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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

...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 Rd
307-472-5189

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

HOLIDAY INN - EAST
721 Granite Peak Rd
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.

Youth Shows

**ALPACA - CATTLE - GOAT - HORSE - POULTRY - RABBIT - SHEEP - SWINE
WOOL - FFA - 4-H**

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Youth livestock exhibitors must be familiar with and abide by all of the regulations of the Wyoming State Fair including those in the General Information section.

Eligibility Bona fide Wyoming 4-H and Wyoming FFA members in good standing are eligible to enter and participate as a representative of their respective county 4-H or FFA chapter. Youth must have exhibited or shown at their respective and most recent county fair.

Medical Release Forms All youth show exhibitors must have a completed medical release form from their respective youth organization.

Separate 4-H and FFA Entries Per the June 2021 MOU between UWE 4-H and the Wyoming FFA Association, any youth enrolled in both organizations must identify each static exhibit or animal entered for competition as being a unique outcome of their 4-H project or their FFA Supervised Agriculture Experience and enter the correct classes/divisions endorsed by their applicable organization.

Affiliation The Wyoming State Fair encourages Youth Show exhibitors to wear 4-H or FFA emblems.

Entry Process Entries in any youth livestock, 4-H, and FFA classes are completed by the member's respective 4-H Educator or FFA Advisor.

Youth exhibitors are encouraged to enter Open Class Livestock shows. Exhibitors who wish to enter Open shows must comply with those deadlines, regulations, and pay separate fees. Please see each Open Species show for details. Please note registration paper requirements for Open Class entries. See pages 63-73. Original registration papers or photocopies must be presented for all animals requiring them. Absolutely no "applied for" registrations will be accepted.

Processing Fee Each 4-H / FFA exhibitor in this department is required to pay a processing fee as a condition toward application for entry. Processing Fees are as follows:

- \$ 20 / head for cattle
- \$ 15 / head for equine (halter and performance)
- \$ 10 / head for Alpaca, Sheep, Swine, Goats
- \$ 3 per rabbit, poultry and wool fleece

This fee is due for every animal entered for exhibit, *even if not ultimately shown*. All fees must be paid in full, a club/school voucher submitted, or invoicing arranged with WSF by Monday of fair week at 8:00 PM. All invoiced amounts must be paid in full by September 30 of the current year.

Ownership All livestock must be owned by the individual member by the following dates of the current year:

- February 1—Market Beef
- May 1—Dogs
- June 1—Market Lamb, Market Swine, Market Goats, Poultry, Horses, All other youth livestock
- Meat Rabbits—80 day rule

Brand Papers and Health Certificates See Animal Health requirements on page 17.

Tagging/Identification All Market animals must be properly tagged with an approved 15-digit RFID ear tag. Market animals not having the proper RFID tags in place will not be eligible to show. The tag must match the tag that was recorded at the spring tagging by the county, 4-H or FFA, and submitted to the State Fair by the tagging deadlines.

Stalling/Pens All youth show animals must be housed in the dedicated Youth section of the barns, unless given special written permission by the Youth Livestock Superintendent of the species in question, in cooperation and agreement with the applicable Open Show Superintendent.

FFA Advisors/ 4-H Educators making entry in the Youth Livestock Shows are to figure animal head count/stall/pen needs accurately and properly, especially in the case where facilities have specified limits for space allowed per county and/or chapter. Those individual counties/ chapters who over inflate their expected numbers or that exceed their reported numbers shall be fined \$100 and the processing fees for the next year's State Fair shall double (i.e., \$10 sheep fee goes to \$20) for all youth livestock shows. No exceptions. Honesty and integrity are the guide. These are reported on the Credentials & Invoicing Form, due to the Exhibitor's Office by 6:00 PM Friday prior to fair.

All stalling shall be assigned by the superintendents. No one may begin moving into stalls until assignments have been made. Tack stalls may not be claimed or moved into until ALL animals have been stalled, and must be within the assigned county's allocation of stalls. Beef tie-outs will be first come, first serve on Monday, but exhibitors may be asked to tighten up if need dictates. Superintendents will work with Endowment winners on any tack areas that were won.

On Display All youth animal exhibits in beef, goats, swine, and sheep are required to remain on exhibit for the duration of the State Fair. Animals must be in place by 5:00 PM on Monday and will be released starting Saturday night at 6:00 PM.

