

**GRANT COUNTY 4-H and FFA LIVESTOCK SALE ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**ARTICLE I – NAME**

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be Grant County 4-H and FFA Livestock Sale Association, Incorporated.

**ARTICLE II – MISSION STATEMENT & PURPOSE**

Section 1. Mission Statement: To provide education and promote programs enhancing leadership skills and responsibility in the area of livestock production. To assist in marketing 4-H and FFA sale animals at the Grant county Fair with fair and equitable participation enhancing a safe environment for both exhibitor and animal.

Section 2. That the purposes for which this corporation is formed are as follows:

A. To foster and encourage boys and girls to gain knowledge in the art of selection and feeding of livestock to current desirable market conditions in the 4-H and FFA programs.

B. To plan and operate a sale during the Grant County Fair that will provide a special market for these animals.

C. To make rules for the operation of this sale that are consistent with the rules of the Grant County Fair, the Grant county 4-H program and the FFA program.

**ARTICLE III – FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Section 1. Approve all policies and expenditure of funds pertaining to the implementation and sale of 4-H and FFA livestock associated with the Grant County Fair. In detail: To have and execute all powers, privileges and rights covered under the laws of the State of Washington, and all powers and rights conducive to carrying out the purposes of this corporation, including the right to hold, purchase and acquire, buy sell, lease, mortgage and encumber real and personal property, to borrow and loan money, and to issue and accept notes, bonds, obligations and evidence of indebtedness, and generally to make and perform agreements and contracts of every kind and nature consistent with the purposes and objectives of this organization.

CLARIFICATION: The purposes mention sales but imply that this also would and must include the market animal classes of the Grant County Fair. Rules set for sale animals include all market animal classes. This broadens the duties of the Sale Association.

Section 2. Tax status of this association is a 501 (c) 3.

Section 3. Fiscal year of the Grant County 4-H and FFA Livestock Sale Association shall be November 1 through October 31.

## ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. This association shall not discriminate against anyone on the grounds of race, sex, religion, age, color, creed, national or ethnic origin; physical, mental, or sensory disability; marital status, sexual orientation, or status as a Vietnam-era or disabled veteran in employment or in any program or activity. This policy will be communicated to the public through all appropriate WSU Extension public information channels, in mediums

Section 2. The membership of this Association will be constituted by the appointed members of the following organizations that have a direct interest in the purpose as stated in Article II – Mission Statement & Purpose.

- Grant County Fair Representative
- Grant County Cattlemen's Association
- Grant County 4-H Leaders' Council
- Washington State Dairy Council
- Columbia Basin Agriculture Teacher's Association
- Washington State Pork Producers
- Columbia Basin Sheep Producers
- Columbia Basin Meat Goat Association

Membership shall consist of a maximum of two (2) members from each organization as follows:

Beef: Two (2) members from Grant County Cattlemen' Association  
Two (2) members from Grant County 4-H Leaders' Council  
Two (2) members from Columbia Basin Agriculture Teacher's Association

Swine: Two (2) members from Washington State Pork Producers  
Two (2) members from Grant County 4-H Leaders' Council  
Two (2) members from Columbia Basin Agriculture Teacher's Association

Sheep: Two (2) members from Columbia Basin Sheep Producers  
Two (2) members from Grant County 4-H Leaders' Council  
Two (2) members from Columbia Basin Agriculture Teacher's Association

Dairy: Two (2) members from Washington State Dairy Council  
Two (2) members from Grant County 4-H Leaders' Council  
Two (2) members from Columbia Basin Agriculture Teacher's Association

Goat Two (2) members from Columbia Basin Meat Goat Association  
Two (2) members from Grant County 4-H Leader's Council  
Two (2) members from Columbia Basin Agriculture Teacher's Association

Section 3. If one species at the fair is not represented by an Association in the county, the President may appoint a representative for that species with the approval of the Association.

## **ARTICLE V – OFFICERS & TRUSTEES**

Section 1. At the annual meeting in October, of this Association, there shall be elected from membership; a President, President-Elect, and two (2) Trustees, one of which will be the immediate past-president.

