



Kiowa County 4-H News

Important Dates to Remember:

- August 7 Exhibit Day, Council Meeting, Fashion Revue, Awards & Food Auction
- August 11 Livestock Entry Forms & Pen Deposits due
- August 11 Exhibit Day Thank-You cards due by 4:00 pm
- August 11 Swine pictures due by 4:00 pm
- August 11 State Fair paperwork / entry forms due in Office by 4:00 pm
- August 14 State-bound exhibits due in Extension Office by 3:00pm
- August 20 Council Concession fundraiser at Trap Shoot Event
- August 25 Colorado State Fair
- Sept. 4 Extension Office closed for Labor Day
- Sept. 6-10 Kiowa County Fair & Rodeo!
- Sept. 7 All 4-H Projects must be in place at Fair by 9:00 am



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From Jeremy

Hello 4-H'ers!

Hopefully this newsletter is finding you somewhat rested, all but done with your projects, and excited about upcoming events to round out your summer! Here in the office, we are very excited to see your projects at Exhibit Day, take projects to state fair, and of course the world famous Kiowa County Fair. We want to encourage you to ask any question and seek our help in the upcoming weeks. We want your experience this summer to be the best it can be for both you and your parents.

In August, please schedule with me, if you like, to come to your house and check weights on your animals. We will also try to schedule an evening for steer exhibitors to bring their animals to the fairgrounds to be checked. It is our mission for everyone's livestock projects to make weight so we can focus on having a happy and fun fair.

Make sure to check out our website for fair information at <http://kiowa.extension.colostate.edu/>. Keep up the good work!



4-H Council Meeting

Council will meet following judging on Exhibit Day!

Exhibit Day Thank You Cards

If you sell an item at the Food Auction, or receive an Award, you must submit a THANK YOU note for your buyer or donor. These are due in the Extension Office by 4:00 on August 11th. Cards need to be in addressed, stamped, unsealed envelopes. If you need an address we can provide it for you. This thank you note is required to receive your check or premium money!

Livestock pen deposits

Deposits for Fair This year we will be asking all livestock exhibitors to submit a \$25 deposit **no later than August 11th.** The purpose is to encourage everyone to be sure their stalls are cleaned and properly maintained. The deposits will be returned in full as long as you take proper care of your animals and pens. Some details:

- ⇒ For rabbits & poultry the \$25 deposit is per species, regardless of how many animals are exhibited in each species.
- ⇒ For all other livestock the charge is \$25 per pen, with 2 animals per pen regardless of species.

Again, these checks will not be cashed and will be returned as long as you do your job well!



Code of Conduct

Code of Conduct -Just a reminder to all 4-H members, leaders & parents that each year you sign and agree to the Colorado 4-H Code of Conduct. This code of conduct also applies to the fair. This means adhering to the rules & dress code, conducting yourself in a courteous, respectful manner while exhibiting good sportsmanship. The use of alcohol, illegal or illicit drugs and tobacco **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.** Respect others property. The consequences of violating this code of conduct will be harsh. ALL FFA members need to refer to their code of conduct

Important Project Notes !

Remember to check the 2017 State Fair Exhibit Requirements as they have changes this year. See them at

http://www.colorado-4h.org/project_resources/StateFairExhibitReq.pdf.

This is **very important** because this is how your exhibits will be judged!

You may also find score sheets for projects and contests at:

http://www.colorado4h.org/events_opportunities/state_fair/score_sheets/index.php.



Exhibit Day Info!

The 2017 Kiowa County Fair Exhibit Day will be at the Community Building on Monday, Aug. 7th! Our theme this year is : **"Grow With The Green!"**.

Interview judging will begin at 10:00 am, and interviews will last for 10 minutes. The schedule for interview judging can be found on our website at:

<http://kiowa.extension.colostate.edu/exhibit-day/>

It is **very important** for you to be ready and in place 10 minutes before your interview so that you can be checked in and ready.

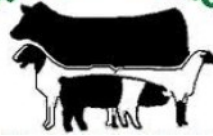
When all judging is complete we will begin decorating for the evening and everyone is encouraged to help.

The building will be opened to the public at 5:00 pm, and the Awards Program, Fashion Revue and Food Auction will begin at 6:00 pm.

All projects exhibited should be picked up following the evening programs. If your project is selected for **State Fair** you **MUST** turn in the paperwork provided by Friday, August 11, 4:00 pm. Also, your exhibit must be brought to the Extension Office by Monday, August 14, 3:00 pm, packaged, labeled and ready for transport.

