

MEMORANDUM

TO: 4-H Livestock Leaders, 4-H Livestock Members, FFA Instructors, Livestock Superintendents,
Livestock Fair Board Directors, Menastash Grange Livestock Leader

FROM: Amy Alder
4-H Program Manager

DATE: March 8, 2024

RE: **LIVESTOCK PROJECT INFORMATION**

Please read this important information about 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 23rd Beef Pre-Show**
7:00-9:00 a.m. - Weigh and tag steers for the Kittitas County Fair
9:00-10:30 a.m. - Beef Judging Contest
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Spring Market Classes: Dairy, Heifers, Mini-Beef, Market Steers
Showmanship Classes will immediately follow market classes.
- June 8th Sheep Pre-Show**
7:00 a.m. -Weigh and tag feeder lambs for the Kittitas County Fair
9:00 a.m. – Sheep Judging Contest
TBA-Showmanship Classes
- June 8th Goat Pre-Show**
8:15 a.m. - Weigh and tag feeder meat goats for the Kittitas County Fair
9:00 a.m. - Goat Judging Contest
10:30 a.m. Fitting & Showing, Workshops & Demonstrations
- June 9th Swine Weigh-In, Clinic & Judging Contest**
6:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. Weigh and tag feeder hogs for the Kittitas County Fair
9:30 a.m. - Judging Contest
10:30 a.m.- Educational Stations

BEEF PROJECT INFORMATION

BEEF WEIGH-IN & PRE-SHOW

The Beef Weigh-In and Pre-Show will be held on **SATURDAY, MARCH 23rd** at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds. To sell a steer at the Kittitas County Fair, 4-H/FFA/Grange members **are required to weigh and tag a steer (limit of two per member)** at the Beef Weigh-In. Minimum weights must be met to show in the market steer classes at the Kittitas County Fair and go through the Livestock Sale (Minimum weight at Fair: Steers - 1150 lbs., Miniature - 650 lbs.)

- **7:00 AM - 9:00 AM** WEIGH AND TAG STEERS
 - **9:00 AM - 10:30 AM** BEEF JUDGING CONTEST - Feeder Steers, Heifers, Beef Parts, Oral Reasons
 - **11:30 AM - 1:30 PM** SPRING MARKET CLASSES - Dairy, Heifers, Mini-Beef, Market Steers
- Showmanship classes will immediately follow market classes.**
ORDER WILL BE AS FOLLOWS: Dairy, Novice, Junior, Intermediate, Senior

Please note:

- Generators are encouraged. Half of Bloom Pavilion will be open to stall grooming chutes.
- Bring a water bucket for your animals and some feed.
- All stalls must be cleaned before leaving the show for the day, bring rakes and equipment to clean pens out before you leave.

Please check with Superintendents or 4-H Leaders/FFA/Grange Instructors to be excused from the fairgrounds for the day.

IF YOU HAVE A CONFLICT:

Exhibitors who have a conflict with the March 23rd date **are required** to write a letter to: the Livestock Committee Chair, 901 E 7th Avenue, Suite 2, Ellensburg, WA 98926, asking to be excused from the Beef Pre-Show by **March 19th at 5:00 pm**. Letters can also be submitted via email to amy.alder@wsu.edu

The letter needs to be written by the 4-H/FFA/Grange member requesting the excuse, address the reason for not attending, and who will weigh the animal. The Livestock Committee will review these requests. Members must have another exhibitor weigh their animal(s) in their absence.

PARKING AT BEEF PRE-SHOW

Exhibitors 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.

LAMB PROJECT INFORMATION

LAMB PRE-SHOW

The Lamb Pre-Show will be held on **SATURDAY, June 8th** at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds. To sell a lamb at the Kittitas County Fair Market Sale, 4-H/FFA/Grange members **are required to weigh and tag a lamb (limit of two per member)** at the Lamb Weigh-In. Minimum weights must be met to show in the market lamb classes at the Kittitas County Fair and go through the Livestock Sale (Minimum weight at Fair: lambs - 110 lbs.). **Lambs must also be born after January 1st of the year to be eligible for the fair.**

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. A detailed schedule will be mailed out closer to pre-show.

