

MEMORANDUM

TO: 4-H Livestock Leaders, 4-H Livestock Members, FFA Instructors, and FFA Members

FROM: Brittany Briggs
4-H Program Manager

DATE: March 6, 2020

RE: **LIVESTOCK PROJECT INFORMATION**

Included in this letter is important information about the Livestock Pre-Shows/Clinics with dates that are important for all who are involved with livestock projects.

PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY AND SAVE IT FOR FUTURE REFERENCE!

IMPORTANT DATES

- March 28** Kittitas County Beef Pre-Show/Weigh-In - **7:00-8:45 a.m.** - Weigh and tag feeder steers for the Kittitas County Fair; **8:50 a.m. Required Fair Information meeting for participants & parents** – Bloom Pavilion; **9:00 a.m.** - Beef Judging Contest; **10:30 a.m.** – Fitting and Showing classes.
- April 19** Swine Clinic – **1:00 p.m.** – Educational information on shrinkage, carcass and feeding.; **2:00 p.m.** - Swine Judging Contest – **Armory Hall.**
- June 13** Kittitas County Sheep Pre-Show - **7:00 a.m.** -Weigh and tag feeder lambs for the Kittitas County Fair - at Fairgrounds; **9:00 a.m.** – Sheep Judging Contest – Bloom Pavilion; **10:15 a.m.** – Lamb feeder class followed by Fitting & Showing classes.
- June 13** Kittitas County Goat Pre-Show - **8:15 a.m.** - Weigh and tag feeder meat goats for the Kittitas County Fair – at Fairgrounds –**9:00 a.m.** - Goat Judging Contest -Bloom Pavilion – **10:30 a.m.** Fitting & Showing, Workshops & Demonstrations
- June 14** Swine Weigh-in at Kittitas County Fairgrounds, Bloom Pavilion-**7:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

*** Animal Health Record Required at Weigh-In ***

The Kittitas County Junior Livestock Sale Committee and 4-H/FFA Livestock Committee have approved a policy **requiring a COPY of the updated Producer/Breeder Affidavit & Market Animal Health Record (single form) be turned in at spring weigh-in and/or pre-show for each species.** By federal law meat processors must identify the origin of animals entering the food supply; state law requires animal disease traceability made possible through the transfer of health records from one owner to the next. Without this record turned in you will not be able to sell your animal at the Kittitas County Junior Livestock Sale. These forms are available from your 4-H leaders, FFA advisors, or online at <http://www.kittitas.wsu.edu> under 4-H Forms & Policies.

Each member weighing an animal at steer, lamb, goat, and swine weigh-in are required to have a COPY of the up-to-date animal Producer/Breeder Affidavit & Market Animal Health Record with the original Producer/Breeder affidavit SIGNED and TURNED IN at the time of Weigh-In.

BEEF PROJECT INFORMATION

BEEF WEIGH-IN AND PRE-SHOW

The Beef Weigh-In and Pre-Show will be held on **SATURDAY, MARCH 28** at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds in Ellensburg. The purpose of this show is to weigh and ear tag steers that will be shown/sold at the Kittitas County Junior Livestock Sale at the Kittitas County Fair, to provide an opportunity for exhibitors to learn how to prepare their steer for Fair and to practice showmanship.

To finish the day youth that ear tagged steers are **required** to participate in Showmanship classes. Steers are to be clean with no tags. They do not need to be fitted.

- The steer should be shown with a halter and show stick.
- Showman should have neat clean clothes and boots – appropriate to weather.

Showmanship guidelines are the same as showing at Fair. This is an opportunity to prepare for showmanship classes in the fall.

The show schedule:

7:00 –8:45 am	WEIGH AND TAG STEERS Livestock Sale Committee Carcass Raffle tickets due at Weigh-In
8:50 am	REQUIRED – Fair Information meeting in Pavilion for <u>participants and parents</u>
9:00–10:00 am	BEEF JUDGING CONTEST – Feeder Steers, Heifers, Beef Parts, Oral Reasons
15 minutes after Judging Contest is complete	Fitting & Showing Classes for everyone

PARKING AT BEEF PRE-SHOW

Beef project members and parents should enter at the 5th Avenue gate, unload between Bloom Pavilion and the Swine Barn, and park their pickups and trailers north of the livestock barns, south & west of Umtanum & Teanaway Hall or the Maintenance parking lot south of Bloom Pavilion.

