



RULES & GUIDELINES

It is the contestant's responsibility to read, known, and abide by these rules.

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Elko County Project Rules & Guidelines

1. **Juniors** are those participants 9 or 10 years old, **Intermediates** are 11-13, and **Seniors** are 14-19. All ages are as of January 1, of the current calendar year.
2. You must be a current Elko County 4-H member in good standing, or a member of an organization that the Elko County Fair Board Livestock Committee (ECFBLC) has approved prior to the Elko County Show and Sale at the Elko County Fair.
3. All exhibitors must meet the following requirements before being eligible to participate in the Elko County Livestock Show and Sale.
 - a. Participated in **6 club meetings, 2 community services, and complete 1 demonstration for their club about their project.**
 - b. Must produce a project sheet from the previous project year to show compliance with the requirements to show and sale at the Elko County Livestock Show and Sale.
 - c. A project sheet must be completed and turned in by required date before payments for market animals will be paid out. Participants that fail to do this will not be eligible to sell the next year.
 - d. Participate in Fair Clean up Day.
4. A dress code is mandatory for all Elko County Fair Livestock Show and Sale events for participants. Official Dress is as follows: long-sleeved white shirt, tie, blue or dark jeans and appropriate footwear for the event, leather shoes/boots are **required for large animals.**
5. **Market Steer** project animals must be on feed and in the members care by January 1 of the project year. Photos and animal ID form must be turned into ECFBLC by January 31. Steers must be tagged with ECFBLC issued tags and photos of steer with tags turned into ECFBLC by April 1. Must have brand inspection done prior to the fair and turn in at weigh in.
6. **Market Lamb & Goat** project animals must be on feed and in the members care by June 1 of the project year. Lambs & goats must be tagged with ECFBLC issued tags, with photos and paperwork turned in by June 15.
7. **Market Rabbit** project animals must be in the members care by July 15. Tattoo, photo, and paperwork by July 31.
8. **Market Poultry** must be hatched 6 to 8 weeks prior to Fair and be in the members possession prior to July 24. Banded, photos, and paper work by July 31.
9. **All Market Exhibitors** must participate in Around the Town Day (**Sale Promotion Day**).
10. All breeding beef, sheep, and goats project animals must be selected in the members' care by June 1 of the project year. Breeding Rabbits and poultry must be selected and, in the members, care by July 24 of the project year.
11. Livestock breeding projects must be owned solely by and under the exhibitor's care by **the required** dates. All livestock exhibitors must submit proof of ownership during registration of their animals. Registered animals must provide the registration papers. Participants are expected to do the work of caring for their projects.
12. Substitution of an animal in case of death or disease may be authorized only by the Elko County Fair Board Livestock Committee.
13. **All entry forms are due to the ECFBLC; due dates will be strictly enforced.**

Danish System of Judging

The Danish System of judging is the accepted method of judging used in the Elko County Livestock Show and Sale. With this system all entries are judged on their own merit, and NOT judged against the other entries or exhibitors in the class. This means each entry is judged according to how well it meets the established standards of quality/excellence or established standards of the class requirements. Entries are judged as blue, red, or white award. If an entry so merits, the judge may award a Grand Champion and/or Reserve Champion award to those entries already meeting a blue ribbon placing. All awards are up to the judge's discretion and are awarded accordingly. For example: a class may have a Grand Champion presented and not a Reserve or vice versa.

- **Blue:** excellent work, exceeding the standards
- **Red:** good work that meets the expected standard, but needs some improvement to be deemed excellent
- **White:** fair work that is average or satisfactory but has enough improvements needed to cause the placing to drop from good to fair.
- Showmanship Ribbons will be presented **under judges discretion.**
- Market Ribbons will be presented to 6 top animals in each species. Top Heavy, Medium, and Light weight.

Judge selection for Elko County Livestock Show and Sale will be chosen by the Elko County Fair Board Livestock committee.

Elko County Livestock Show and Sale Rules and Regulations

The following rules and regulations govern the Elko County Fair Livestock Show and Sale. The Elko County Fair Board Livestock Committee governs the Elko County Fair including the Livestock Show and Sale. The Livestock Show is limited to Elko County 4-H members or members of a pre-approved organization by the Elko County Fair Board Livestock Committee.

1. Any suggested changes to these rules and regulations must be brought up at the Elko County Fair Livestock Show and Sale Committees annual meeting. All decisions at this yearly meeting are final.
2. Each boy or girl is permitted to enter any livestock classes for which their entry qualifies. They are, however, limited to one entry per class. The same animal may not be entered in more than one class with the exception of pair and herd classes and showmanship as their second class entered.
3. Members entering large or small livestock as a market project are limited to one (1) market project per year.
4. Official dress is required for all classes at the Elko County Livestock Show. (See General Rules).
5. All Market animals must have an identification tag or band issued by the Elko County Fair Board Livestock Committee. All animals will be required to have an identification card attached to its stall, pen or cage. Cards must include the name of the club, name of exhibitor and name of the animal. This is a best of herd show. Exhibitors are encouraged to only bring their top animals to show. Each exhibitor may bring a maximum of **6** animals to the Elko County Livestock Show. This is to ensure there is not over crowding for the health and safety of the animals and exhibitors.
6. All livestock will receive a health inspection by a veterinarian upon arrival at the Fairgrounds. Animals that are deemed unfit to show or sell due to poor physical condition, will be sent home. The Livestock Veterinarian shall check all livestock upon arrival for the proper health certificates, sign of communicable disease, external parasites, unsightly disease conditions, and any wounds, open or closed, that may be contagious. The veterinarian shall have the right to enter any pen or tie area to inspect an animal. Any animal found to be in an unsafe or unsightly condition will be quarantined in a designated area and then dismissed from the Elko County Fair facilities. **The Veterinarians' decision will be final.** Specific health conditions that may warrant quarantine and/or dismissal are active ringworm, warts, sore mouth, infectious scours or dysentery, pinkeye, lice, mites, foot rot, infections pneumonia, and abscesses which are balding showing hair separation, open, draining, or still scabbed. Animals having surgical sites resulting from abscess removal are unacceptable if they have sutures (stitches), scabs or are draining. Animals that are lame or injured will also be dismissed at the discretion of the Elko County Fair veterinarian. **Healed skin conditions that are significantly unhealed and unsightly may warrant dismissal.** (Lesions are considered active until skin is normal and hair regrowth is evident.)