Section 2. TERMS OF OFFICE: President and President-Elect will serve one (1) year with a limit of two (2) consecutive terms. The President-Elect will follow the President in succession. President moves to a Trustee position. Trustees will serve two (2) year terms.

Section 3. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer shall be appointed by the Executive Board. In case of a vacancy on the Board, the appointment to fill the vacancy shall be made by a majority vote of the Board.

Section 4. It will be the Executive Boards' responsibility to conduct the business of this Association following the general rules and policy adopted by the membership.

Section 5. Representative(s) of the Grant-Adams Area County Extension Service shall be advisor(s) to the Association.

## **ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS**

Section 1. The Association shall hold one (1) regular annual meeting at a time and place to be agreed upon and duly announced by the Executive Board. Association meetings shall be held upon call of the President. Notice of meetings shall be made public at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Section 2. The Executive Board meetings may be held at the call of the President after due notice has been given to each member of the Board as to time, place and purpose of the meeting called.

Section 3. At least four (4) members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum at the Executive Board Meeting for the transaction of business.

Section 4. The majority of the organization representation on the Association shall constitute a quorum. Parent organizations will be notified of absenteeism of their representative after two (2) meetings.

Section 5. The Executive Board meetings are open to the membership if they desire to attend, and all Sale Association meetings are open to the public.

Section 6. Only Sale Association members can vote at general meetings and Executive Board members vote at the Executive Board meetings.

## **ARTICLE VII - AMEDMENTS**

Section 1. The By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of this Association present at any regular meeting or special meeting called for this purpose, provided that notification of changes were made one (1) meeting prior to adoption.

## ARTICLE VIII - DUTIES OF THE SALE ASSOCIATION

1. Set weights and standards for all market animals in line with current market conditions. See that these standards are carried out in all market animal divisions of the Grant County Fair.
2. Set weighing and tagging schedule and weighing conditions for market animals.
3. Set and enforce standards and procedures for beef, swine, dairy, sheep and goat classes at the Grant County Fair. Set rules and regulations for herdsmanship.
4. Select judges for all beef, swine, dairy, sheep and goat classes and herdsmanship that will carry out the purposes of the Association.
5. Make recommendations to the Grant County Fair regarding new construction or remodeling of existing livestock facilities at the Fair, exclusive of Horse facilities.
6. Set rules for making up sale order.
7. Be responsible for printing of sale order.
8. Establish rules and regulations pertinent to management and operation of the sale.
9. Select auctioneers for the 4-H and FFA Livestock Auction sale.
10. Select and hire support staff to work the sale and bookkeeping of the Association.
11. Obtain floor bids or floor prices prior to the sale.
12. Promote the livestock sale with the assistance of the area buyer-booster committees.
13. Handle the sorting and loading out of the livestock sale animals at the close of the fair.
14. Audit Committee consisting of three (3) members from the Association shall perform an internal audit and report at the annual meeting in February.
15. The following standing committees and superintendents shall be appointed by the President:
  - A. Carcass
  - B. Auction
  - C. Clerical
  - D. Round Robin Competition
  - E. Awards
16. Compliance with the state and federal rules and regulations, concerning transportation, exhibition, and marketing of livestock animals

## **ARTICLE IX – DISSOLUTION OF COMMITTEE**

Section 1. Upon consideration of the dissolution of the Grant County 4-H and FFA Livestock Sale Association, Inc., both the WSU Grant-Adams Area Extension, the Columbia Basin Agriculture Teacher's Association, and the Grant County Fairgrounds will need to be informed with the following procedures desired:

A. The livestock committee shall be terminated and dissolved upon a majority vote of the membership in favor of dissolution and termination of the Grant County 4-H and FFA Livestock Sale Association, Inc.

B. Shall promptly pay or make provision for all outstanding debts and liabilities of the Grant County 4-H and FFA Livestock Sale Association, Inc.

C. The remaining funds to be transferred to an organization or association with a youth livestock show in Grant-Adams County.

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