

WELCOME

“Pioneer Ways in Frontier Days at the Payette County Fair”

AUGUST 5 – 8, 2026

Payette County Fairgrounds, New Plymouth, Idaho

Welcome to the 2026 Payette County Fair and Rodeo. We are so excited - this is our 80th Anniversary. Our mission is “We, the Payette County Fair Board, along with dedicated volunteers, strive to provide educational opportunities, entertainment and family memories in an organized Fair event and to develop a year-round public facility for all generations of our community.” We have been working hard to bring you some new, fun, and exciting changes to the Fair. County Fairs like ours are rare. We want to preserve the roots of our County Fair, while growing and improving to meet the needs of future generations. Come enjoy a day at the Fair!

There are games, booths, and free music programs for everyone to enjoy. Bring your friends and enjoy shaded seating and an environment you can only find at the County Fair. We encourage people of all ages to bring exhibits for the Open Class divisions and showcase their talents. Check out awards offered in the Foods, Floral, Crafts, and Industrial Arts. Come support 4 -H and FFA youth in our community during their shows and Market Sale. Thank you to all the volunteers and sponsors who donate their time, talents, and resources to making this a great Fair and Rodeo year after year.

Remember to keep this Premium Book as it contains the schedule, rules, regulations, and information for the Fair. Visit www.payettecounty.com for updated information. We hope this year's Fair provides a memorable experience for all those involved. See you there!

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FAIR LEADERSHIP & CONTACT INFORMATION

The Payette County Fair is made possible through the dedication of Fair Board members, Rodeo Board members, volunteers, superintendents, advisors, Extension personnel, and community partners who contribute countless hours to support the youth, exhibitors, and visitors of Payette County.

PAYETTE COUNTY FAIR BOARD

FAIR BOARD OFFICERS

Position	Name	Hometown
Chairman	Robert Presher	Fruitland
Vice President	Nick Noyes	Fruitland
Director	Carie Bronson	Payette
Director	Evin Sharman	New Plymouth
Director	Logan Ipsen	New Plymouth
Director	Samantha Tate	New Plymouth

FAIR ADMINISTRATION

Position	Name
Fair Board Manager	Jenny Vantrease
Groundskeeper	Lewis Williamson

Fair Office Phone #: (208) 278-5000

FAIR SUPPORT SERVICES

Position	Name
Public Parking and Security	Payette County Sheriff's Reserves
Livestock and Small Animal Awards Coordinator	Betsy Nelson

Photographer/Videographer	Alex Chavarria, Living in the News
Veterinarian	Dr. Alicia Ewing, D.V.M, Snake River Veterinary Clinic

Snake River Veterinary Phone #: (208) 452-7950

OPEN CLASS DIVISION CHAIRMEN

Position	Name	Hometown
Art and Paintings	Susan Fisher	New Plymouth
Crafts	Susan Fisher	New Plymouth
Fancy Works	Anna Quebbeman	New Plymouth
Floral	Susan Fisher	New Plymouth
Foods	Leisa Beutler	New Plymouth
Photography	Chelsea Belvoir	Payette
Produce	Kerry White	New Plymouth

LIVESTOCK SUPERINTENDENTS

Position	Name
Overall Livestock Superintendent - Interim	Ben Ward
Dairy All Breeds	TBD

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO EXTENSION

Position	Name
Extension Educator	Rikki Ruiz
4-H Program Coordinator	FaithAnn Hynek

FFA ADVISORS

School District	Name
Fruitland	Mike Tesnohildek
Fruitland	Troy Wright
New Plymouth	Chase Shoemaker
Payette	Tyson Smith
Payette	Emily Trautman

PAYETTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

District	Name
First District	Ann-Marie Kelso
Second District	Jennifer Riebe
Third District	Ken Bishop

PAYETTE COUNTY RODEO BOARD

Position	Name
President	Ryan Hill
Vice President	Tim Doyle
Secretary	Chris Doyle
Director	Clint Lundy
Director	Mason Sideroff
Director	Trevin Byington
Director	Shawn Evins
Director	Allison Gulick
Director	Cali Hoxie

Director	William King
Committee Member	Tara Rowe
Committee Member	Jennifer King
Committee Member	Aaron Friend
Committee Member	Al Danner
Committee Member	Marty Danner
Sponsorships	Taylor Sideroff
Rodeo Ambassador	Lexi Clow
Honorary Chairman	Jerry Hunt
Honorary Gold Card Member	Dwaine Samson
Honorary Gold Card Member	Gayle Hagler

GENERAL FAIRGROUNDS RULES

The following rules apply to all exhibitors, participants, vendors, volunteers, contractors, campers, and visitors attending the Payette County Fair.

