendations for straw usage should be followed:

- Beef projects: 4 bales/week
- Hog projects: 2 bales/week
- Sheep projects: 2 bales/week

If you feel you will need more bales than the recommended amount, please plan on bringing more straw with you.



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. Please dump your straw inside of the bin, not outside on or the side of the bin. Remember that straw or shavings are the only things allowed in the straw bin—no trash please! **The straw bin next to the Sheep Barn is no longer in use.**

Barn Superintendents:

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

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 or Tom (FFA).

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.*

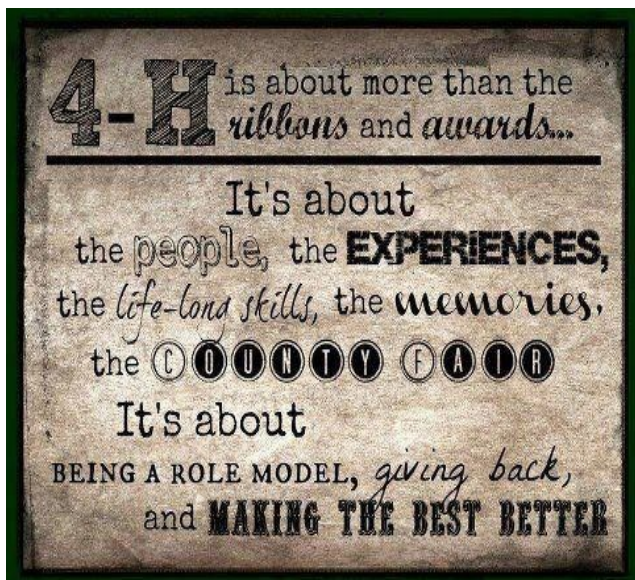
FAIRGROUNDS CLEAN-UP NIGHT (Wednesday, July 28 at 6:30 pm)

There are several things to do to get the Fairgrounds ready for the Fair, so please plan on attending. Below is a list of items that need to be completed, along with general clean-up of the grounds, barns, and exhibit building.

- Rake weeds (and/or weed-wack) in livestock arena, around barns, by scales, around RV parking area, etc.
- Clean Exhibit Building, including bathrooms, kitchen, and Fair Office.
- Move items out of Beef Barn that were stored in there this winter (trash cans, bleachers, etc)
- Haul and stack straw.
- Repair beef wash rack.
- Paint signs.
- Pick up trash.
- Other.



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, August 4 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. The sheep show will be held on Thursday, August 5 at 7:00 pm this year. The Open Youth Livestock Show will begin immediately following the Sheep Show!



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, August 3 at 7:00 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, August 4 at 8:00 a.m. No shrink will be applied to hogs or lambs. **Lambs will weigh first this year, followed by hogs!**

Beef Shrink Policy:

Per #19 of the 4-H & FFA Market Animal Sale Committee Policies & Procedures, 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—Wednesday, August 4: 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, including beef members, so please be ready.**

Carcass Contest: All animals ultra-sounded on the Fairgrounds will be automatically entered in the Carcass Contest. Results will be available on Saturday, August 7. Winners will be announced prior to the start of the Sale. Cash awards will be handed out at Awards Night.

4-H & FFA MARKET ANIMAL PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Buyer Appreciation BBQ: The 4-H & FFA MAS Buyer Appreciation BBQ is scheduled for Saturday, August 7 immediately following the Sale. This is an appreciation BBQ for MAS Buyers and 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 during the BBQ and after the BBQ. Please help make our Buyers and Supporters feel welcome. **NEW THIS YEAR**—The Sale Committee is providing all of the side dishes, so you are not required to bring a side dish! However, you are expected to help set up, serve, and clean up!