Bedding No bedding is provided except for initial bedding for cattle. Exhibitors must furnish their own bedding. See page 14 for more info.

Herdsmanship See page 14. Stall cards are to be completed and on display for the duration of fair.

Waste Removal Partnership All animal, feed, and bedding waste material from the State Fair goes to a recycling site to be composted. Please keep animal waste separate from man-made garbage. Have your stalls cleaned and refuse material in designated sites before 9:00 AM. After 9:00 AM all refuse material is to be removed to the nearest refuse container.

Livestock Trailers & Feed Delivery No livestock trailer can be parked on the grounds without proper permits displayed on the trailer. Complimentary trailer permits and feed delivery vehicle passes will be provided to one designated educator/advisor for each chapter and/or county. The number of permits provided is based on the number of registered youth livestock exhibitors from each chapter and/or county from the previous year, as indicated below.

	Exhibitors 1-10	11-30	31-50	51+
Feed Trailer Permits	1	2	3	4
Livestock Park & Feed Passes	1	2	3	4

Feed delivery vehicles may only be used during the designated hours of 5:00 AM to 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Violators will lose their feed delivery permit(s). Additional feed delivery vehicle passes may be purchased for \$100.00 each by the designated educator/advisor at the Exhibitor's Office.

All other livestock trucks and trailers are to be parked in the south end of the Pepsi Lot, west of Brownfield Road. **There are to be no livestock trailers parked in other locations on the grounds.**

Premium trailer parking is available through the WSF Endowment Fund Auction held annually in June.

Blocking Chute, Tables, Fitting Stands, and Fans See page 14.

Youth Fitting Policy Exhibitors must be present for and actively participate in the fitting of their animals. In the interest of safety and education, an exhibitor may be assisted at the Wyoming State Fair in the fitting of their animals. Assistance is defined as a learning opportunity where the person assisting is educating the youth exhibitor on the technique of ethical fitting as outlined within this premium book. Anyone found to be in violation of this policy may be subject to immediate disqualification or removal from the fairground by State Fair Management.

Unethical fitting at the Wyoming State Fair is defined as: the injection, use, or administration of any drug that is prohibited by Federal, State, or Local Law, or any drug that is used in a manner prohibited by Federal, State, or Local Law; the injection or internal or external administration of any product or material, whether gas, solid, or liquid, to an animal that conceals, enhances, or transforms the true conformation, configuration, breed, condition, or age, or by making the animal appear more sound than otherwise would appear; the administration, use, or application of any drug or feed additive affecting the central nervous system; the administration of diuretics for cosmetic purposes; tissue manipulation, removal, surgical attachment, or otherwise to change, conceal, enhance, or transform the true conformation or configuration of the animal; attaching to the hide foreign objects including hair/wool or hair/wool substitutes, cloth, or fiber; any physical or physiological attempt to alter the natural musculature or weight by use of injections or ingested material not conducive to the continued health or marketability of beef, sheep, swine, or goat carcasses.

Maintaining the integrity of the meat derived from the livestock exhibited at the Wyoming State Fair is the primary reason for the policies and procedures. Most of the market animals shown at the WSF were previously shown and sold before entry to the WSF. Exhibitors have a moral and ethical responsibility to produce meat that will be safe for the consuming public.

Exhibitor Participation During official class judging, only the exhibitor will be allowed in the show ring. In case of exhibitor sickness or other emergency, an animal may be shown by a substitute exhibitor, provided the substitute is a bona fide Wyoming 4-H or FFA member and the show Superintendent has been advised in advance of the show of the need and grants permission. In Showmanship classes, exhibitors must show their own animal, and no substitute exhibitor is allowed.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct It is considered a violation of the National Show Ring Code of Ethics to display unsportsmanlike conduct. Such conduct will not be tolerated, and offending exhibitors may forfeit awards and premiums, be dismissed immediately from the fairgrounds, and/or lose future eligibility to exhibit at the Wyoming State Fair.

Reporting Violations Witnessed violations of the Youth Show Policies should be reported to an adult to then be addressed as follows:

1. To the FFA Advisor or 4-H Educator of the member whose entry is involved.
2. If the situation is not resolved, report to the State organizational leadership of the member (State FFA Advisor or State 4-H Coordinator.)
3. If the situation is not resolved, report to a member of the Youth Show Committee to review.

