

Update from the Fair Board

June 21, 2022

IMPORTANT: We will not be doing an in person small animal weigh in this year, partly due to the Avian Influeza state emergency rule. Instead, all poultry/fowl exhibitors must make arrangements with the extension office to pick up leg bands for their birds and report the exhibitor's name and animal leg band number to the fair board. All rabbit exhibitors need to report the rabbit tattoo number and exhibitor name, also. Exhibitors should try to make sure the rabbit breeder tattoos the rabbits prior to purchase. If rabbits do not have tattoos, the fair board will make arrangements with the exhibitor to tattoo the rabbits before fair. Please make sure all exhibitors report their animals and tattoo/tag numbers to the fair board by July 5th. Exhibitors may do so by:

- completing the online form [click here](#)
- Email reganlisnyder@gmail.com
- Calling 970-210-3447

REVISED SMALL ANIMAL DATES:

10 a.m., Wednesday July 20, 2022 – Small Animal Weigh In

1 p.m., Wednesday July 20, 2022 – Small Animal Show

AVIAN INFLUENZA continues to prevail in several neighboring counties and there is a good chance the Colorado's Agricultural Commission may reinstate the emergency rule suspending all poultry Shows, meets, sales, swaps, and competitions. The Fair Board is staying abreast of the issue and is working on a contingency plan if the order is reinstated. The fair board will make a decision by July 2 and communicate the options to poultry/fowl exhibitors. The fair board is considering a virtual show and silent online auction. For more information go to the [Colorado Department of Ag website](#).

REMINDER: Weight Gain and Min/Max Weight Requirements are as follows:

Specie	Minimum at Fair	Maximum at Fair	Minimum Gain
Lambs	100 pounds	No max	.25 lb./day
Goats	50 pounds	No max	.15 lb./day
Beef	1,050 pounds	No max	1.5 lbs./day
Pigs	220 pounds	300 pounds	No minimum

Requirements for small animals—weights are recommended:

Specie	Roasters	Fryers
Rabbits - Pen of 3	15 – 24 pounds combined weight	9 to 15 pounds combined weight
Market chickens - Pen of 3	18 – 27 pounds combined weight	13.5 – 18 pounds combined weight
Market Turkey - Single	14 – 40 pounds	
Market Duck - Single	5 – 8 pounds	

HORSE SHOW IS CANCELED: Due to low participation in the 4-H horse program, the show is canceled this year.

FAIR SETUP will be different at fair this year. The fair board has purchased new tie rails and gates for the indoor barn, which will make setup and tear down much easier. Beef exhibitors will be required to tie their animals on the tie rail. Stall dividers can be used as well as shavings. Please make sure your beef are trained to tie. Beef will need to have a neck tie rope in conjunction with a halter. Neck tie ropes can be purchased at almost any farm and ranch supply or show supply store and serve as a safety measure in case a halter comes off while tied. If you have questions about how to train your animal to tie, please reach out to your leader, fair board member or extension office.

NEW! OPEN YOUTH BREEDING SHOWS: Youth contestants younger than 18 years of age as of January 1, 2022 (no minimum age) are eligible to participate in open youth breeding shows. Youth need not be enrolled in the project but must be an active member of a 4-H club or FFA chapter. Classes will be determined by number of entries and based on age, sex, breed etc. as determined by the superintendent. Contestants can be from any county and state. The shows will be conducted after the market class grand champion drive of each species. Open youth breeding shows will be conducted for the following species:

- Sheep
- Goats
- Pig
- Cattle

Contestants must pre-enter by July 5th. [Click here](#) to enter or call Regan for more information 970-210-3447

LIVE VIDEO STREAMING: let you friends and family who cannot attend the fair in person know we will be live streaming the shows again this year. Stormy Productions TV will be hosting the event. www.stormyproductions.tv

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE: The sale brochures are available to be picked up at the extension office. The fair board would like to stress how important it is that kids work hard to market their projects. There will be no internet live auction this year. However, there might be a silent online auction for the poultry exhibitors' projects.

CATCH-A-HEIFER is back. [Click Here](#) to sign up by July 16.

FUTURE FARMERS SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY Montrose County is honoring the county's agricultural heritage and investing in the future of agriculture by awarding two \$2,500 scholarships to county students who meet the scholarship requirements. For more information [click here](#).

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