ATTENTION BEEF PROJECT MEMBERS

In order to sell a steer at the Kittitas County Fair, 4-H and FFA members **are required to weigh and ear tag a steer (limit of two per member) and turn in a COPY of the steer's SIGNED original Producer/Breeder Affidavit & Market Beef Health Record, one copy of Haul Slip, and proof of ownership in the members name** at the Beef Weigh-In on **Saturday, March 28**. If a brand inspection is required bring a check to pay the WSDA Brand Inspection fee. Steers must weigh a minimum of 1150 lbs. and make an average daily gain of 2 pounds per day from Preshow to Fair to show in the market steer classes at the Kittitas County Fair and go through the Junior Livestock Sale.

Exhibitors who have a conflict with the **March 28 date** **are required** to write a letter to the Livestock Committee Chairman, 901 E 7th Avenue, Suite 2, Ellensburg, WA 98926 asking to be excused from the Beef Clinic **by the March 17 Livestock Committee meeting.** **The letter needs to be written by the 4-H or FFA**

member requesting the excuse, address the reason for not attending, who will weigh the animal, who will show the animal, and a plan to make up for this missed activity. The 4-H Livestock Committee will review these requests. Members must have another exhibitor weigh and show their steer in their absence.

Please remember to bring a water bucket for your animals and some feed. Also **bring rakes and equipment to clean your area in Bloom before you leave.** Each club needs to be in the same general area. Please write your name on all your equipment. Check out with Superintendents before you leave the Beef Pre-Show.

SWINE PROJECT INFORMATION

SWINE CLINIC AND SWINE JUDGING CONTEST

The Swine Clinic is scheduled for **Sunday, April 19** at 1:00 p.m. in the Armory Hall at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds. There will be a Swine Judging Contest at 2:00 p.m. **This event is mandatory for 4-H and FFA members who wish to show swine at the Kittitas County Fair this year. Members having a conflict are required to write a letter requesting to be excused to: Livestock Committee Chair, 901 E 7th Avenue, Suite 2, Ellensburg, WA 98926, by the March 17 Livestock Committee meeting. The letter needs to be written by the 4-H or FFA member requesting the excuse, address the reason for not attending, and a plan to make up for this missed activity.**

SWINE WEIGH-IN

In order to sell a hog at the Kittitas County Fair, 4-H and FFA members **are required to weigh and ear tag a hog (limit of two per member) and turn in a COPY of the swine SIGNED original Producer/Breeder Affidavit & Market Swine Health Record** at the Swine Weigh-In on **Sunday, June 14 from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds. If it is not possible for the member to be there, another member of the family or someone from that club or chapter may bring the hogs in.

LAMB PROJECT INFORMATION

LAMB PRE-SHOW

In order to sell a market lamb at the Kittitas County Fair, 4-H and FFA members **are required to weigh and ear tag a lamb (limit of two per member) and turn in a COPY of the lambs SIGNED original Producer/Breeder Affidavit & Market Lamb Health Record** at the Lamb Weigh-In on **Saturday, June 13 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.** at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds. This pre-show will provide an opportunity for exhibitors to learn how to properly show their animals and practice showmanship. Sheep members are to exhibit ear tagged lambs in respective feeder classes and participate in Showmanship classes.

7:00 –8:15 am

WEIGH AND TAG LAMBS

9:00 am

LAMB JUDGING CONTEST – Oral Reasons & Parts

10:15am

Lamb feeder classes, followed by Fitting & Showing Classes

Members who have a conflict with the June 13 date are required to write a letter to the Livestock Committee Chairman, 901 E 7th Avenue, Suite 2, Ellensburg, WA 98926 by the Livestock Committee meeting on May 19, to be excused. The letter needs to be written by the 4-H or FFA member requesting the excuse, address the reason for not attending, who will weigh and show the animal in a feeder class, and a plan to make up for this missed activity. Members must make arrangements to have another exhibitor weigh their lamb and show it in a feeder class.