**THANK
YOU!**



4-H & FFA MARKET ANIMAL SALE ORDER:

All Grand & Reserve Champions will be sold first. This year's order of animals is: **Beef, Hogs, Lambs** The Grand & Reserve Champion Steers will sell first, followed by the Grand & Reserve Champion Hogs, followed by the Grand & Reserve Champion Lambs. After all of the champions sell, all steers will sell, followed by all hogs, and finally all lambs. We have the potential to sell 78 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. The buyer registration table will be set up inside of the Exhibit Building starting at Noon on Saturday, August 7. Here they can get their bidder number or fill out Add-on forms. Forms are also available by contacting Sarah at 208-833-3179 or sdbaker@uidaho.edu.

Clean Pens!

As was mentioned earlier, pens must be cleaned daily by 10:00 am. After you sell your animal, you are required to clean your pen out before you leave to go home. After you have cleaned your pen for the final time, please 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 Fairgrounds.

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: *For a Hoofin’ Good Time, Come to the Custer County Fair!* 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.

4-H “BUILD & LAUNCH YOUR OWN ROCKET” WORKSHOP: (Wednesday, August 4 at 6:00 pm):

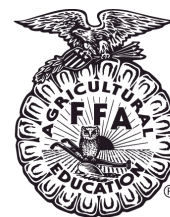
The Custer County Teen Association is hosting a free Rocket Building workshop on Wednesday, August 4 at 6:00 pm in the Mackay Rodeo Arena at the Fairgrounds. Space is limited, so please make sure you arrive on time! You will build your own rocket and then launch it! This has proved to be a very popular and FUN event for youth, so please plan on attending!

4-H CORN SHUCKING CONTEST: (Saturday, August 7 at 9:00 am): Come help shuck corn for the Buyer Appreciation BBQ on the picnic tables in the grassy area on Saturday morning. Teams will race each other to see who can shuck a box of corn the fastest. Quality control will be monitored and fabulous prizes will be awarded to the winners!!





4-H & FFA Schedule of Events at the **2021 Custer County Fair**



Monday, August 2

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

Tuesday, August 3

5:00 pm All Open, 4-H, & FFA Market & Breeding Sheep & Hogs must be on Fair grounds (*earlier arrival encouraged*)
4:00 – 6:00 pm Vet checks on all Open, 4-H & FFA Market & Breeding Sheep & Hogs (*Fairgrounds*)
6:00 pm All Open, 4-H & FFA Market & Breeding Beef must be on Fairgrounds
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7:00 pm Weigh 4-H & FFA beef (*Fairgrounds Scale*)

Wednesday, August 4

8:00 am Weigh 4-H & FFA Market Sheep & Hogs
Ultrasound 4-H & FFA Market Sheep, Hogs, & Beef immediately following (*order – sheep & hogs at scales, then beef will be done in Beef Barn*)
2:00 pm 4-H Demonstration Contest (*Livestock Arena*)
6:00 pm 4-H “Build & Launch Your Own Rocket” Workshop – sponsored by the 4-H Leader’s Council and Custer County Teen Association (*Mackay Rodeo Grounds*)

Thursday, August 5

8:00 am 4-H & FFA Market Hog Show (*Livestock Arena*)
1:00 pm 4-H Interview Contest (*Exhibit Building*)
7:00 pm FFA Breeding Sheep Show (*Livestock Arena*)
4-H & FFA Market Sheep Show Following

Friday, August 6

8:00 am FFA Breeding Beef Show (*Livestock Arena*)
4-H & FFA Market Beef Show Following

Saturday, August 7

9:00 am 4-H Corn Shucking Contest (*Grassy Area*)
10:00 am 4-H & FFA Round Robin Show (*Livestock Arena*)
12:00 pm 4-H & FFA Market Animal Sale Day Desk Opens (*Exhibit Building*)
2:00 pm 4-H & FFA Market Animal Sale (*Livestock Arena*)
Buyer Appreciation BBQ Following Sale
6:30 – 7:30 pm Check-out 4-H & FFA Exhibits (*Exhibit Building*)

For a complete schedule of events, visit the Fair Board website at
www.co.custer.id.us/fair



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