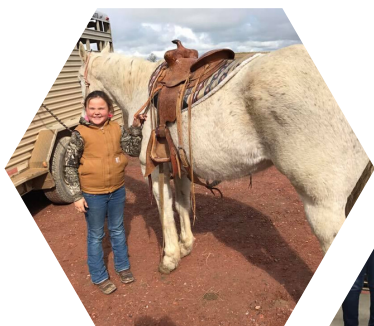




Goshen County 4-H

Fair Guide

A brief introduction to navigating fair



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Note from Megan: This guide is meant to serve as an introduction to the Goshen County Fair for new 4-H members. The Goshen County Fair book is the comprehensive document that includes specific rules and regulations. To help make this document better, contact the Extension Office: 307-532-2436.

4-H & the Fair

Exhibiting at Fair allows 4-H members the opportunity to share their learning efforts of project learning throughout the year. Fair exhibits the culmination of 4-H project work but is not the sole focus of the 4-H experience.

Sharing what was learned is an important component in experiential and not all sharing experiences occur during the fair. For an example, the State 4-H Shooting Sports Match is a more appropriate method for members to show their skills.

Instead of participating in Fair, youth may perform a presentation or demonstration for their 4-H Club or participate in an interview with their 4-H Club Leader or the Extension Office staff.

For more information on alternative sharing options, contact the Extension Office.

The Players

Goshen County Fair Youth Shows are organized by the Goshen County Fair Coordinator.

The Goshen County Fair Coordinator leads the Youth Show Committee - the governing body of Youth Shows. Members of the Youth Show Committee:

Megan Brittingham, 4-H Educator

Jay Clapper, Southeast FFA Advisor

Jason Groene, Torrington Lingle FFA Advisor

Paul Miller, Fair Board Representative

Amy Schmick, Fair Coordinator



Animal Ownership Deadlines

February 1

Market Beef

May 1

Cat
Dog
Horse

June 1

Breeding Beef
Breeding Meat Goat
Breeding Sheep
Breeding Swine
Dairy Cattle
Dairy Goats
Meat Goat
Market Sheep
Market Swine
Poultry
Rabbit

Identification Requirements

Market Beef must be tagged. Two tagging opportunities occur in January.

Breeding Livestock must have a Breeding ID Form on file by June 1.

Cats must have a Cat ID Form on file by May 1 of each year and a current vet record.

Dairy Livestock must have a Dairy ID Form on file by June 1.

Dogs must have a Dog ID Form on file by May 1 and a current vet record.

Horses must have a Horse ID Form on file by May 1 and complete Horse Safety Certifications in June.

Market Livestock must be tagged. Two tagging opportunities occur in May.

Market Poultry will be banded at weigh-ins during Fair.

Rabbits must have a Rabbit ID Form on file by June 1.

Superintendents

4-H Building: Barb Becker

Beef: Rustin Roth

Carcass: Jay Clapper

Cats: Donna Peterson

Dairy Cattle: Rustin Roth

Dairy Goat: Lawrence & Pam Randall

Dogs: Tinker Clarke & Cheryl Raboin

FFA Exhibits: Jason Groene

Style Revue: Marlisa Hall

Horse: Dawn Gilchrest & Linda McLaen

Poultry: Marilyn Reid

Rabbits: Marilyn Reid

Sheep: Scott & Dana Yetter

Swine: Shane Viktorin

Superintendents volunteer their time, talent and expertise throughout the year and most extensively during the week of Fair. Superintendents are responsible for assigning stalls and pens, conducting weigh-ins, assisting in separating classes and additional duties prior to the show. Superintendents are the "boss of the barn" and ensure all exhibitors are practicing good Quality Assurance standards and organize their respective species' shows.

Some Superintendents may hold a barn meeting during Fair or send a note prior to Fair. If you want to connect to your Superintendent anytime throughout the year, the Extension Office has their contact information. During the week of Fair, Superintendents can be contacted from the Ag Hall Fair Office.

Superintendents are *always* willing to help exhibitors and their families with their projects - even before Fair.

Junior Superintendents are 4-H and FFA teenagers who volunteer to assist adult Superintendents. All teenagers are encouraged to volunteer for this service leadership experience. Applications are due May 1.

Fair Entry & Procedures

Entering exhibits for the Goshen County Fair is a different process than enrolling in 4-H. Typically, Fair entries are due in July. Beginning in 2020, entries will be accepted online and via paper forms.