FAIR BOARD AUTHORITY

1. The Payette County Fair Board reserves the right to refuse any entry, exhibit, animal, display, concession, or activity deemed objectionable, unsafe, inappropriate, or of inferior quality.
2. All concessions and special exhibits must receive approval from the Fair Secretary and will be assigned space by the Fair Board.
3. The Payette County Fair Board reserves the right to interpret and enforce all Fair rules and regulations.

CONDUCT

4. Any exhibitor, participant, volunteer, vendor, or visitor showing disrespect toward judges, superintendents, Fair officials, volunteers, or awards may forfeit awards, premiums, participation privileges, and/or be removed from the Fairgrounds.
5. All judges' decisions shall be final.
6. Participants are expected to conduct themselves in a courteous, respectful, and sportsmanlike manner at all times.

ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, and CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

7. Alcohol is permitted only within the designated Rodeo Grounds Beer Garden.
8. Alcohol is prohibited in all other areas of the Fairgrounds, including areas north of the parking lots.
9. Individuals found possessing or consuming alcohol in unauthorized areas may be asked to leave the Fairgrounds.
10. Smoking, vaping, and the use of tobacco products are prohibited in all areas of the Fairgrounds.
11. Individuals under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs while participating in Fair activities may be removed from the Fairgrounds.

VEHICLES, TRAFFIC, and PARKING

12. No four-wheelers, ATVs, UTVs, golf carts, or similar recreational vehicles are permitted on the Fairgrounds unless specifically authorized by the Fair Board.
13. No parking is allowed on the north side of the Beef Barns.
14. Parking between barns, buildings, booths, roadways, or within designated fire lanes is prohibited.
15. All unauthorized vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.
16. Vehicles parked in fire lanes or emergency access routes will be towed immediately.
17. Exhibitors may enter livestock areas before 8:00 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday for unloading feed and supplies. Vehicles must be removed immediately after unloading.
18. The western portion of the parking area south of the Sheep Barn is designated Handicap and Disabled Parking only. Vehicles without proper permits may be towed at the owner's expense.

ANIMALS ON FAIRGROUNDS

19. No dogs are allowed on the Fairgrounds except:
 - * Service dogs as defined by law.
 - * Dogs entered in approved Fair exhibitions, shows, or competitions.
20. Animals entering the Fairgrounds must comply with all applicable health requirements and veterinary inspections.
21. Animals exhibiting signs of contagious disease, unsoundness, or unsafe behavior may be denied entry or removed from the Fairgrounds.

BUILDINGS and EXHIBITS

22. During judging, only judges, superintendents, designated officials, and authorized personnel may enter restricted exhibit areas.

- 23. Exhibit buildings are open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. unless otherwise posted.
- 24. Buildings closed for judging will reopen when judging activities are completed.
- 25. No electrical refrigerators or freezers are permitted in barns, exhibit areas, or booths except those operated by approved vendors or authorized Fair personnel.

FIRE and SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 26. Open fires, fire pits, burn barrels, fireworks, and other open flame devices are prohibited anywhere on Fairgrounds property.
- 27. Exhibitors, vendors, and campers must keep all aisles, exits, roadways, and fire lanes clear at all times.
- 28. All participants must comply with directions from Fair officials, emergency personnel, and law enforcement.

LIABILITY

- 29. The Payette County Fair Board and Payette County Rodeo Board assume no responsibility for loss, theft, damage, injury, illness, accident, or death involving persons, animals, vehicles, exhibits, equipment, or property while participating in or attending Fair activities.
- 30. Entry onto the Fairgrounds and participation in Fair activities constitutes acceptance of this policy.

ENFORCEMENT

- 31. The Payette County Fair Board and/or Payette County Rodeo Board may revoke participation privileges for violations of Fair rules.
- 32. The Payette County Sheriff's Office is authorized to remove individuals from the Fairgrounds when requested by Fair officials.
- 33. Violations of Fair rules, county ordinances, state laws, or safety regulations may result in removal from the Fairgrounds and prosecution as provided by law.

PARKING & RV CAMPING RULES

The following rules apply to all exhibitors, campers, vendors, volunteers, and Fair participants utilizing parking areas, camping areas, and vehicle access points on the Fairgrounds.

RV & CAMPER RESERVATIONS

RESERVATIONS

1. Reservations for RVs and campers will not be accepted before March 1.
2. To reserve a space, contact the Fair Office at (208) 278-5000 and request placement on the reservation list.
3. Payment must accompany the completed reservation form.

RV SPACES WITH POWER

4. RV spaces with electrical service are available for \$150.00 per space.
5. The fee includes one assigned parking space in the designated vehicle parking area.
6. Each powered site is limited to a 20-amp electrical service.
7. Campers may be asked to conserve electricity when operating high-capacity air conditioning units or other equipment that places excessive demand on the electrical system.