Elko County Fair-Premium Money

Premium money is awarded to exhibitors of the Livestock Show. Premium money will be awarded the last day of the fair, Monday, between 9-10am. If you fail to pick up your premium money at this time you forfeit it to the ECFBLC. You may make arrangements for a relative or friend to pick your premium money up for you.

Care of Exhibits – During the Show

- **CARE AND FEED** - All animals exhibited must be cared for and fed during and after the Fair at the expense of the exhibitor until released by show management, even if the animal is not able to show. Animals must be checked on at least twice a day by exhibitor.
- **PENS AND STALLS** - All animal pens, cages, and stall areas must be kept clean and neat for exhibit to the public. Each exhibitor must properly feed, fit, and care for his/her own animal. Show management reserves

the right to excuse an exhibitor in an emergency situation or for reasons of impaired health. Youth exhibitors will receive one visual and/or verbal warning. The second offense may result in disqualification of the exhibitor. Pens and Stalls must be checked on at least twice a day by exhibitor.

- **FITTING AND GROOMING** - This activity is for the youth exhibitor. Fitting and grooming (grooming includes washing) of animals by an adult without the joint participation of the exhibitor will not be allowed. Adult participation or supervision in fitting and grooming of an exhibitor's animal must be performed with the exhibitor present and in a "hands on" educational manner, not just watching (i.e., adult hands covering the exhibitor's hand as the clippers are used on the animal; adult helping the exhibitor put an animal on a sheep stand or in a blocking chute). Another exhibitor may render physical assistance. Adults may assist in a manner to keep exhibitors and/or animals safe. In preparing animals immediately before showing, assistance is permitted (i.e. switching animals out, brushing off animal). Adults will receive a warning by show management for grooming without an exhibitor present. The second violation will result in the disqualification of that exhibitor. The exhibitor, adults and animals will be excused from the show.

Market Projects

To be eligible to sell a Steer, Wether Lamb, Wether Goat, pen of market Rabbits or a pen of Fryer Chickens the member must:

1. Be a member in good standing on January 1 of the year prior to the year he/she wishes to sell a market animal (for example, if a youth wants to sell a market animal in the 2025 Sale, they need to be a member by January 1, 2024).
 - a. The exhibitor must also have participated in **at least 6 club meetings, 2 community services, and complete 1 demonstration for their club about their project.**
 - b. Be at least an Intermediate member the year he/she sells his/her first animal (age is 11 years old by Jan. 1 of the current year).
 - c. Completed 2 full years of experience of showing at the Elko County Fair in the species the exhibitor intends to sell prior to the year intending to sell. Exhibitor must keep record sheets to turn into ECFBLC to show prior experience. Sheets can be obtained by contacting the ECFBLC.
 - d. Participate in Around the Town Day (Sale Promotion Day).
2. Number of Animals - An exhibitor may sell market animals (steer, lamb, goat, pen of rabbits or a pen of chickens) through the Elko County Fair Livestock Sale a total of five times (**5**). All five (5) of these animals can be of the same species, but not limited that species, if exhibitor has **2** years' experience in the species intended to sell, or upon the approval of the ECFBLC. This rule does not apply to other sales throughout Elko County. **To sell the 5th animal the exhibitor must also show in a showmanship class.**
3. **Shrinkage** - Market animals will be received at the Fairgrounds between 8 am. and 5 p.m. only, on Thursday of the Fair week. Market animals will be weighed immediately upon unloading. If there is a question about the weight, the animal will be re-weighed immediately. Members are encouraged to request that the Livestock Show and Sale Committee meet to make final determination on animals that do not make the minimum weight (i.e., Steers, Lambs, and Goats) - Sale weight on large animals will be determined by deducting a pencil shrink depending upon the distance traveled to the Fair.
 - 0-50 miles - 1%
 - 50 miles or more - 0%
 - (Rabbits and Chickens) - There is no shrinkage on rabbits or chickens.
4. **Unmanageable Animals** - To receive a premium and to be eligible to sell, all animals must be exhibited in the show ring in their designated class. At the discretion of the Livestock Sale Committee, an unmanageable, kicking, or potentially dangerous animal may be prohibited from showing and selling. Safety of all exhibitors is top priority. Livestock tranquilizers are NOT permitted. These rules are for the safety of the exhibitor, the animal, and the general public.
5. All livestock medication label withdraw time should be followed. Any off label use is prohibited. Label withdrawal times must be observed.

6. A market project sheet must be completed and turned into the ECFBLC before a check will be issued to the exhibitor in payment for their market animal. Checks will be mailed after October 15. If a participant fails to turn the market report in by November 1st, he or she will be ineligible to sell a market animal at the upcoming Livestock Sale at the Elko County Fair.
7. **Commission** - If sale costs exceed sale cost donations, a flat percentage rate will be applied to cover additional costs.
8. **Resale Animals** - Market entries receiving a **blue or red** ribbon must be sold through the Livestock Sale at the Elko County Fair. White ribbon animals are ineligible for the sale. Once an animal is sold through the sale ring, it belongs to the buyer. The buyer may choose to take his/her purchase home live. If the buyer chooses to give the animal back to the participant, the Livestock Sale Committee will slaughter and resell the animal. The resale carcass value will be added to the participant's check. The resale value will be deducted from the buyer's bill. The animal will then be eligible for the carcass contest. Exhibitors with animals that are designated resale are required to stay at the Fairgrounds until the resale trucks arrive and their animal is loaded.
9. Market classes may be divided at the discretion of the show committee and judge.
10. Checkout time for cattle, sheep, goats, rabbits, and poultry is immediately following the load-out of the market animal truck on Monday. All animals must be picked up and off Fairground property by no later than 11 a.m. Monday morning. Exhibitors who leave animals behind will not be allowed to show at future Elko County Livestock Show. Exhibitors who are competing in other events and need to keep their animal for the day must make arrangements with both the **barn** superintendent and the Fairgrounds keeper.