If the situation might need further attention, an appeal can be made through the Wyoming State Fair formal protest policy. See page 16 for the formal policy.

Premier Exhibitor If a Premier Exhibitor award is given, it is based on total points won by an exhibitor in the division. First place placements count as 7 points, second place count as 6 points and third place counts as 5 points, and so on through 7th place with 1 point and all other placements (if awarded) as 0 points. This applies to Youth Livestock Premier awards only.

ANIMAL DRUG TESTING

The Wyoming State Fair will continue drug testing Market Swine, Beef, Goats, and Sheep. For these market species, drug testing will be mandatory for the top five placement winners and randomly selected market animals from each species.

Why At the Wyoming State Fair, we value education, animal welfare, protecting the food chain, and fostering fair competition. Drug testing is a valuable tool to help exhibitors and families to understand the possible implications of using substances on their animal.

Drug Declaration By 5:00 PM on Tuesday of the 2026 Wyoming State Fair, exhibitors MUST turn in their drug declaration forms to the Exhibitor Office drop box. **ONE FORM IS REQUIRED PER MARKET ANIMAL.** Drug Declaration forms can be found in the back of this book, at wystatefair.com, or picked up at the Exhibitor Office. Any exhibitor who does not turn in a declaration form by this time forfeits the right to contest in the case of a positive test. Exhibitors who have animals tested will have the opportunity to provide a secondary declaration at the time of testing to cover anything administered from 5:00 PM Tuesday and their show time.

Top Five Winners Sample collection will occur immediately following the judge's selection. The drug testing liaisons or a State Fair representative, along with a parent, guardian, or designated adult witness (age 18 or older), will escort the animal to a secured area. They will remain with the animal until a sample is successfully collected, sealed, and signed by both the testing liaison and the exhibitor's adult representative (or by the exhibitor, if 18 or older). Chain of custody best practices will be observed throughout the process. Once the WSF receives the test results, exhibitors will be notified by letter of the outcome and, if the results are negative or excusable, will receive their premiums.

Random Tests Prior to animals entering the show ring, a class and placement will be announced that will be required to do a random drug test. Sample collection will take place immediately following the judge's selection. The drug testing liaisons or a State Fair Representative, and a parent, guardian, or witness over the age of eighteen for the exhibitor will escort the animal to the secured area and remain with the animal until a sample has been successfully collected, sealed and signed by the testing liaison and the exhibitor's adult representative (or the exhibitor, if 18 or older). Chain of custody best practices shall be followed. Upon WSF receiving the results, exhibitors will receive a letter informing them of the results of the test and, if negative or excusable, their premiums.

Consequences for Positive Tests Upon receiving a positive test result from the lab, a review panel will determine whether the result is excusable, and if inexcusable, the consequences for the exhibitor. The determination made by the review panel is final and not eligible for protest.

In the event of a positive test, the Wyoming State Fair will notify the exhibitor of the positive test and of the opportunity to contest the results by (1) requesting a test of the split sample, (2) providing written explanation and supporting documents for why the animal had a positive drug test result, or (3) both. The selection of the laboratory, or choice of laboratories, to be used for the testing of any split samples shall be determined by the Wyoming State Fair. The exhibitor is solely responsible for all costs associated with the testing of their animal's split sample. If an exhibitor elects to contest, the exhibitor must, within 7 days of receiving notice of the positive test result: (1) submit a written request for a test of the split sample along with proof that the exhibitor has paid the selected laboratory all costs associated with the test; (2) submit written explanation and supporting documents, if any, for why the animal had a positive drug test result; or (3) both. If the exhibitor fails to do either of the above, within the time provided, the exhibitor waives any right to contest.

To determine whether the original results are inexcusable and if consequences are warranted, the review panel will review the original drug test results, the split sample test results, if applicable, and any documents submitted by the exhibitor. If the review panel deems the original positive test inexcusable, the exhibitor will forfeit premiums and awards for the animal that tested positive.

Additionally, consequences for an inexcusable positive test may range from a 1-3 year probation period to a 1-3 year suspension period. During a probation period, the exhibitor's market livestock exhibits must be drug tested upon arrival at the Wyoming State Fairgrounds. The exhibitor will be responsible for drug testing fees during the probation period. During a suspension period, the exhibitor will not be permitted to show during the Wyoming State Fair.

In the case of a positive test resulting in disqualification, placements will not advance up.