IF YOU HAVE A CONFLICT:

Exhibitors who have a conflict with Pre-Show are **required** to write a letter to: Livestock Committee Chair, 901 E 7th Avenue, Suite 2, Ellensburg, WA 98926, **by the May 21st Livestock Committee meeting**. Letters can be submitted via email to amy.alder@wsu.edu

The letter needs to be written by the 4-H/FFA/Grange member requesting the excuse, address the reason for not attending, and who will weigh the animal. The Livestock Committee will review these requests. Members must have another exhibitor weigh their animal(s) in their absence.

PARKING AT LAMB PRE-SHOW

Exhibitors 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.

GOAT PROJECT INFORMATION

GOAT PRE-SHOW

The Goat Pre-Show will be held on **SATURDAY, June 8th** at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds. To sell a goat at the Kittitas County Fair Market Sale, 4-H/FFA/Grange members **are required to weigh and tag a meat goat (limit of two per member)** at the Goat Weigh-In. Minimum weights must be met to show in the market goat classes at the Kittitas County Fair and go through the Livestock Sale (Minimum weight at Fair: goats - 70 lbs.)

NON-MARKET GOATS

Dairy, Novelty, Pygmy, and Utility projects are required to attend the Goat Pre-Show on June 8th. Members are required to bring one animal representing each project area they will have at the Fair. This is a good opportunity to prepare your animal for Fitting and Showing and to ask questions you may have.

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The letter needs to be written by the 4-H/FFA/Grange member requesting the excuse, address the reason for not attending, and who will weigh the animal. The Livestock Committee will review these requests. Members must have another exhibitor weigh their animal(s) in their absence.

SWINE PROJECT INFORMATION

SWINE WEIGH-IN & CLINIC & JUDGING

The Swine weigh-in will be held **SUNDAY, JUNE 9th** at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds from 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. To sell a hog at the Kittitas County Fair Market Sale, members are **required to weigh, and ear tag a hog (limit of two per member)** at the Swine Weigh-In. 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. Weight requirements must be met to show in the market hog classes at the Kittitas County Fair and go through the Livestock Sale (**Weigh at Fair between 230 lbs. and 310 lbs.**)

6:00am-9:00am- Weigh in

9:30am- Judging

10:30-Noon- 3 educational stations

*One of these stations will be going over Health records, we would like to make sure everyone attends this one. Pigs will be optional for the clinic but mandatory for weigh-in.

IF YOU HAVE A CONFLICT:

Exhibitors who have a conflict with the weigh-in or the clinic are **required** to write a letter to: the Livestock Committee Chair, 901 E 7th Avenue, Suite 2, Ellensburg, WA 98926, by the **May 21st** Livestock Committee meeting. Letters can be submitted via email to amy.alder@wsu.edu

The letter needs to be written by the 4-H/FFA/Grange member requesting the excuse, address the reason for not attending, and who will weigh the animal. The Livestock Committee will review these requests. Members must have another exhibitor weigh their animal(s) in their absence.

PARKING FOR SWINE WEIGH-IN & CLINIC

Exhibitors should park on the asphalt lot west of Teanaway Hall entering from 7th Avenue past the Armory.

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

- Beef Judging Contest at the Kittitas County Beef Clinic on March 23rd
- Sheep and Goat Judging Contest at the Sheep and Goat Pre-Show on June 8th
- Swine Judging Contest at the Swine Clinic on June 9th

All beef, goat, sheep, and swine project members **MUST** judge at the Kittitas County Fair Judging Contest. All species are judged at Fair, and it is encouraged and recommended to participate in all judging opportunities prior to fair.

Members need to know:

- How to use the judging card
- Beef, sheep, swine, and goat body parts appropriate for each pre-show/clinic contest.
- Oral reasons

Practice animal parts, judging cards, and information on judging and oral reasons are available at: <https://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/projects/livestock/>. Copies are also available at the Extension Office.

PRODUCER AFFIDAVIT/ANIMAL HEALTH RECORD

Members should bring a copy of the Producer Affidavit/Animal Health Record to be filled out and signed by the producer when purchasing their project animal(s). Animal Health Records are available at the Extension Office or at <https://extension.wsu.edu/kittitas/youth/4-h-forms/> under Animal Add Sheets.