Market Steers

1. Market steers must have been born after January 1 of the previous year.
2. Market steers must be declared, and under the care of the participants by January 1 of the current year. Paper work and photos due to ECFBLC by January 31. Animals declared and inspected after January 1 will not be eligible to sell at the Fair.
3. All market steers, including back-ups, tagged by April 1, photos and paper work turned into ECFBLC. Brand inspection must be presented at weigh in if animal was not home grown and/or branded with a family iron.
4. All finished steers must have an official sale weight greater than **1,100 pounds** and must receive a live ribbon placing of red or better to sell at the auction. Underweight animals are not eligible to show or sell. Steers will be sold at a maximum 1,250 pound.
5. When a steer carcass grades Standard or yield grade 4 or 5, a deduction from the participants's check could be made based on the current week's IBP packers' prices grid. This deduction could be as high as \$350.00. Money deducted from the participant's paycheck will in turn be deducted from the buyer's bill. If the buyer of that meat refuses the deduction, the deduction amount will be deposited into the ECFBLC, not returned to the participant.
6. Market steer calves can be homegrown or purchased.
7. Market steers must be fully castrated. Cryptorchids are not allowed.

Market Lambs

1. Market lambs must be born after February 15th of the current year and selected, tagged and under the care of the participant by June 1st. Paper work and photos due to ECFBLC by June 15.
2. All market lambs, including back-ups, must be declared by June 1 of the current year. Animals that are declared and inspected after June 1 will not be eligible to sell at the Fair. Proof of ownership (if purchased), are required at check in.
3. The finished lamb must have a sale weight greater than 115 pounds and have a live ribbon placing of red or better to sell at the Livestock Sale Underweight animals are ineligible to show or sell. Overweight lambs will be sold at 135 pounds.
4. Ewe lambs are not eligible as a market animal project. Market lambs must be fully castrated males only. Cryptorchids are not allowed.
5. Market lambs are to be shown slick shorn.
6. When a lamb carcass has less than 0.09 back fat, or is a yield grade 4 or 5, a deduction from the participant's check will be made based on the current week's Superior Packer standard pricing grids. This deduction could be as high as \$40.00. Money deducted from the participant's paycheck will, in turn, be deducted from the buyer's bill. If the buyer of that meat refuses the deduction, the deduction amount will be deposited into the ECFBLC account, not returned to the participant.
7. Market lambs can be homegrown or purchased.

Market Goats

1. Market goats must be selected and under the care of the participant by June 1 and must be born after the pervious years fair, be under 1 year of age, and have all their milk teeth. Paperwork and photos due to ECFBLC by June 15. They will be checked at fair check in for verification of all milk teeth. If any milk teeth are missing, they will not be allowed to sell.
2. All market goats, including back-ups, must be declared and inspected by June 1 of the current year. Animals that are declared and inspected after June 1 will not be eligible to sell at the Fair. Proof of ownership (if purchased) is required at check-in.
3. No intact male goats over the age of 5 months will be allowed on the fairgrounds during the Elko County Fair. All breeds or crossbreeds (horned, polled, haired, etc.) are eligible as long as they are manageable. Purebred pygmy goats can be entered in either registered or grade meat goat classes. A collar, choker chain, or halter is required show equipment in all goat classes.
4. Market goats must have an official sale weight greater than **80 pounds** and have a live ribbon placing of red or better to sell at the Livestock Sale. Underweight animals are ineligible to show or sell. Market goats will be sold on a per head basis; not by the pound.
5. Doeling kid goats are not eligible as a market animal project; castrated males only.
6. Market goats may be homegrown or purchased.
7. Market goats must be fully castrated. Cryptorchids are not allowed.

Market Pen of Fryer/Broiler Chickens

1. A pen of fryer chickens will consist of three pullets and/or cockerels of any breed; however, it is strongly suggested that meat breeds such as Cornish or Cornish cross be chosen over egg laying and dual-purpose breeds. Weight limits at fair time are set at a minimum of 3 pounds per bird with no maximum. It is recommended that birds be hatched a minimum of 6 weeks and a maximum of 8 weeks prior to the show depending on the breed of bird and nutrition program chosen. The pen of fryers must be in the participant's possession by no later than July 24. The pen will be judged on meat type, uniformity, condition and conformation. The pen must receive a live ribbon placing of red or better to sell at the auction.
2. Fryers can be home hatched or purchased; however, in all cases they must be home raised and cared for by the participant. ECFBLC must approve any exceptions.

Market Pen of Fryer Rabbits

1. A pen of fryers will consist of three fryer rabbits. Rabbits must have a minimum weight 3 pounds per rabbit, but ideally, no more than 5 pounds and be kindled no earlier than May 7th.
2. If the rabbit pen is purchases, it must be done so by July 15. The pen of rabbits must be in the possession of the exhibitor by 8 weeks of age and on later than August 8th of the current year. The pens will be judged on meat type, uniformity, condition, and donformation. The pen must receive a live ribbon placing of red or better to sell at the auction.
3. Market Rabbits can be homegrown by the exhibitor or purchased; however, in all cases they must be home raised and cared for by the exhibitor.