YOUTH HOUSING-DORMITORIES

To help youth exhibitors be able to attend the fair and participate in competitions, the fair provides the use of dormitory-style housing on grounds for the benefit of youth exhibitors.

FACILITIES

1. The fair dormitories have bunk beds, foam mattresses, showers, and lavatories. The female dormitory also has clothes racks.
2. All youth and adult chaperons staying in the dormitories must provide their own bedding (sheets, pillows, pillow cases, and blankets), towels, soap, personal hygiene items, clothes hangers, and any other personal belongings as needed.
3. Individuals are responsible for all personal belongings.

ELIGIBILITY

1. **Only bona fide 4-H and FFA youth contestants who are participants in contests or educational activities during the State Fair, along with official adults serving as dormitory chaperons, are eligible to stay in youth housing.**
2. If space is available, Extension Educators, Agricultural Education (FFA) Advisors, and other designated chapter/county adult leaders may be allowed to stay in youth housing.
3. **Children under eight years of age will not be allowed to stay in the dormitories.**

COSTS

1. **Dormitory use fees are \$60.00 per full week** (Monday through Sunday).
2. No single day rates will be available.
3. Each individual who stays in a dormitory is required to pay the \$60.00 usage fee.
4. Dormitories will be available for occupancy on Monday, August 10 at 3:00 PM and will close on Sunday, August 16 at 10:00 AM.

REGISTRATION

1. Processes specific to each youth organization will be utilized.
 - a) For FFA DORMS, see pages 50-51, #8-12 and contact Stacy Broda.
 - b) For 4-H DORMS, see page 55, #2 and contact Samantha Krieger or the State 4-H office.
2. It is the responsibility of the FFA or 4-H personnel to verify the arrival of the youth members named on the housing registration.

PRIVILEGES

1. **Youth having dormitory privileges are required to abide by established policies and cooperate with fair and dormitory management for the enjoyment and benefit of all involved.**
2. Advisors, agents, and adult chaperons are responsible and accountable for the conduct of their youth delegation as well as designated chaperons at all times.
3. Individual or group violators of policies, deadlines, or other regulations of conduct will face disciplinary and/or legal action.
4. **For safety reasons: Each individual staying in the dormitory will be required to have proper identification easily visible at all times for access to the dormitories.**

PETS

1. **There will be no pets or animals of any type allowed in the dormitories;** exception for written requests for service dogs may be made to the General Manager.

HOURS

1. All youth and adults staying in the dorm shall be in by 10:30 PM each evening or at the designated curfew time as posted by the Wyoming State Fair and the youth programs involved.
2. Adult chaperons are responsible to ensure that each and all members of their delegation are in prior to the evening deadline.
3. Violations of the established curfew time will cause the individual violator to automatically lose their dormitory use and other fairtime privileges for the current fair. The violator will be required to find alternative housing off the fairgrounds, or will be requested to leave the fairgrounds for the duration of the current fair, or will have parents called to pick them up the following morning to be taken home for the duration of the current fair.

FORBIDDEN

1. **Possession or use of alcohol or illegal substances on grounds is absolutely forbidden.** Any youth participant, exhibitor, or adult chaperone identified with such substances shall automatically lose the privilege and earned right to represent their FFA Chapter or County 4-H program at State Fair and will immediately be sent home. Legal action may be pursued for violations.
2. There shall be no tobacco use inside the dormitories at any time. Violators will be warned the first time, with a second violation resulting in automatic loss of dormitory use.

MEDICAL

1. **Each youth participant and designated adult chaperone must be covered by accident and health insurance by their individual youth organization.**
2. Individuals requiring medical assistance are required to contact the head chaperone of the dormitory or contact the administrative office of the participant youth organization: Fort Caspar for 4-H and Fort Laramie for FFA

RESPONSIBILITY

1. The Wyoming State Fair assumes no responsibility for the loss of property, accident, or illness from utilizing dormitory space at the State Fair.

DORMITORY PARKING

COMPLIMENTARY PARKING

1. The Wyoming State Fair provides complimentary parking passes to one designated AEI or CEA from each participating chapter and county extension office. The number of individual vehicle parking passes provided is based upon the number of registered exhibitors/contestants staying in the dormitories from each chapter or county delegation. Delegations having passenger buses will be provided one complimentary parking pass per bus.