RV SPACES WITHOUT POWER

8. RV spaces without power are available for \$75.00 for the week.
9. These spaces will be located in the hay field.
10. Additional non-powered spaces may be released if space is available.

TENT CAMPING

11. Tent camping sites are available for \$75.00 for the week.
12. Tent sites do not include an additional parking space.

CAMPING AREA REGULATIONS

13. Camping fees apply to the entire Fair week.
14. RVs and campers will be located east of the Horse Barn and along the north-south fence line as designated by Fair management.
15. Vehicles and campers must be parked by Monday of Fair week.
16. Only one electrical hookup is permitted per camping unit.
17. Extension cords connected from another campsite or primary electrical connection are prohibited.
18. All campers, trailers, vehicles, and equipment must remain completely within their assigned campsite boundaries.
19. Campers or vehicles parked outside designated areas or within fire lanes will be towed at the owner's expense and may not be allowed to return to the Fairgrounds.

20. Paid camping permits or receipts must be displayed in the front window of the camping unit or vehicle.

PARKING RULES

GENERAL PARKING

21. No parking is permitted on the north side of the Beef Barns.

22. All unauthorized vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.

23. Parking between barns, buildings, booths, roadways, fire lanes, or other restricted areas is prohibited.

24. Vehicles parked in fire lanes will be towed immediately.

HANDICAP PARKING

25. The western half of the parking lot located south of the Sheep Barn is designated Handicap and Disabled Parking only.

26. Vehicles parked in this area must display a valid handicap permit.

27. Vehicles without proper authorization may be towed at the owner's expense.

Livestock Area Access

28. Exhibitors may enter livestock areas before 8:00 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday to unload feed, equipment, and supplies.

29. Vehicles must be removed from livestock areas immediately after unloading and returned to the designated parking area.

Vehicle Parking During Fair

30. Vehicle parking spaces will be assigned or utilized according to available space as directed by Fair personnel.

31. Cars associated with camping areas will be parked west of the designated fire lane according to available space.

FIRE LANE & SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

32. Fire lanes must remain clear at all times.

33. Parking or storing equipment within a designated fire lane is prohibited.

34. There shall be no open fires or fire pits anywhere on Fairgrounds property.

35. Any vehicle, camper, trailer, or equipment creating a safety hazard may be removed at the owner's expense.

LIABILITY

36. The Payette County Fair Board and Payette County Rodeo Board assume no responsibility for loss, theft, damage, accident, injury, or personal property associated with vehicles, RVs, campers, trailers, or camping equipment while on the Fairgrounds.

37. Parking or camping on Fairgrounds property constitutes acceptance of these rules and policies.

4-H & FFA GENERAL RULES**ANIMAL HEALTH & ELIGIBILITY****Health Requirements**

1. Check-in times will follow the official Fair Schedule.
2. All animals must be sound, in good health, and free from communicable disease.
3. All animals will receive a health inspection by an authorized veterinarian before unloading. No exceptions.
4. 4-H and FFA members must bring a completed COOL Affidavit and completed Health Form at the time of veterinary inspection.
5. No animal shall be admitted or allowed to remain on the Fairgrounds if it shows evidence of infectious disease, contagious disease, or any unsightly condition.
6. Fair superintendents reserve the right to require additional health inspections, diagnostic tests, treatments, or other animal health measures when necessary.
7. All veterinary services performed on the Fairgrounds are the responsibility of the exhibitor and are not provided free of charge.
8. All animals must be clean for veterinary inspection and weigh-in. There will be zero tolerance for wet lambs or muddy hogs.
9. No prolapsed animals will be allowed.
10. Check with the appropriate species superintendent regarding emergency animal check-out procedures. Emergency Animal Check-Out Forms are available in the Fair Office.

OWNERSHIP & PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

11. Exhibits must be owned by the 4-H or FFA member or be a project in which the member is financially involved.
12. Each 4-H member's Record Book must contain ownership documentation or a share agreement signed by a parent or guardian when applicable.

- 13. Registration slips must be in the exhibitor's name.
- 14. Only blue-ribbon animals are eligible to receive Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion awards.
- 15. All market sale animals must be weighed according to the Fair Schedule after veterinary inspection.
- 16. A 4-H or FFA official must be present at both spring and Fair weigh-ins for an animal to be tagged and eligible for Fair participation.