Carcass Contest

Steers, Lambs and Goats

Animals that are sent on the truck to processing facilities will be evaluated for the carcass contest. Once an animal is sold it belongs to the buyer. It is the buyer's discretion whether that carcass is entered in the contest. Buyers processing on their own can make arrangements for animals to be evaluated. Since the USDA does not currently have standards for goat carcass and meat cuts, evaluation will only be done if the evaluator feels comfortable doing so.

Breeding Project/General Rules for All Livestock Species

Breeding projects are defined as an intact male or female carried as a project during the current year. Animals will be capable of producing offspring. Inferior animals or animals dying could/would be replaced with animals capable of breeding.

1. Breeding projects must be selected by June 1 and under the care of the participant.
2. All breeding classes will be judged as breeding animals and should be shown in top breeding condition. They should not be too fat or too thin.
3. Breeding projects should be carried over from one year to the next.
4. Small classes may be combined at the discretion of the show management. Example: Yearling Ram and Ram Lamb classes. Only blue-ribbon animals can receive a trophy or plaque. Awarding a trophy or plaque in any class is at the discretion of the judge and/or ECFBLC.

5. Calves must be born after January 1 of the current year. Commercial and registered lambs and goat kids must be born after January 1 of the current year.
6. Yearling heifers and registered and commercial must be born after January 1 of the previous year.
7. Yearling heifers must weigh 500 pounds minimum.
8. Calves shown with their dams in grade cow-calf pair classes may be of any sex (including bulls).
9. All sheep must be shorn 6-8 weeks before the show. This rule is automatically suspended for wool & fiber breeds of sheep entered in breeding stock classes. Market lambs are to be shown slick shorn.
10. Exhibitors entering registered classes should have registration papers available to show to the livestock superintendent, if requested, prior to show time. Futurity animals are eligible to be shown in individual classes. (Definition: a futurity animal was shown at the previous year's Fair as a yearling heifer or a ewe lamb. She returns with her offspring as a pair for competition.)
11. Checkout time for cattle, sheep, goats, rabbits, and poultry is immediately following the load-out of the market animal truck on Monday. All animals must be picked up and off Fairground property by no later than 11 a.m. Monday morning. Exhibitors who leave animals behind will not be allowed to show at future Elko County Livestock Show. Exhibitors who are competing in other events and need to keep their animal for the day must make arrangements with both the barn superintendent and the Fairgrounds keeper.
12. Premium money will be paid from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Monday of the Fair. Members failing to pick up their money at this time will forfeit it back to the Fair Board.
13. Barn space is limited. Animals entered into the non-premium classes only (not entered in premium classes with class numbers) may not fit in the barns. Show management will determine if barn space is available.
14. Livestock projects must be owned solely by and under the exhibitor's care by June 1st. All livestock exhibitors' must submit proof of ownership during registration of their animals. Registered animals must provide the registration papers.

[Elko County Livestock Show Classes](#)

Large Animal Show: Beef, Sheep and Goats

The Large Animal Show is open to all Elko County participants in good standing that have carried a beef, goat or sheep project in the current year. Members may compete in as many classes as they have a qualifying entry but may have **only one entry per class, unless classes are combined**. Exhibitors competing in the large animal showmanship classes must show their own animal. Classes of less than three (3) entries may be combined at the discretion of the show management. Official dress is required.

BEEF CLASSES

1. **MARKET STEERS** – The weight breakdown of these classes will be determined by the Elko County Fair Board Livestock Committee following final weigh-in. Classes will be posted Friday morning. For rules governing this class see Market Projects.
GRAND CHAMPION STEERS – First and second place steers in classes 1H, 1M and 1L show for Grand and Reserve Champions. For rules governing the breeding classes see Breeding Projects/General Rules All

Livestock Species.

2. **GRADE HEIFER CALF** - Unregistered (commercial) heifer calf of any breed or crossbreed born after January 1, current year. Animals are required on the grounds only during the day of showing.
3. **STEER CALF** - Born after January 1, current year. May be any breed or crossbreed. Animals are required on the grounds only during the day of showing.
4. **REGISTERED HEIFER CALF** - Born after January 1, current year. Animals are required on the grounds only during the day of showing. Registration certificate must be available on day of showing.
5. **REGISTERED BULL CALF** - Born after January 1, current year. Animals are required on the grounds only during the day of showing. Registration certificate must be available on day of showing.
6. **GRADE YEARLING HEIFER, STRAIGHT BRED** - Born after January 1, previous year. Unregistered straight bred heifers of any breed. Minimum weight 500 pounds.
7. **GRADE YEARLING HEIFER, CROSSBRED** - Born after January 1, previous year. Crossbred heifers of any two or more breeds. Minimum weight 500 pounds.
8. **REGISTERED YEARLING HEIFER** - Born after January 1, previous year. Minimum weight 500 pounds. Registration certificate must be available on day of showing.
9. **GRADE COW-CALF PAIR** - Any unregistered cow of any breed or crossbreed, age and weight, but the calf must be born after January 1 of the current year. Bull calves are eligible. Both cow and calf must be shown together and the pair will be judged as a combination. The calf is eligible in the grade calf class of its proper sex. May enter pair in only class 9 or class 10 - not both.
10. **CROSSBRED COW CALF FUTURITY** - The cow must have been shown as a yearling and identified at the previous year's Fair. The calf must be born after January 1 of the current year. Bull calves are eligible. Both cow and calf must be shown together and the pair will be judged as a combination. The calf is eligible in the grade calf class of its proper sex. May enter pair in only class 9 or class 10 - not both. To enter this class you must have shown in class 7 last year.
11. **STRAIGHT BRED COW-CALF FUTURITY** - The cow must have been shown as a yearling and identified at the previous year's Fair. The calf must be born after January 1 of the current year. Bull calves are eligible. Both cow and calf must be shown together and the pair will be judged as a combination. The calf is eligible in the grade calf class of its proper sex. Bull calves are eligible. May enter pair in only class 9 or class 11- not both. To enter this class you must have shown in class 6 last year.
12. **REGISTERED COW-CALF PAIR** - Calf must be born after January 1 of the current year. Pair will be judged as a combination. Bull calves are eligible. Registration certificates must be available. Calf is eligible in the registered calf class of its proper sex. May enter pair in only class 12 or class 13 - not both.
13. **REGISTERED COW-CALF FUTURITY** - The cow must have been shown as a registered yearling and identified as such at the previous year's fair and her calf must be born after January 1 of the current year. This pair is eligible in registered cow- calf pair class and the calf is eligible in the registered calf class of its proper sex. Registration certificates must be available. May enter pair in only class 12 or class 13 - not both. To enter his class you must have shown in class 8 last year.

