

WYOMING
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PREMIUM BOOK | 2026



2026 Changes

Check here for a quick guide to the changes that have happened since the 2025 Wyoming State Fair. We will include significant schedule changes, major policy or requirement changes, new divisions and classes, and any classes that have been taken out.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

- The Youth Sheep barn will not open until 12:00 PM on Sunday, August 9 for set-up.
- Youth Horse entries are due at 6:00 PM on Friday along with all other youth livestock entries.
- Youth Horse: Monday Indoor area schedule will no longer run concurrently (split arena). Instead, show order will be FFA showmanship followed by 4-H showmanship followed by Halter Geldings and concluding with Halter Mares.
- The King Arthur Baking Contest will be held on Friday evening and not Saturday this year. See Culinary for details.

YOUTH LIVESTOCK

- Health forms must be obtained from the vet within 14 days of the animal's arrival on grounds (previously 30 days). All animals for an exhibitor may be listed on the same form. Please have your health forms ready when you arrive on grounds as they will be checked before you are able to unload.
- All animals except poultry and rabbits need a health form. Poultry and rabbits will continue to have on-site health checks prior to their respective shows.
- Registration papers are no longer required for the Youth Breeding Sheep show. Youth Sheep exhibitors planning on entering the Open Sheep Show should have copies of registration papers or be prepared to enter into the commercial classes.
- Youth Breeding Sheep with still have fitted and slick shorn classes, however, there will only be one champion for each breed (fitted and slick shorn breed champions will compete against each other).
- Youth Market Sheep exhibitors who lose their classification card between classification and turning in for weight declaration will automatically be put into the Crossbreed class.
- Youth Meat Breeding Goat Does in the Junior age group (born Sep 1, 2025 to present) will be broken into classes by weight. Senior Meat Breeding Does will continue to break out by age. See page ___ for classes. Junior does will need to weigh with the Market Goats on Tuesday. See schedule for time.
- Youth Breeding Swine will no longer be split by age. Instead, they will be split by weight. Weight cards will be due at the same time as for Market Swine.

OPEN LIVESTOCK

- The Performance Lamb contest will not be returning this year.

YOUTH STATIC

- New classes have been added to FFA Ag Mechanics and Classroom. See pages 50-54 for details.

OPEN STATIC

- Culinary classes have changed! Be sure to review each division so you know where your entries fit best. Check out the new spotlight classes that highlight fun flavor combos and challenges!
- NEW THIS YEAR: Best Crumbl-Inspired Cookie (Culinary), House Plant Collection (Gardening), ZZ Plant (Gardening), Propagation Station Yearlings (Gardening), America the Beautiful (Natural Fiber Arts), Red, White & Blue Hand-dyed Colorway (Natural Fiber Arts), Red, White & True (Theme Quilt, Needlework), Paint the Fair (Visual Arts), and America Unscripted (Visual Arts). See each department for more info.
- Crafted Arts has several combined/rearranged classes in gourd art, mosaics, paper crafting and garden decor. See page 77-80 for more info.
- The Little Rock Village class has updated guidelines for board size and village size.
- Wyoming State Fair Cookie Jar contest no longer requires the jar to be filled with cookies (Culinary). There are also classes for both adults and youth.
- Updated guidelines and age division for the Table Setting Contest (Culinary). The theme has also been removed, so use all your creativity!
- Several cut flower and potted plant varieties have had classes combined. Check your favorite to know the best class to enter your exhibit (Gardening).
- Natural Fiber Arts Garments have new class breakouts.
- Classes & Divisions we said goodbye to: Best Display (Culinary)--this is replaced by Best of Show awards throughout the department; Canned Meat (Culinary); Cut flowers: balsam, clarkia, dianthus (Gardening); Potted Pepper Plants (Gardening)
- Update to the Overall Premier Exhibitor contest: this contest can only be won once every three(3) years. See page 76 for more details.

SPECIAL CONTEST OPPORTUNITIES

- To help celebrate America's 250th birthday, we will have a special contest, "She's a Grand Old Flag" where exhibitors can enter their best American flag inspired artwork. Exhibits that have been previously entered into the Wyoming State Fair are eligible to be entered in this contest only. Check the website for details. Entries will be accepted in the Crafted Arts department at normal processing times.
- Calling all cake bakers & decorators--join us for the first annual Cowboy State Cake Showdown! This special contest is a joint venture with the Wyoming State Fair Foundation, and will pit 10 teams against each other on both best tasting cake (public tasting and voting) as well as cake decoration (live, on-site). Watch the website for details and how to enter. You may just win the Golden Fork AND the Golden Tier award!