Registered Exhibitors in Dorms	1-5	6-15	16-25	26-35	36-50	51+
Parking Passes	1	2	3	4	6	8

2. Vehicles not having the proper parking credentials (designated pass) properly displayed or not properly parked in the designated lot may cause the vehicle pass to be revoked. Please use the parking passes in the proper manner and only in the designated locations. Abuse of these complimentary parking credentials may lead to negative consequences resulting in payment for the parking credential.

YOUTH MEALS-CAFETERIA

MEALS

1. MCKIBBEN CAFETERIA meals are available to youth exhibitors, adult chaperons, youth advisors and fair guests as a fairtime benefit.
2. Quality meals will be available daily, beginning with dinner Monday, August 10 through breakfast Sunday, August 16.
3. Individual meal tickets may be purchased daily at the door.
4. Season Meal Ticket is available for \$140.00 good for 17 meals, with an actual total value of \$170!
5. Once purchased, NO REFUNDS OR EXCHANGES ON SEASON MEAL TICKETS!
6. A lost, misplaced/stolen ticket requires the purchase of a replacement ticket or purchase individual meals.
7. **DAILY INDIVIDUAL MEAL PRICE:**
Breakfast - 6:00 AM to 9:00 AM..... \$10.00
Lunch - 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM \$10.00
Dinner - 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM \$10.00
SEASON MEAL TICKET..... **\$140.00**
PLEASE NOTE: Meal ticket prices do not include tax.

To access the cafeteria menu, please scan the QR code and click on the menu. Menu is subject to change.



Future

WYOMING STATE FAIR DATES

2027: AUGUST 17 – 21
2028: AUGUST 15 – 19
2029: AUGUST 14 – 18
2030: AUGUST 13 – 17

HOURS OF OPERATION FOR GUEST CONVENIENCE:

VENDOR HOURS

Outdoor: Tuesday - Saturday, 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM
Indoor: Tuesday - Saturday, 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM

EXHIBIT BUILDINGS

Ft. Caspar, Ft. Fetterman, Ft. Laramie,
 Ft. Reno, Upper Ag Hall

Guest Viewing:

Tuesday thru Saturday, 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM

GUEST GATES

Open Tuesday-Saturday for Ticket Sales
 FAIRGROUND CLOSES AT 12 MIDNIGHT

Visit www.wystatefair.com for official gate times.

Youth Livestock

Champion of Champions

DIVISION 1630-1633

SUPERINTENDENT	Sabina Wyse , Torrington, WY
ELIGIBILITY	Must have won the Grand Champion Market Animal for their species at their respective county fair.
ENTRY	Via ShoWorks submission by Friday, August 7 @ 6:00 PM. 4-H members through your county extension office. FFA members through your chapter advisor.
ENTRY FEE	No additional entry fee for this show.
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS	See page 17
SHOW LOCATION	Sheep Show Ring
BEGIN ARRIVAL	Youth livestock may begin arriving at 8:00 AM, Monday, August 11, and must be on grounds by 5:00 PM that day.
CHECK IN	With show superintendent after arrival on the fairgrounds.
IN PLACE	Tuesday, August 11, 5:00 PM
SHOW TIME	Tuesday, August 11, 6:00 PM
QUESTIONS	Wyoming State Fair Office: 307-358-2398 Show Superintendent--Sabina: 307-254-3855

1. General Youth Livestock Policies and Procedures apply to this division as well as those regulations listed below.
2. This special competition is provided for the Grand Champion Market Goat, Swine, Sheep, and Beef from each county fair in Wyoming. No other livestock is eligible.
 There shall be only one of each market species entered per county, with a maximum of 23 animals shown per species. County entry may be a market female or market male, whichever was designated as the county fair Grand Champion Market Animal for that species.
3. Eligible exhibitors should submit their biographical info and photo to WSF as soon as possible, but no later than **4:00 PM Sunday, August 9th**, to the show superintendent. Visit the Exhibitor's Section at wystatefair.com for a fillable form, check with your county fair, or use the form provided online. Completed forms may be emailed to: sabinawyse@outlook.com.

Divisions: Goats-1630 Swine-1631 Sheep-1632 Beef-1633
Class # is the county # the entry is from (ie, Natrona=1)

Champion of Champions Awards

Each Species Champion: \$50.00; Banner; Belt Buckle

Wyoming Agriculture Teachers Association (WATA) Market Jackpot Shows

DIVISION 1650

The Wyoming Agriculture Teachers Association (WATA) will host a jackpot show for each of the four market species. Youth with market animal exhibits are encouraged to participate.