ALL AROUND ANGUS - This event is to encourage youth to raise and appreciate top quality black Angus. Market steers are not eligible. Champions from breeding class will be eligible to compete. Members do not sign-up for this class There is no premium money paid on this class.

ALL AROUND HEREFORD – This event is to encourage youth to raise and appreciate top quality Herefords. Market steers are not eligible. Horned or Polled Herefords are eligible to compete. The highest placing animals from breeding classes will be eligible to compete. Members do not sign-up for this class. There is no premium money paid on this class.

ALL AROUND OTHER BREED – All breeds (except Hereford and Black Angus), including crossbreeds are eligible. Market steers are not eligible. The highest placing animals from breeding classes will be eligible to compete. Members do not sign-up for this class. There is no premium money paid on this class.

TOP ANGUS MARKET STEER – This award is given to the highest placing market steer of straight Black Angus breeding(from an Angus sire and an Angus dam). Members do not sign-up for this class. There is no premium money paid on this class.

TOP HOMEGROWN MARKET STEER – This award is to encourage youth to raise top quality Homegrown Market steers. To qualify for this award members must present papers showing the steer is from their family herd (parent or grandparents). The mother of the steer must be owned by the family or the exhibitor directly. Members do not sign-up for this class. There is no premium money paid for this class.

TOP HEREFORD MARKET STEER – This award is given to the highest placing market steer that has a red hide and is at a minimum 51% Hereford. Members do not sign-up for this class. There is no premium money paid for this class.

TOP REGISTERED HEREFORD – This award is to encourage youth to raise and appreciate top quality Herefords. Market steers are not eligible. To qualify for this award members must present registration papers or list registration number on the Fair entry form. The animal must be registered in the youth member's name. Members do not sign-up for this class. There is no premium money paid for this class.

Beef Showmanship

This contest is open to all livestock exhibitors. Exhibitors must show their own livestock. Any exceptions must be approved by the show management. There are 3 divisions within each species: Junior, Intermediate and Senior. Exhibitors will be judged on cleanliness, training and ease of handling of their animal, their proper attire and showmanship skills.

- 14. SENIOR BEEF SHOWMANSHIP
- 15. INTERMEDIATE BEEF SHOWMANSHIP
- 16. JUNIOR BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

SHEEP CLASSES

- 20. MARKET LAMBS - The weight breakdown of these classes will be determined by the ECFBLC Coordinator and Sheep Superintendent following final weigh-in and classes will be posted Friday morning. For rules governing this class see Market Projects.

GRAND CHAMPION MARKET LAMB – First and second place lambs in classes 20H, 20M and 20L show for Grand and Reserve Champions.

For rules governing the breeding classes see Breeding Projects Large Animal.

- 21. GRADE WINTER EWE LAMB** - Lambs born from January 1 through March 15, of the current year are eligible. Futurity lambs are eligible.
- 22. GRADE SPRING EWE LAMB** - Lambs born from March 16 or after, of the current year are eligible. Futurity lambs are eligible.
- 23. GRADE YEARLING EWE** - Ewes born after January 1, previous year. Futurity ewes are eligible.
- 24. GRADE RAM LAMB CLASS** - Rams Born after January 1, current year. There is no premium money paid on this class.
- 25. YEARLING EWE FUTURITY** - The ewe must have been shown in the Registered or Grade Ewe Lamb Class at the previous Elko County Livestock Show. Ewes are shown with their lambs and judged as a combination. Registered and grade sheep will be shown together with age of the lambs being considered. If entries are sufficient, registered and grade will be split into two classes. The lamb(s) entered **MUST** be the offspring of the ewe entered.
- 26. REGISTERED EWE LAMB** - Ewe lambs born after January 1, current year. Registration certificate must be available.
- 27. REGISTERED YEARLING EWE** - Ewes born after January, previous year. Registration certificate must be available.
- 28. REGISTERED RAM LAMB** - Born after January 1, current year. Registration certificate or proof of registered sire and dam must be available.
- 29. REGISTERED YEARLING RAM** - Born after January 1, previous year. Registration certificate must be available.
- 30. AGED EWE- LAMB PAIR -WINTER LAMB** - Ewes two years old and older with their lambs are eligible. Both registered and grade ewes are eligible. The lamb on grade or registered ewes must be born after January 1 through March 15. Registered and grade will be shown together with the age of the lamb being considered the lamb entered **MUST** be the offspring of the ewe entered.
- 31. AGED EWE- LAMB PAIR- SPRING LAMB** - Ewes two years old and older with their lambs are eligible. Both registered and grade ewes are eligible. The lamb must be born on March 16 or after. Registered and grade will be shown together with the age of the lamb being considered. The lamb entered **MUST** be the offspring of the ewe entered.
- 32. WOOL, FIBER, & OTHER BREED EWES, ALL AGES** – Open to female breeding stock only. Class will be split at the gate based on entries of three or more entries with similar breed type or wool/fiber type. This class is designed for unusual breeds and is not open to Suffolk breed sheep.

ALL AROUND EWE - The Champion All Around Ewe will receive a permanent trophy. This is given to encourage youth to raise and appreciate top quality sheep. The champion ewe from classes 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29 and 30 are eligible to compete. Members do not sign-up for this class. There is no premium money paid on this class.