2026 Wyoming State Fair and Rodeo ROADMAP FOR FIRST TIME YOUTH EXHIBITORS

Exhibiting at the Wyoming State Fair is an exciting opportunity to showcase your hard work, make new friends, and gain valuable experience. Here's what you need to know:

GETTING STARTED

Eligibility Youth must be enrolled in 4-H (through ZSuite) or FFA in Wyoming to enter Youth Show Livestock competitions and 4-H/ FFA static competitions. All youth, regardless of club/chapter activity, may enter the Open Classes for both livestock and static, and are encouraged to do so.

County Fair Participation Youth 4-H and FFA Static (non-livestock/indoor) exhibits must qualify at the county level before advancing to State Fair. Livestock exhibitors do not need to qualify at the county level to enter State Fair. The exceptions for livestock are Champion of Champions and FFA Showmanship classes, both of which require qualification at the county level (COC) / chapter level (FFA). Any entry you make into the Open shows need not place at the county level.

Entry Process Livestock and FFA exhibits are entered via ShoWorks; 4-H static exhibits are entered via 4-H. Wyoming State Fair uses Group Entry, meaning 4-H educators/FFA advisors log in and do the entries for their respective groups. Each county may have different procedures for how they accomplish this, so check with your 4-H leader, Extension Educator, or FFA advisor on the process for your county. You, as the exhibitor and parent, will not be able to enter your 4-H/FFA projects into ShoWorks directly, but you can enter your Open projects! Please work with your educator/advisor to ensure you have access to the password that will get all your open projects entered under your same login as your youth projects. This will help ensure all your prizes are included in one check after fair.

Deadlines State Fair entry deadlines must be met. These can be found in the official premium book. The most notable deadlines are listed on page 11 under the General Information. Ownership deadlines are listed on page 19 under Youth Livestock. There are ownership and tagging deadlines, as well as entry deadlines. Talk with your educator/advisor if you are unsure of a deadline.

ADMISSIONS & FEES

Passes Daily or season passes are required for all exhibitors and guests starting Tuesday, August 11. Many educators/advisors will secure passes for the youth exhibitors (and sometimes, for the exhibitor's family) when submitting entries and credentials prior to fair. These passes are given to the educator/advisor and they will distribute them to their exhibitors. Check with your educator/advisor for the process in your county. Additional passes can be purchased for family and friends online or at the ticket booths at the fairgrounds.

Processing/Entry Fees All livestock are charged a processing fee, and there are some additional stock fees for the horse show. All youth fees are typically paid through the club/chapter/school. Each county, club or school may have a different way of collecting these fees from the exhibitor (and some cover all or part of the fees). Get with your educator/advisor to learn what fees you will need to cover and what help they may be able to give. These fees must be paid by the chapter/club/school upon arrival on grounds. Any additional passes, entry fees for Open class, parking, etc, must be paid upon arrival.

PREPARING FOR STATE FAIR

Static Exhibits Most 4-H indoor projects are transported by county Extension Educators. Oversized or fragile items may require personal delivery. Confirm with your county on how they do this.

Livestock Exhibits Some counties work together to transport animals, while many leave that up to individual families. Check with your educator, advisor, and county staff to verify your transportation options. Animals may begin arrival on grounds on Monday, August 10, at 8:00 AM, and must be in place by 5:00 PM that day.

Review the requirements for health certificates, brand inspections, drug declaration forms, breeding papers, and vaccinations. Make sure to bring all appropriate papers, certificates, and documentation with you. Brand paperwork, health certificates, vaccination records can all be digital as long as they are clear and accessible. Drug declaration forms must be a physical copy to turn in. Check show guidelines for breeding paper requirements.

It is a good idea to print out the section of this book that pertains to your species. You can use this as a reference when you get to the fairgrounds, knowing which classes you are in, show times, and the basic entry requirements. Be sure to familiarize yourself with the requirements, policies, and general expectations for fairtime.

Lodging Options There are several different lodging options for youth exhibitors. Both 4-H and FFA exhibitors have the option of staying in the dorms on the fairgrounds. If staying in the dorms, you will need to bring your own bedding and towels. The respective programs provide chaperones. There is also a campground with RV hookups on the fairgrounds if the whole family wants to come. Reservations for these spots open up on July 1st each year and can be made via the website, www.wystatefair.com. There are also several hotels and other camping options in and around Douglas. If needing a hotel, please keep in mind rooms sell out quickly, so book early.