JACKPOT POLICIES

1. Exhibitor(s) agree to abide by all Youth Livestock Show Policies and Procedures, respective youth programs' policies, meet Animal Health Requirements, and be knowledgeable of same before making entry for this event.
2. Entries must be submitted to the WATA on the designated WATA Youth Jackpot entry form. No late entries will be accepted. See each species listing for specific deadlines and fees.
3. All youth exhibiting in a Youth Market Show at the Wyoming State Fair Youth Show are eligible to enter the jackpot show with a proper completed WATA entry form and paid entry fee. Animals must be weighed/declare weight (according to each species for WSF shows) by the applicable deadlines.
4. No limit on the number of market animals that may be entered by an individual exhibitor.
5. **NO REFUNDS.** No refunds will be made on entry fees for any reason.
6. All payouts will be made by WATA immediately following the conclusion of this jackpot show. Payout based on a jackpot system using **\$18 per entry**: \$13.00 per height/weight class; \$5.00 for Overall Grand and Reserve Grand Champions (60%, 40% split), and the following percentage paid for each class:

WATA *Jackpot Premiums*

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
40%	30%	20%	10%

WATA *Youth Market Beef Jackpot Show*

SUPERINTENDENT	Current WATA Office Team
ELIGIBILITY	All youth market beef exhibiting in the Wyoming State Fair Youth Show are eligible to enter the jackpot. Must submit a proper, completed WATA entry form and entry fee.
ENTRY	Entries and entry fee will be processed at weigh-in for beef on Tuesday, August 11. No late entries will be accepted.
ENTRY FEE	\$20/head (\$2.00 for processing fee included)
SHOW TIME	Thursday, August 13, 6:00 PM
SHOW LOCATION	Beef Show Ring

1. Youth Beef Show guidelines are to be followed. Any violation of the following regulations will result in immediate disqualification from the current Wyoming State Fair with loss of all awards, premiums, and privileges. Animals are to be shown unfitted.
 - a) Any grooming material on any entry which shows evidence of artificial color when rubbed with a cloth or glove shall be disqualified. This does not apply to hoof dressing on hooves.
 - b) Any entry adding an artificial tail hair or tail fin, artificial poll, or adding any hair or hair-like substances will be disqualified.
 - c) The showing of livestock of any ineligible age or showing unethically fitted livestock is prohibited. Unethical fitting will be deemed to consist of any method which alters the natural conformation of any part of the animal's body. Any animal having been operated upon or tampered with for the purpose of concealing faults or with the intent to deceive will be disqualified.
2. Market Beef will be processed at 10:00AM, Tuesday, August 11. Classes will be established by WATA following processing without reference to breeds. No reweighs or remeasures.

WATA *Youth Market Goat Jackpot Show*

SUPERINTENDENT	Current WATA Office Team
ELIGIBILITY	All Youth Market Goats exhibiting in the Wyoming State Fair Youth Show are eligible to enter the jackpot. Must submit a proper, completed WATA entry form and entry fee.
ENTRY	Entries and entry fee will be processed at weigh-in for goats on Tuesday, August 11. No late entries will be accepted.
ENTRY FEE	\$20/head. (\$2.00 for processing fee included)
SHOW TIME	Thursday, August 13, 10:00 AM
SHOW LOCATION	Goat Show Ring

1. Youth Market Goat Show guidelines are to be followed. Any violation of the following regulations will result in immediate disqualification from the current Wyoming State Fair, with loss of all awards, premiums, and privileges. The showing of livestock of any ineligible age or showing unethically fitted livestock is prohibited. Unethical fitting will be deemed to consist of any method which alters the natural conformation of any part of the animal's body. Any animal having been operated upon or tampered with, for the purpose of concealing faults or with the intent to deceive will be disqualified.
2. Market goats will be processed on Tuesday, August 11, at weigh in. Classes will be established by WATA committee, following processing according to weight. No reweighs allowed.