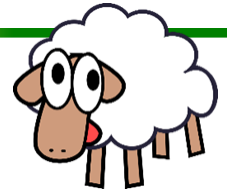
REMINDER -As you begin final preparations for the fair, remember the fair is a celebration of your hard work and accomplishments through 4-H. Fair week is busy, stressful and has the potential to bring out the less appealing qualities in people. With this in mind, remember to think twice or maybe even three times before you get upset. The county fair offers an opportunity to display your projects as well as yourself. It is a great educational experience and should always be viewed as such. It builds character, encourages responsibility and good sportsmanship. During the fair this year, take notice of all the volunteers and leaders who are giving of their time and effort so each of you will be able to enjoy your participation. If we keep in mind the benefits of friendly competition and cooperation with others, winning at all costs takes a back seat to the benefits that can be gained from our annual association with each other. Have a great Fair!

A-H Youth Livestock



Fair Livestock

All livestock (including poultry and rabbits) **MUST** be in place by Wednesday, September 6th at 10 a.m. This means that all animals must be in their pens and out of the alley way, so weigh-in can start on time. All animals that are weighed in **MUST** remain on premises until release time Saturday. It is your responsibility to feed, water and clean pens/stalls while your animal is on the fairgrounds. Remember you are a representative of the livestock industry - give your animals the best possible care!



Livestock Weigh-In

Weigh-In for livestock begins at 10:30am Wednesday, Sept. 6th. There will be no re-weighs.

Poultry & Rabbit Check-In

All poultry and rabbits must be checked in by the superintendent by 10:00 am on Wed., September 6th. Animals not checked in will not be eligible for show, awards and/or the sale.

Livestock Pens

Livestock pens must be cleaned and manure disposed of **by 8:00 am each day**. Anyone not meeting this rule will lose their pen deposit and be charged **\$30/day**, any such funds collected will go towards the panel fund.

Show Times!

Poultry & Rabbit Show - 2:00 pm, Wed., Sept. 6th

Goat Show - 5:00 pm, Wed., Sept. 6th

Swine Show - 8:00 am, Thursday, Sept. 7th

Beef Show - 11:00 am, Thursday, Sept. 7th

Sheep Show - 1:00 pm, Thursday, Sept. 7th

Round Robin - 3:00 pm, Thursday, Sept. 7th

Livestock Sale - 9:30 am, Friday, Sept. 8th

Livestock Designation

Each beef, lamb, goat, pig, rabbit and chicken must be designated for sale, floor plan, or to go home immediately after the respective show is completed. Individual animal cards must be filled out by the exhibitor and signed by a parent. You can ask us for help getting this completed or you can come by the fair office after the shows. If no card is completed for an animal, the member retains ownership and must take the animal home after the fair. Any changes must be done through the livestock office, by noon on Friday.

Extra Livestock

All other animals not going through sale must still have cards filled out as to where they are going, so all animals are accounted for at release time. If you decide to put your animals on the floor plan it is at discretion of the floor plan buyer whether they will take extra animals or not, especially if the animals are under or overweight.



Livestock Sale

The livestock sale is Friday, September 9th at 9:30 a.m. with Burlington Livestock Exchange conducting the sale. The sale will start with the sale of the champions and place order, then market beef, market swine, poultry, rabbits, lambs and then goats. Animals that meet the requirements for selling are the only animals a member may consign to the sale. The only animals to sell are those that have been designated to sell by the exhibitor. Arrangements for animals to go the locker plants **MUST** be made by the exhibitor or buyer. Fair Management is not responsible for arrangements and will not transport animals.

Immediately after the sale the exhibitor must get their picture taken and the name of the buyer needs to be posted on your stall cards.



Livestock Release Time

ALL Livestock Projects going Home are released on Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

You must wait to start loading tack or removing animals until the Superintendents say it's ok to do so. Floor plan animals may be removed earlier at the request of the floor plan buyer and at the discretion of the livestock show committee.

Thank You Cards & Checks

All Livestock Award and Buyer Thank You cards must be turned in by **Friday, Sept. 15th** to the Extension Office. You will not receive your check for livestock unless we have your thank you card.

All livestock checks that are not cashed within 6 months of issue date will be considered void.

Livestock Sale Buyers

Have you ever wondered how the livestock buyers seem to magically 'show up' for the sale? There is no magic involved - **they must be invited!** I cannot emphasize enough how important it is for 4-H and FFA members to get out and invite businesses and people to the sale! The Extension Office sends out generic invitations, but it means so much more when people are personally invited by youth!

Think of places or people you or your family do business with, and invite them! More buyers means more competition, and that may mean more dollars for you!



No Stress Zone !

After all these rules and schedules - and in spite of all the rules and schedule - it really is important to remember to try to RELAX and HAVE FUN! After all:

- ** You are kids
- ** This is a County Fair
- ** Superintendents are volunteers
- ** Judges are human
- ** You are not showing at an International Livestock Exposition! While this is important, it also should be fun!