Meals There is a cafeteria available to all exhibitors starting with dinner on Monday night. You can purchase a weekly meal pass or buy meal tickets separately. Your educator/advisor can assist you in pre-purchasing these, but they are also available once you arrive from the Exhibitor's Office. Don't forget there is also the midway and food court, with lots of tasty options. Some spending cash will go a long way!

Planning Your Visit Check out Converse County Tourism's website, <https://conversecountytourism.com/> to help plan your time in the Douglas area.

DURING FAIR WEEK

Arriving Upon arrival, check in with your species superintendent and follow their direction for unloading, stalling, etc. Each species superintendent has an office in the livestock area (either in the barn or nearby) or at the show tent (for walk in shows). Stall cards with contact details must be displayed in the pen for the duration of fair for cattle, goats, sheep, and swine.

Herdsmanship Pens must be cleaned by 9 AM daily. Most counties will have a trailer parked near the barns for storing extra feed and bedding. Work with your county advisors and educators to know when they will have those unlocked during the day. Any additional loading of supplies should happen during loading windows (5:00 AM-9:00 AM and 5:00 PM-9:00 PM daily). Be sure to bring enough bedding & feed to last the week! Limited shavings are available on grounds for purchase.

ROADMAP FOR FIRST TIME YOUTH EXHIBITORS

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Livestock Showing As a livestock exhibitor, be sure to note when your species needs to be checked in, weighed in (market classes), and classified (market classes). Some species use weight cards that must be turned in, and some have the animals pass over the scales. Check your species pages in the book for these times and locations. It is your responsibility to be present for these activities and turn in the required information on time.

On your show day, be ready to enter the ring when your class is called. Review schedules and listen for announcements. Be on time and exhibit good sportsmanship at all times.

Jackpot Shows The Wyoming Ag Teacher Association (WATA) puts on jackpot shows for each of the four market species (goats, swine, sheep, and cattle). You can enter these when you weigh in (beef and goats) or check in (for sheep and swine). Get with your species superintendent for more details. You will need cash to enter. There is more info in the Youth Livestock section of this book on entry fees and show times.

Have Fun Remember, fair is about celebrating all the things our exhibitors (YOU!) have accomplished over the past year. We hope you enjoy showing off your animals and non-animal projects. Be sure to check out the midway, exhibit halls, shows of other species, and the great entertainment on grounds while you are here!

Exhibits Release Youth livestock exhibits may leave starting Saturday, August 15, at 6:00 PM. Open livestock release times vary and are listed in this book. Statics vary by 4-H/FFA and Open, and times are listed in this book. You are responsible for cleaning the pens/stalls your animals were in before you depart.

AFTER FAIR

Premium Checks If your exhibits earned a monetary prize given by the WSF, known as a premium, a check will be mailed to the address provided on your entry (either online or submitted form for Open). If you had multiple entry files, or if you win a special 4-H award, you may receive more than one check. If you have not seen your premiums by September 30th, please first check with your advisor or educator. If a school or club address was used when they did entries, your check would have been mailed there. If they do not have it, call the WSF office and ask for Sara. The last day to report a missing or inaccurate check is November 1st, 2026.

Any exhibitor earning over \$600 in premiums must fill out a W-9 before the check will be released. If you believe you earned over \$600, please contact Sara in the office to complete your form.

Any exhibitor who has an animal exhibit drug tested will have their premiums held until the results are received and verified that they are negative or excusable.

Plan for Next Year Start thinking about your next project and how you can improve for the following year's competition! The fair will be August 17-21, 2027. We hope to see you and your exhibits there!

For more details, consult the Wyoming State Fair premium book or contact your county Extension Office or FFA Advisor.