PARKING AT LAMB PRE-SHOW

Sheep project members and parents should enter at the 5th Avenue gate, unload and park their pickups and trailers north of the livestock barns, south & west of Umtanum & Teanaway Hall or the Maintenance parking lot south of Bloom Pavilion.

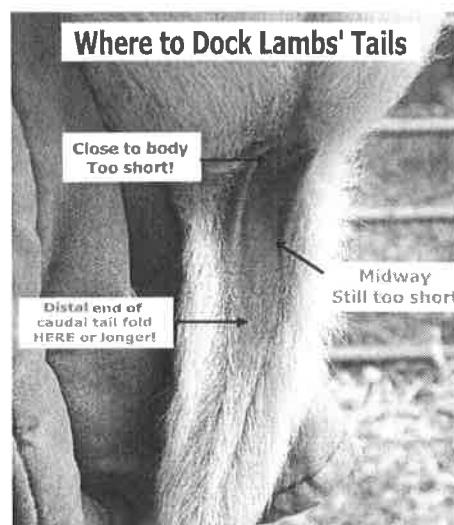
LAMB TAIL DOCKING POLICY

All Market Lambs are required to exhibit appropriate tail docking. Appropriate tail docking practice is to remove the tail at the distal termination of the caudal fold. Docking should be performed within two weeks of birth for optimum animal health and the tail must be healed at the time of the Sheep Pre-Show.

Docking is done to aid in animal health. A long tail tends to accumulate soft feces and attract parasites. When properly docked, the caudal folds (beneath the tail) direct fecal material away from the body to maintain hygiene. In this way, the tail prevents fly strike on the sensitive tissues of the hindquarters (can result in fatality) and provides physical protection of the anal and vulvar area. A tail that is too long results in fecal accumulation, a tail too short significantly increases the risk of dangerous rectal prolapse since nerves and muscle attachments can be severed.

Exhibitors should ask breeders if they appropriately dock their market lambs. In any case, market lambs tails will not be measured at either the Sheep Pre-Show or at the Kittitas County Fair.

The Kittitas County 4-H Livestock Committee is committed to eliminating the incidence of scrapie in Washington State, therefore, **all 4-H and FFA market lambs entered in the Kittitas County Fair must have an approved Scrapie flock tag. Scrapie flock tags for individual breeding sheep for sale are required by law.** Clubs may apply for a scrapie flock number. Kittitas County is encouraging enforcement of this law by breeders through this policy.



GOAT PROJECT INFORMATION

GOAT PRE-SHOW

In order to sell a market goat at the Kittitas County Fair, 4-H and FFA members **are required to weigh and ear tag a meat goat (limit of two per member) and turn in a COPY of the meat goats SIGNED original Producer/Breeder Affidavit & Market Goat Health Record** at the Meat Goat Weigh-In on **Saturday, June 13 from 8:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.** at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds. Meat Goat project members are to participate in the educational workshops and Showmanship classes. This pre-show will provide an opportunity for exhibitors to learn how to properly show their animals and practice showmanship. Market Meat Goats must have an **average daily gain from Goat Pre-Show to Fair of .25 pounds a day.** They must also weigh a **minimum of 70 pounds.**

NON MARKET GOATS

Non market goats – Dairy, Novelty, Pygmy, and Utility projects are required to attend the Goat Clinic on June 13. Members are required to bring one animal representing each project area they will have at Fair. This is a good opportunity to prepare your animal for Fitting and Showing this fall and to ask questions you might have.

Members who have a conflict with the June 13 date are required to write a letter to the Livestock Committee Chairman, 901 E 7th Avenue, Suite 2, Ellensburg, WA 98926 by the Livestock Committee meeting on May 21, to be excused. The letter needs to be written by the 4-H or FFA member requesting the excuse, address the reason for not attending, who will weigh the animal, and provide a plan to make up for this missed activity. Members must make arrangements to have another exhibitor weigh their goat.