WATA Youth Market Lamb Jackpot Show

SUPERINTENDENT	Current WATA Office Team
ELIGIBILITY	All Youth Market Lambs exhibiting in the Wyoming State Fair Youth Show are eligible to enter the jackpot. Must submit a proper, completed WATA entry form and entry fee.
ENTRY	Entries and entry fee will be processed at breed classification for sheep on Tuesday, August 11. No late entries will be accepted.
ENTRY FEE	\$20/head. (\$2.00 for processing fee included)
SHOW TIME	Wednesday, August 12, 6:30 PM
SHOW LOCATION	Sheep Show Ring

- Youth Market Lamb Show guidelines are to be followed. Any violation of the following regulations will result in immediate disqualification from the current Wyoming State Fair, with loss of all awards, premiums, and privileges. The showing of livestock of any ineligible age or showing unethically fitted livestock is prohibited. Unethical fitting will be deemed to consist of any method which alters the natural conformation of any part of the animal's body. Any animal having been operated upon or tampered with, for the purpose of concealing faults or with the intent to deceive, will be disqualified.
- There will be no slapping of lambs at any time; no lifting of the legs on lambs, all four feet to be on the ground during Judge's handling or inspection; no paint or artificial color to be added to lambs. Violations will result in immediate disqualification with loss of all entry fees and all premiums and awards.
- Classes will be divided according to weight.

WATA Youth Market Swine Jackpot Show

SUPERINTENDENT	Current WATA Office Team
ELIGIBILITY	All Youth Market Swine exhibiting in the Wyoming State Fair Youth Show are eligible to enter the jackpot. Must submit a proper, completed WATA entry form and entry fee.
ENTRY	Entries and entry fee will be processed at breed classification for swine on Tuesday, August 11. No late entries will be accepted.
ENTRY FEE	Processing fee of \$20/head. (\$2.00 for processing fee included)
SHOW TIME	Friday, August 14, 1:00 PM
SHOW LOCATION	Swine Show Ring

- Youth Market Swine Show guidelines are to be followed. Any violation of the following regulations will result in immediate disqualification from the current Wyoming State Fair, with loss of all awards, premiums, and privileges. The showing of livestock of any ineligible age or showing unethically fitted livestock is prohibited. Unethical fitting will be deemed to consist of any method which alters the natural conformation of any part of the animal's body. Any animal having been operated upon or tampered with for the purpose of concealing faults or with the intent to deceive will be disqualified.
- Classes will be divided by weight and by barrows and gilts.

Youth Wool Show

DIVISION 1627

SUPERINTENDENT	Tracy Dilts, Douglas, WY
COORDINATOR	Tiffany Hageman, Douglas, WY
ELIGIBILITY	See Youth Shows Policies & Procedures on pages 19-20
ENTRY	Via ShoWorks submission by Friday, August 7 @ 6:00 PM. 4-H members through your county extension office. FFA members through your chapter advisor.
PROCESSING FEE	Processing fee of \$3/fleece
SHOW LOCATION	Wool Barn
DROP OFF	Monday, August 10 @ Wool Barn
IN PLACE	Monday, August 10, 5:00 PM
JUDGING	Wednesday, August 12, 8:00 AM
QUESTIONS	First - Youth 4-H educator or FFA advisor. Second - www.wystatefair.com Third - Call the Wyoming State Fair Office: 307-358-2398

- Youth exhibitors are encouraged to enter Open Class Wool and **MUST PRE-ENTER** the same fleeces by the July 31 entry deadline, with paid entry fees, as stated in the Open Class Show regulations.
- FLEECES WILL BE SHOWN UNTIED IN CLEAR BAGS.**
- Exhibitors may enter two (2) fleeces in any one class, and entries may be made in as many classes as desired. An individual fleece may be entered in one class only. Any fleece entered in both the Youth and Open Shows must be entered in the same class with the same name.
- ELIGIBILITY OF FLEECES:** Each fleece entered must have been grown by a Wyoming 4-H or FFA member and be from sheep recognized as part of current project work and have been shorn in 2025 or 2026. Fleeces shown at the 2025 Fair are not eligible for the 2026 Wyoming State Fair. Each fleece must represent not more than 12 months growth, except in the case of yearling fleeces, where 16 months growth will be allowed.
- FLEECE QUALITY:** Any fleece entered in competition shall be discriminated against if: (a) tied with anything but paper twine; (b) showing any paint or tar brands (soluble branding fluids permissible); (c) showing excessive dung locks or tags; (d) discolored by excessive moisture; (e) cotted; (f) showing a weak staple or break in fiber; or (g) containing any excess burrs or other vegetable matter. Fleeces showing black fibers will be disqualified.