COMING TO FAIR CHECKLIST

	Confirm enrollment of project(s) through ZSuite or FFA
	Coordinate with educator/advisor to complete State Fair entries and additional passes (meals, dorms, entry, etc)
	Enter any additional projects into Open Class. Educators/advisors can assist, but may have you do this on your own. Online entry opens July 1 at www.wystatefair.com
	Verify and coordinate with educator/advisor on transportation of exhibits (both static and animal)
	Gather and verify all required paperwork: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Health Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Brand inspection (paper or digital) <input type="checkbox"/> Vaccination records (paper or digital) for dogs & cats <input type="checkbox"/> Breeding papers (if required) <input type="checkbox"/> Drug declaration form (physical copy to turn in, one per market species being shown)
	Print out Premium Book sections for your species & shows. Be familiar with your show times and locations!
	Bedding and feed for your animal exhibit for the week
	Pick and confirm lodging: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Dorms (4-H and FFA youth only) <input type="checkbox"/> WSF Campground (reservations open July 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel or other option in Douglas (book early!) <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
	Pick your meal options and arrange (if needed) with your educator/advisor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Cafeteria (single meal or weekly pass) <input type="checkbox"/> Food court/Midway options <input type="checkbox"/> Local eateries in Douglas <input type="checkbox"/> Bring groceries/meals/snacks
	Plan ahead for jackpot and Open show entries. Cash may be required for entry fees

LIVESTOCK HEALTH & COMPLIANCE

ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

A completed WSF Health Form, signed by an accredited veterinarian, listing each individual animal's identification, must accompany all livestock exhibiting at the Wyoming State Fair. The Health Form must be signed by an accredited veterinarian within 14 days of entry to the Wyoming State Fairgrounds.

- All animals except poultry and rabbits need a health form. Poultry and rabbits will continue to have on-site health checks prior to their respective shows.
- For youth livestock exhibitors, the WSF health form must be presented before unloading livestock.
- For open livestock exhibitors, please turn in your health form to the species superintendent upon arrival on the fairgrounds and before unloading.
- All livestock entering the grounds may be subject to inspection by WSF veterinarian(s) upon entry and throughout the fair.
- Animals with active ringworm, lesions, or warts easily visible without close examination are not permitted to exhibit.
- Any animal showing evidence of infectious, contagious, or communicable disease may be immediately removed from the grounds and held in isolation until further testing is completed or released to the owner's premises.
- The WSF Health Form may be found in the Forms section of this book and online at www.wystatefair.com/exhibitors

BRAND INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

A brand inspection is required on all cattle, horses, mules, and sheep moving intrastate across a county line prior to entry. A brand inspection is also required on all cattle, horses, mules, and sheep leaving the Wyoming State Fair and Rodeo moving intrastate across a county line or interstate leaving the State of Wyoming. Documents need to be presented for inspection at time of animal health check-in. More information on brand inspection law is available at the Wyoming Livestock Board website: <https://wlsb.state.wy.us/public/brand-inspection>

OUT OF STATE ANIMALS

All animals entering Wyoming for the fair must comply with both the import requirements of the Wyoming Livestock Board and the specific regulations of the Wyoming State Fair. Detailed information is available at: <https://wlsb.state.wy.us/public/brand-inspection>

WASTE REMOVAL

All animal, feed, and bedding waste material from the State Fair goes to a recycling site to be composted. We need your assistance in the recycling efforts. Please keep your animal, feed, and bedding waste separated from your regular man-made garbage. It is the responsibility of each Exhibitor to keep stalls, pens, and/or exhibit areas clean and neat. In order to keep the barns in presentable order for guests, we ask the following of you:

- Have stalls cleaned and refuse material placed in the designated sites before 8:00 PM each evening.
- After 9:00 AM, all refuse is to be removed to the nearest designated refuse container

LODGING INFORMATION DOUGLAS, WYOMING

BUDGET INN EXPRESS
2310 E Richards St
Exit 135
307-358-4780

BLUE BUFFALO
615 E Richards St
Exit 135
307-351-3514

FIRST INTERSTATE INN
2349 E Richards St
Exit 135
307-358-2833

FOUR WINDS MOTEL
615 E Richards St
Exit 135
307-358-2322

HAMPTON INN & SUITES
1730 Muirfield Ct
Exit 140
307-358-0707

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS
and SUITES
900 W Yellowstone
Exit 140
307-358-4500

HOTEL LaBONTE
206 Walnut St
Exit 135
307-358-4343

KOA Journey
168 Cold Springs Rd
Exit 140
307-358-2164

PLAINS MOTEL COMPLEX
628 E Richards St
Exit 135
307-358-4484

SLEEP INN & SUITES
508 Cortez Dr
Exit 140
307-358-2777

SUPER 8 MOTEL
314 Russell Ave
Exit 140
307-358-6800

...WITHIN 30 MILES OF STATE FAIR GLENROCK, WY

HOTEL HIGGINS
416 W Birch St
307-436-9212

MABUHAY
302 W Birch St
307-436-5468

...WITHIN 50 MILES OF STATE FAIR CASPER, WY

BEST WESTERN PLUS
651 Granite Peak Dr
307-472-1120

RAMADA PLAZA
300 W F St
307-235-2531

BEST WESTERN RAMKOTA
800 N Poplar St
307-266-6000

MAINSTAY SUITES
551 Granite Peak Dr
307-472-5189

COMFORT INN OF CASPER
480 Lathrop Rd
307-235-3038

HOLIDAY INN - EAST
721 Granite Peak Dr
307-577-5000

AREA CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

CONVERSE COUNTY
TOURISM & VISTOR CENTER
121 Brownfield Rd.
Douglas, WY 82633
307-358-2950
www.conversecountytourism.com