GENERAL INFORMATION

NOVICE ELIGIBILITY

Novice classes at Pre-shows/Clinic and Fair are open to Juniors who have **never** shown an animal of **any** species. All intermediates and seniors will show in their division.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTESTS

The Beef Judging Contest at the Kittitas County Beef Clinic on March 28 is the first of three livestock judging contests that will be held prior to the Kittitas County Fair. The second judging contest will be conducted at the Swine Clinic held Sunday, April 19. The third will be the Sheep and Goat Judging Contest at the Sheep and Goat Pre-Show on June 13. **All beef, goat, sheep and swine project members MUST judge at the Kittitas County Fair 4-H or FFA Judging Contest.** Because members judge all species at the Fair, it is important that they be encouraged to participate in all judging opportunities prior to fair. Members should be familiar with how to use the judging card and beef, sheep, swine, and goat body parts appropriate for each pre-show/clinic contest. Practice judging cards and livestock parts and the key are available at the Extension Office or online www.kittitas.wsu.edu under 4-H Projects>Livestock. There will also be oral reasons given at all the judging contests. Publication EM4789 "Teaching 4-H Oral Reasons" may be picked up at the Extension Office to learn more about oral reasons.

STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM

Youth interested in participating on the State Fair Livestock Judging team need to participate at the Beef Clinic, Swine Clinic or Sheep & Goat Pre-Show Judging Contests. The top 3 blue placing exhibitors at the Beef Clinic and Swine Clinic Judging Contests and the top 4 blue placing exhibitors at the Sheep & Goat Judging Contest in the intermediate and senior 4-H divisions automatically qualify to participate on the Kittitas County State 4-H Livestock Judging team. If there is not a complete team from the top qualifiers then the next top placing blue ribbon judging scores from the clinics and pre-show will be invited to participate on the Kittitas County State 4-H Livestock Judging Team. This team will be eligible to judge at the State 4-H Fair in Puyallup. Breaking ties for qualifying for the judging team will be determined by the highest oral reasons score, followed by highest parts score. Kittitas County may send up to 10 intermediates and 10 seniors to the Livestock Judging contest at the Washington State 4-H Fair.

DRESS CODE FOR SHOWING LIVESTOCK AND SALE

All exhibitors must be appropriately dressed when showing or selling their animals. The following 4-H dress code **WILL** be strictly enforced: Jeans or slacks with LONG sleeve collared shirt or blouse that is tucked in. Shirts and blouses are to be buttoned to within 1 to 2 buttons from the top. Boots are HIGHLY recommended, but clean, heavy athletic shoes that are laced to the top and tied or a similar leather shoe can be substituted. NO baseball hats are to be worn in the show ring. FFA members must show in official dress consisting of Black Pants, white collared shirt, FFA tie or scarf and FFA jacket. All clothing should be clean and in good repair. Jewelry is discouraged; it can be dangerous. Superintendent will monitor and those not appropriately dressed shall not be allowed in the show or sale ring until appropriately dressed. Classes will not be held up.

OWNERSHIP AND CARING FOR LIVESTOCK PROJECT ANIMALS

According to the "Washington State 4-H Youth Development Program Policy" EM0758 (rules and regulations that 4-H follows) animals must be under the 4-H member's regular care and management for the following periods of time prior to the official county exhibit activity, including junior livestock shows: Market Beef – 120 days; Breeding Beef – 90 days; Sheep and Swine (Breeding and Market) 60 days, Goat – 60 days. Animals raised by the 4-H member from birth are exempt from the minimum time periods.

ANIMAL HEALTH RECORD

Animal Health Record forms need to be completed on all livestock project animals.

1. A **COPY of the updated Producer/Breeder Affidavit & Market Animal Health Record with the original producer/breeder affidavit SIGNED** (single form) is required to be turned in at spring weigh-in and/or pre-show for each species.
2. The updated Producer/Breeder Affidavit & Market Animal Health Record are required to be in youths record book when it is turned in for the up to date check in July. There are animal specific forms (1 per animal) for Market Beef, Lamb, Swine, Goat, Individual Goat record for non-market goats.
3. Youth will need to have the **updated Producer/Breeder Affidavit & Market Animal Health Record forms with them and hand to the Vet on duty at the Kittitas County Fair Vet Check.** The forms should be signed by the youth and parents on that day. They are available at the Extension Office or at www.kittitas.wsu.edu under 4-H Forms & Policies.