ALL AROUND RAM – Winners from classes 27 & 28 are eligible for this class. Members do not sign up for this class. There is no premium money paid on this class.

BEST WHITE FACED SHEEP – All white-faced sheep non market are eligible for this class. Members do not sign up for this class. There is no premium money paid on this class.

TOP HOMEGROWN MARKET SHEEP – This award is to encourage youth to raise top quality Homegrown Market Sheep. To qualify for this award members must present papers showing the sheep is from their family herd (parent or grandparents). The mother of the sheep must be owned by the family or the exhibitor directly. Members do not sign-up for this class. There is no premium money paid for this class.

Sheep Showmanship

This contest is open to all livestock exhibitors. Exhibitors must show their own livestock. Any exceptions must be approved by the show management. There are 3 divisions: Junior, Intermediate and Senior. Exhibitors will be judged on cleanliness, training and ease of handling of their animal, their proper attire and showmanship skills.

- 33. SENIOR SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP
- 34. INTERMEDIATESHEEPSHOWMANSHIP
- 35. JUNIOR SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP\

GOAT CLASSES

- 40. MARKET GOATS – For rules governing this class see Market Projects.

Large Breed Dairy Goat Classes (Breed examples: Alpine, La Mancha, Nubian, Oberhasli, Saanen, Sable, Toggenburg, or Crossbred Large Dairy examples: Alpine Buck/Oberhalsi Doe = Recorded Grade Kid, etc.)

- 41. DAIRY DOE KID - open to any large breed dairy doe kid born on or after January 1 of the current year.
- 42. YEARLING DAIRY DOE – open to does born on or after January 1st of previous year and have never freshened.
- 43. SENIOR DAIRY DOE – open to any doe 24-months of age or older that has freshened or is milking regularly.
- 44. DAIRY DAM AND KID – Open to any dam and one (1) of the dam's offspring/kid (doe, wether or buck kid) pair. Buckling must be under 6 months of age.

Small Breed Dairy Goat Classes (Breed examples: Nigerian Dwarf or Pygmy/Nigerian Dwarf Crossbred)

- 45. SMALL BREED DOE KID – open to any dwarf or crossbred dairy doe kid born on or after January 1 of current year.
- 46. SMALL BREED DOE YEARLING – open to does born on or after January 1 of previous year and have never freshened.
- 47. SMALL BREED SENIOR DAIRY DOE – open to any doe 24-months of age or older that has freshened or is milking regularly.

48. SMALL BREED DAM AND KID PAIR – open to any dam and the dam’s offspring/kid (doe, wether or buck kid) pair. Buckling must be under 6 months of age.

Meat Goat Classes (Breed examples: Boer, Kiko, Myotonic, Spanish, Pygmy, etc.)

49. GRADE MEAT DOE KID FALL– open to any meat doe kid born from September of previous year Jan 31st of current year.

50. GRADE MEAT DOE KID SPRING – open to any meat doe kid born between Feb1st of current year and before fair.

51. GRADE YEARLING MEAT DOE – open to any doe born on or after January 1 of the previous year and has never freshened.

52. GRADE SENIOR MEAT DOE – open to any doe 24-months of age or older and has been freshened.

53. GRADE DAM AND KID PAIR – open to any dam and the dam’s offspring/kid (doe, wether or buck kid) pair. Buckling must be under 5 months of age.

54. REGISTERED MEAT DOE KID – open to any registered meat doe kid born on or after January 1 of the current year. Registration certificate must be available.

55. REGISTERED YEARLING MEAT DOE – open to any registered meat doe born on or after January 1st of the previous year and has never freshened. Registration certificate must be available.

56. REGISTERED SENIOR MEAT DOE – open to any registered meat doe 24-months of age or older and has been freshened. Registration certificate must be available.

57. REGISTERED DAM AND KID PAIR – Open to any dam and kid (doe, wether or buck kid) pair. Buckling must be under 6 months of age. Registration certificates must be available.

58. ALL BREED GOAT FUTURITY - The Doe must have been shown in a Yearling Class at the previous Elko County Livestock Show (classes 42, 46, 50, or 54). Does are shown with their kids and judged as a combination. Registered Meat and Dairy will be shown together with age of the Kid being considered. The kid(s) entered **MUST** be the offspring of the Doe entered.

ALL AROUND LARGE BREED DAIRY DOE – 1st place winners of classes 41, 42, 43, and 44 are eligible for this class. Members do not sign up for this class. There is no premium money paid on this class.

ALL AROUND SMALL BREED DAIRY DOE - 1st place winners of classes 45, 46, 47, and 48 are eligible for this class. Members do not sign up for this class. There is no premium money paid on this class.

ALL AROUND MEAT DOE ALL BREEDS – 1st place winners of classes 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, and 56 are eligible for this class. Members do not sign up for this class. There is no premium money paid on this class.

TOP HOMEGROWN MARKET GOAT – This award is to encourage youth to raise top quality Homegrown Market Goat. To qualify for this award members must present papers showing the goat is from their family herd (parent or grandparents). The mother of the goat must be owned by the family or the exhibitor directly. Members do not sign-up for this class. There is no premium money paid for this class.

Goat Showmanship

This contest is open to all livestock exhibitors. Exhibitors must show their own livestock. Any exceptions must be approved by the show management. There are 3 divisions: Junior, Intermediate and Senior. Exhibitors will be judged on cleanliness, training and ease of handling of their animal, their proper attire and showmanship skills.

59. SENIOR GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

60. INTERMEDIATE GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

61. JUNIOR GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

Small Animal Show: Rabbits and Poultry

The Rabbit and Poultry Shows are open to all Elko County participants in good standing and currently carrying any of these animals as livestock projects. Members may compete in as many classes for which they have a qualifying entry. However, members are limited to **one entry per class, unless classes are combined**. Members must show their own animals in showmanship. Any exception must be approved by show management. Classes of less than three (3) entries may be combined at the discretion of the show management. Official dress is required.