GLENROCK
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
506 W. Birch St.
Glenrock, WY 82637
307-436-5652

CASPER AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
500 N. Center
Casper, WY 82601
307-234-5311

Please call the Douglas Visitor Center for any assistance during your visit to the Wyoming State Fair and Rodeo, 307-358-2950.

Texas Longhorn Awards

Presented by the Wyoming State Fair

HALTERED DIVISION - FEMALES

Champion Junior Haltered Female
 Reserve Champion Junior Haltered Female
 Champion Senior Haltered Female
 Reserve Champion Senior Haltered Female
GRAND CHAMPION HALTERED FEMALE
RES. GRAND CHAMPION HALTERED FEMALE

HALTERED DIVISION - MATURE FEMALES

GRAND CHAMPION HALTERED MATURE FEMALE
RES. GRAND CHAMP HALTERED MATURE FEMALE

HALTERED DIVISION - BULLS

Champion Junior Haltered Bull
 Reserve Champion Junior Haltered Bull
 Champion Senior Haltered Bull
 Reserve Champion Senior Haltered Bull
GRAND CHAMPION HALTERED BULL
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION HALTERED BULL

NON-HALTERED DIVISION - FEMALES

Champion Junior Free Division Female
 Res. Champion Junior Free Division Female
 Champion Senior Free Division Female
 Res. Champion Senior Free Division Female
 Grand Champion Free Division Female
 Res. Grand Champion Free Division Female
GRAND CHAMP FREE DIVISION MATURE FEMALE
RES. GRAND CHAMP FREE DIVISION MATURE FEMALE

TROPHY STEER DIVISION

Champion Junior Steer
 Reserve Champion Junior Steer
 Champion Senior Steer
 Reserve Champion Senior Steer
GRAND CHAMPION STEER
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION STEER

YOUTH DIVISION - FEMALES

Junior Champion Female
 Reserve Junior Champion Female
 Senior Champion Female
 Senior Reserve Champion Female
GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

YOUTH DIVISION - BULLS

GRAND CHAMPION BULL
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL

YOUTH DIVISION - YOUNG STEERS

Junior Champion Steer
 Reserve Junior Champion Steer
 Senior Champion Steer
 Reserve Senior Champion Steer
GRAND CHAMPION STEER
RESERVE CHAMPION STEER

ARBA Rabbit Show

HOSTED BY THE HIGH TIME RABBIT CLUB

SUPERINTENDENT	Laurie Hauska , Cheyenne, WY
ENTRY	Online or via mail by July 31 of the current year.
BEGIN ARRIVAL	Saturday, August 15, 7:00 AM
SHOW TIME	Saturday, August 15, 9:30 AM
QUESTIONS	Email hiddenlops@rtconnect.net , or call Laurie at 307-547-9247, or visit www.hightimerabbitclub.com

Two shows - One day - Two judges

OFFICIAL ARBA SANCTIONED SHOWS:

American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA)
 P.O. Box 5667
 Bloomington, IL 61702

Begin Arrival: Sat., August 16, 7:00 AM

Begin Release: After Show Completion

CHECK-IN: All rabbits must be at Event Tent by 9 AM, Saturday, August 15.

All animals entering fairgrounds must meet health requirements.

ARBA Awards

Premier Overall ExhibitorBanner

Best Overall Youth DisplayBanner

WDGA Dairy Goat Show

HOSTED BY THE WYOMING DAIRY GOAT ASSOCIATION

SUPERINTENDENT	Julie Johnson , Douglas, WY
ENTRY	Show packet and entry form available at www.wydga.org
SHOW TIME	Saturday, August 8, 3:00 PM & Sunday, August 9, 8:00 AM
QUESTIONS	Call Julie at 307-258-6719 or email at jjohns@hotmail.com

All animals entering fairgrounds must meet health requirements.