Paper entries and Fair books become available to 4-H Club Leaders and FFA Advisors in June to distribute to families. Fair books include instructions for entering classes and rules for those classes.

New in 2020, online entries can be done at www.fairentry.com

Members must register each entry in a class. For example, chocolate chip cookies must be entered separately from peanut butter cookies.

Fair entries are due in mid-July. As a courtesy, entries are verified by Superintendents and volunteers. Late entries are charged a \$25 late fee.

If an exhibitor incorrectly entered the wrong class, transferring to the correct class may be an option for a \$25 transfer fee. If a mistake was made by Fair Staff - no charge will be collected. No changes will be made 2 hours before the show.

4-H Club Volunteers, Extension Staff and Fair Staff are always willing to help complete Fair entries.

Understanding Ribbons

Static exhibits are judged using the Danish Ribbon system. In this system, the project is judged against the exhibitors' goals. Goals are expressed on a skill summary card and discussed in an interview. Every project receives a ribbon:

Purple Ribbons: Represent excellence (advances to State Fair)

Blue State Fair Ribbons: Honorable mentions (advances to State Fair)

Blue Ribbon: Average

Red Ribbon: Slightly Below Average

White Ribbon: Below Average

Exhibits earning a purple ribbon are considered for the Champion and Reserve Champion in the division or category. Only Champions of each division compete for the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion title.

Livestock exhibits are judged using the American system. In the American system, exhibits are judged against each other and then ranked 1-10. Generally the first and second place class winners compete for the division winner. The first and second place division winners compete for the Overall Grand and Reserve Grand Champion title.

Skill Summary Cards

Skill Summary Cards are 3x5 notecards attached to static exhibits. These cards must include the exhibitors name, 4-H Club and age division. Cards should be well-affixed to the project and include the members' learning goals of this project. These goals should be the same goals from your Record Book. Use this card to share if goals were achieved.

Sale Information

Junior Livestock Sale

Organized and hosted by the Junior Livestock Sale Committee, 4-H and FFA members may choose to sell **one** (1) project of their choice provided the member meets the eligibility requirement, consignment protocol and the animal meets marketability requirements in the Fair Book.

Minimum weights are...

Beef: 1050 Sheep: 90 Swine: 220 Goats: 50 Meat Pen of Chickens: 5.5
Meat Pen of Rabbits: 3 Market Turkey: 15

Sellers have the option to identify their project as "retained ownership" which means the youth will retain ownership of their project. In the event of this claim, youth will automatically receive the resale price.

Resale is when the buyer chooses to return the animal to the youth. The buyer will pay the difference between the final bid price and the original determined market value.

Sale Committee will withhold 3% commission from each seller's check.

Thank You Notes must be received at the Extension Office no later than September 30th in order to receive checks and be eligible for awards at the next year's fair.

Static Exhibit Auction

Organized and hosted by the Youth Show Committee, 4-H & FFA members may choose to sell **one** (1) static exhibit project. Member must be eligibility requirements, consignment instructions and marketability rules.

Sellers must deliver their item to the seller following the Goshen County Fair and by September 30. Thank You notes must also be submitted to the Extension Office and item delivered in order to receive sale check.

A 3% commission will be held from each seller's check in order to fund the Static Exhibit Scholarship for graduating seniors.

Wyoming State Fair

4-H Static Projects: Projects awarded a *purple* or *blue state fair* ribbon are eligible to advance to state fair competition. Unless otherwise indicated, these projects will be packed and transported to the State Fair on behalf of the members. Some projects that are too fragile (like decorated cakes) or too heavy (like woodworking) or too complex to be put back together may need to be transported by the members' family. Food exhibits should be redone and provided to the Extension Office by the determined deadline.

Projects are judged at state fair, using the Danish ribbon system with the goals of the project being shared using the skill summary card from county fair.

At the conclusion of state fair, projects are packed and transported back to Torrington. Items are generally available for pick up from the 4-H Building on the Fair Grounds. Those times are announced in the newsletter.

4-H Animal Projects: Competing with any animal at the state fair is a privilege that must be approved by the 4-H Educator. Families must pre-enter each state fair class for each animal and pay associated fees 24 hours after the conclusion of the qualifying county fair show. State Fair entry forms and information can be obtained from the Ag Hall Fair Office during county fair. All necessary state fair entries and fees must be paid by Friday night of the Goshen County Fair.