For rules governing the breeding classes see Breeding Projects General Rules.

Only animals entered into the show can be checked into the small animal barn and surrounding area during the show and sale which ends on Sunday evening. All animals entered into the barn must be watered twice a day and fed once. Cages must be cleaned at least once a day, preferably in the morning, and fresh shavings added.

Feeders and water containers must attach to the sides of the cage and be of adequate size for the animal. The small animal barn supervisor has the right to request that a feeder be replaced if deemed inadequate.

The selling of rabbits or poultry will be limited to enrolled Elko County participants who have shown at the current Elko County Fair and will be limited to selling on Labor Day, the last day of the Fair.

RABBIT CLASSES

For breeds not listed, contact the Elko County Fair Livestock Show and Sale Committee for specification on which class to enter. The same animal may not be shown in more than one class. The exception to this is showmanship classes that may be used as the animal's additional class. Weight guidelines apply to the Senior class and are according to the breed's standards. Breeds that do not meet the breed standard weight are still eligible to show in the class but may receive a lower placing by the judge. All rabbits exhibited at the Fair must have permanent identification numbers or names tattooed in their left ear.

Large Breed Classes (Breed examples: Rex, New Zealands, Californian, Champagne D'Argent, Satin, and French Lop. Breed Standard is over 8lbs.)

70. PUREBRED JUNIOR BUCK – Over 8 weeks of age and under 6 months of age

71. PUREBRED INTERMEDIATE BUCK – 6 months to 8 months

72. PUREBRED SENIOR BUCK – 8 months of age or older

73. PUREBRED JUNIOR DOE – Over 8 weeks of age and under 6 months of age

74. PUREBRED INTERMEDIATE DOE – 6 months to 8 months

75. PUREBRED SENIOR DOE – 8 months of age or older

Medium Breed Classes (Breed examples: Angora, Florida White, Dutch, Havana, Mini Lop, and Silver Marten. Breed Standard is 5-7 lbs.)

76. PUREBRED JUNIOR BUCK – Over 8 weeks of age and under 6 months of age

77. PUREBRED SENIOR BUCK – 6 months of age or older

78. PUREBRED JUNIOR DOE – Over 8 weeks of age and under 6 months of age

79. PUREBRED SENIOR DOE – 6 months of age or older

Small Breed Classes (Breed examples: Mini Rex, Holland Lops, Netherland Dwarf, Dwarf Hotot, Jersey Wooly, and Fuzzy Lop. Breed Standard is under 5lbs.)

80. PUREBRED JUNIOR BUCK – Over 8 weeks of age and under 6 months of age

81. PUREBRED SENIOR BUCK – 6 months of age or older

82. PUREBRED JUNIOR DOE – Over 8 weeks of age and under 6 months of age

83. PUREBRED SENIOR DOE – 6 months of age or older

Crossbred Rabbits (All crosses, all sizes)

84. JUNIOR BUCK – Over 8 weeks of age and under 6 months of age

85. SENIOR BUCK – 6 months of age or older

86. JUNIOR DOE – Over 8 weeks of age and under 6 months of age

87. SENIOR DOE – 6 months of age or older

GRAND CHAMPION BUCK – Winner of classes 70, 71, 72, 76, 77, 80, 81, 84, and 85 and any added buck classes, compete for the Grand Champion Buck. Members do not sign-up for this class. There is no premium money paid on this class.

GRAND CHAMPION DOE – Winner of classes 73, 74, 75, 78, 79, 82, 83, 86, and 87 and any added doe classes, compete for the Grand Champion Doe. Members do not sign-up for this class. There is no premium money paid for this class.

BEST OF SHOW RABBIT – Winners of the Grand Champion Buck & Doe classes are eligible for this class. Members do not sign-up for this class. There is no premium money paid on this class.

88. RABBIT FRYER – Weight limit is 3, to ideally, no more than 5 pounds. Kindled no earlier than Jun 1. This rabbit should be 8-10 weeks of age at time of showing. This is not a market class.

89. MARKET MEAT PEN CLASS – Pen of three fryer rabbits. Rabbits must weight 3, but ideally, no more than 5 pounds and be kindled no earlier than June 1. They should be 8-10 weeks of age at time of showing. Pen is eligible for class 88 Rabbit Fryer. For Rules governing this class see Market Projects.

RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

Exhibitors must show their own animal. Any exceptions must be approved by the show management. There are 3 divisions: Junior, Intermediate and Senior.

Exhibitors will be judged on cleanliness, training and ease of handling of their animal, their proper attire and showmanship skills.

90. SENIOR RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

91. INTERMEDIATE RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

92. JUNIOR RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

POULTRY CLASSES

For breed specifications, please see the Elko County Fair Board Livestock Show & Sale Committee. The same animal may not be shown in more than one class, with the exception of showmanship.

- 100. ROOSTER/Clean-legged** – Large breed, standard (full-size) roosters are eligible for this class.
- 101. ROOSTER/Feather-legged** – Large breed, standard (full-size) roosters are eligible for this class. Breed examples: Cochin, Brahma, Faverolles, Mille Fleur and Porcelain.
- 102. BANTAM ROOSTER/Clean-legged** – Clean-legged Bantam roosters of any age, are eligible for this class.
- 103. BANTAM ROOSTER/Feather-legged** – Feather-legged Bantam roosters of any age, any breed or crossbreed are eligible for this class. Breed examples: Bantam Cochin, Bantam Brahma, Bantam Mille Fleur, Bantam Silkie, etc.
- 104. ROOSTER/Fancy** – Must be purebred. Open to rare or unusual breeds and specialty exhibition breeds, full size or Bantam. Breed examples: Polish, Sultan, Crevecoeurs, Golden Hamburgs, Dorking, Phoenix, Lakenvelder, Campine, Buttercup, Modern Red Game, Sumatras, Old English, and Japanese Bantam.
- 105. HEN/Clean-legged** – Large breed hens of any age, breed, or crossbreed are eligible for this class.
- 106. HEN/Feather-legged** – Large breed hens of any age, breed, or crossbreed, or full size are eligible for this class. Breed examples: same as for class 101.
- 107. BANTAM HEN/Clean-legged** – Clean-legged Bantam hens of any age are eligible for this class.
- 108. BANTAM HEN/Feather-legged** – Feather-legged Bantam hens of any age, any breed or crossbreed are eligible for this class. Breed examples: Bantam Cochin, Bantam Brahma, Bantam Mille Fleur, Bantam Silkie, etc.
- 109. HEN/Fancy** – **Must be purebred.** Open to rare or unusual breeds and specialty exhibition breeds, full size or Bantam. Breed examples: same as class 104.
- 110. POULTRY/FRYER** – Must weigh a minimum of 3 pounds and must have been hatched this year. This class is not a market class.
- 111. DUCKS and GEESE** – Open to males of any age, all domestic breeds.
- 112. DUCKS and GEESE** – Open to females of any age, all domestic breeds.
- 113. FOWL, OTHER** – This class includes any 4-H poultry project of other fowl. Examples: Turkeys, pigeons, and guinea fowl. Please specify the type of fowl entered in this class on your entry form so that proper space

and cage size can be provided for in the Fair barn.

GRAND CHAMPION ROOSTER – Winners of classes 100, 101, 102, 103, and 104, are eligible for this class. Members do not sign-up for this class. *There is no premium money paid on this class.*

GRAND CHAMPION HEN – Winners of classes 105, 106, 107, 108, and 109 are eligible for this class. Members do not sign-up for this class. *There is no premium money paid on this class.*

GRAND CHAMPION FOWL – Winners of Classes 111 and 112 are eligible for this class. Members do not sign up for this class. *There is no premium money paid on this class.*

BEST OF SHOW POULTRY & FOWL – Winners from the Grand Champion Hen, Grand Champion Rooster and Grand Champion Fowl are eligible for this class. Members do not sign-up for this class. *There is no premium money paid on this class.*

114. MARKET MEAT PEN of FRYER CHICKENS (Broilers) – Pen of three pullets and/or cockerels. Birds must weigh a minimum of 3 pounds and it is recommended that birds be hatched a minimum of 6 weeks and a maximum of 8 weeks prior to the show depending on the breed of bird and nutrition program chosen. Pen will be judged on conformation, meat type, uniformity and condition. One bird from this pen is eligible for class 110 Poultry Fryer. For rules governing this class see Market Projects

POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP

Exhibitors must show their own animal. Any exceptions must be approved by the show management. It is recommended that exhibitors show chickens for showmanship rather than ducks, geese, game birds, turkeys, pigeons, etc. There are 3 divisions: Junior, Intermediate and Senior.

Exhibitors will be judged on cleanliness, training and ease of handling of their animal, their proper attire and showmanship skills.

115. SENIOR POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP

116. INT. POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP

117. JUNIOR POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP

Miscellaneous Livestock Classes and Awards

AWARDS:

- **Herdsmen Award** - The purpose of the Herdsmen Contest is to encourage exhibitors to care for livestock, pens and equipment properly and keep stalls and animals clean and attractive at all times. This is solely a participant contest and any parents helping will decrease the chance of the club winning. An anonymous committee selected by the Elko County Cattlemen will judge this contest.
- **Hard Luck Award** - This award is given to a club member whose project has had some serious disappointments beyond his/her control, has taken adversity with tact and grace and remained active in the club and project. Extension staff and show management will select the winner.
- **Bill McKnight Outstanding Cattle Breeding Award** - Presented before the Livestock Auction - by the McKnight Family
 - To Qualify: You must be entered in 2 or more cattle breeding classes. One of the classes must be the futurity class.
 - Point System: A point system will be used based on their class placing and the ribbon color awarded. The person that qualifies with the highest points will be the winner of the Bill McKnight Memorial Outstanding Cattle Breeder Buckle.
- **Top Registered Hereford** - This award is to encourage youth to raise and appreciate top quality Herefords. Market steers are not eligible. To qualify for this award, members must present registration papers or list registration number on the Fair entry form. The animal **MUST** be registered in the youth's name. Presented by Cynthia and Paul Sarman.
- **Pauline Mendive-Beitia, Premier Sheep Exhibitor Memorial** - This award is in memory of Pauline's love of sheep and the Elko County 4-H Program and has been established by the Beitia Family. Exhibitors are given points during sheep breeding and showmanship classes at the Elko County Fair. Cash is awarded Sunday morning before the Livestock Auction begins.
- **Premier Cattle Exhibitor**—Beitia Livestock is sponsoring this award based on the exhibitors' placings in the beef breeding and showmanship classes. Cash prize is awarded before the Livestock Auction.
- **Bob Reed Outstanding Showmanship Award** – Presented before the Livestock Auction – by the Reed/Tomera Family
 - To Qualify: You must be entered into two or more classes. One of those classes must be showmanship.
 - Point System: A point system will be used based on their class placing and the ribbon color awarded. The person that qualifies with the highest points will be the winner.
 - All age groups from Junior to Senior can qualify as well as all species.
- **Walter Winchell Memorial Scholarship** honors the legacy of Walter Winchell, a lifelong Elko County resident, rancher, and devoted supporter of the Elko County Fair. Walter served on the Fair Board for 45 years, including 20 years as Chairman, and was a passionate advocate for the Livestock Show and Sale. This scholarship supports college-bound students who have participated in the Elko County Fair Livestock Show. Awards of up to **\$1,000** may be granted, with the number and amount determined by the Winchell Family. Applications are due **March 15, 2026**.
- **Shirlee Buzzetti Memorial Scholarship** – Description being developed