FAIR PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

- 17. Exhibitors must attend at least one showmanship practice class for their species to be eligible to exhibit at the Payette County Fair.
- 18. Livestock, small animals, and horses must arrive on Tuesday according to the designated Fair Schedule.
- 19. All livestock may leave the Fairgrounds after 9:00 a.m. on Sunday.
- 20. All 4-H and FFA project animals must remain in their assigned stall or pen during the Fair.
- 21. On Breed Show Day, animals may temporarily be stalled with Open Class herds for exhibition purposes but must return to their assigned area immediately after judging.
- 22. Exhibitors must be on time for all classes.
- 23. Market classes will not be delayed.
- 24. Exhibitors with scheduling conflicts must make arrangements with the appropriate superintendent before the class begins.

FITTING & SHOWMANSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

- 25. Members exhibiting one species must fit and show their own animal in both Quality and Fitting & Showing classes to complete their project.
- 26. Members exhibiting two species must make prior arrangements with superintendents if a substitute exhibitor is necessary.

PARENT, LEADER & ADULT ASSISTANCE

- 27. Exhibitors are responsible for the care and management of their own animals.
- 28. The Fair serves as the showcase of the skills and responsibility developed by the exhibitor throughout the project year.

29. Parents, leaders, or other adults may provide instruction, advice, and direction but may not perform the work of clipping, washing, fitting, grooming, feeding, or routine care of project animals.

30. When assistance is necessary for safety or educational purposes, another youth exhibitor should be utilized whenever possible.

31. If adult assistance is required, it should be limited to brief instructional demonstrations.

32. The exhibitor must be present and actively involved whenever assistance is being provided.

33. Exhibitors may be lowered one ribbon placing if parents or others are found doing the work of fitting or preparing animals while at the Fair.

34. This rule will be enforced by the appropriate superintendent.

BREEDING ANIMAL REQUIREMENTS

35. Breeding animals in all species must be declared by the first Monday in May to be eligible for exhibition.

36. Market animals may not be converted to breeding projects after the established declaration deadline.

DRESS CODE

FFA Exhibitors

37. Official FFA attire includes:

- * FFA jacket
- * Collared shirt
- * Tie
- * Blue or black jeans
- * Closed-toe shoes

4-H Exhibitors

38. Acceptable attire includes:

- * Collared button-up shirt or polo
- * Sleeved shirt
- * Tucked-in shirt
- * Blue or black jeans with belt or long skirt
- * Closed-toe shoes

General Dress Requirements

39. Baseball caps are not permitted in the show or sale ring.

40. Sleeveless shirts are not permitted.

41. Open-toe shoes are not permitted.

42. Clothing must be neat, clean, and presentable.

43. Superintendents may remove exhibitors from competition if dress requirements are not met.

Dairy Exhibitors

44. Dairy exhibitors shall wear:

- * White collared shirt
- * White pants or long white skirt
- * Closed-toe shoes

ROUND ROBIN RULES

45. Each qualifying exhibitor may compete in only one Round Robin contest at the Payette County Fair.

46. Exhibitors qualifying in multiple species must choose either:

- * Large Animal or Small Animal
- * 4-H or FFA

47. The same animal used in the qualifying Fitting & Showing or Showmanship contest must be used in Round Robin competition.

48. Animal substitutions are allowed only at the discretion of the superintendent and when safety considerations warrant.

49. Any exception to these rules requires approval from the overall 4-H or FFA Livestock Superintendent.

EXTRA ANIMAL PROTOCOL

50. Exhibitors may:

- * Weigh in two animals of the same species; or
- * Tag one personal animal and one family animal of the same species.

51. Extra animals may be declared and exhibited by another eligible family member.

52. All market animals must be weighed on the official Fair scale.

53. Once weighed, re-weighs are not permitted.

54. Each exhibitor is limited to a total of twenty (20) project animal entries regardless of species.

STALL & PEN CLEANING

55. A \$50 fine per stall or pen will be assessed for large animal areas not cleaned by 3:00 p.m. Sunday.

56. A \$20 fine per stall or pen will be assessed for small animal areas not cleaned by 3:00 p.m. Sunday.

4-H & FFA AWARDS

57. Ribbons and premiums will be awarded as determined by the judges.

58. Premiums shall be:

* Blue Ribbon: \$3.00

* Red Ribbon: \$2.00

* White Ribbon: \$1.00

59. Premiums may be prorated if available funds are insufficient.

60. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion awards will only be presented when at least two animals and/or exhibitors are in competition.

61. Exhibitors may receive either Grand Champion or Reserve Champion, but not both.

62. Award recipients may be required to present their animal during award presentations.

4-H & FFA CODE OF CONDUCT

63. Exhibitors who violate Fair rules may forfeit premiums, awards, and participation privileges.

64. Judges, superintendents, Fair officials, volunteers, and livestock show management shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect.

65. Abusive, threatening, or inappropriate conduct toward Fair officials or participants will not be tolerated.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

66. Concerns should first be directed to the appropriate superintendent, 4-H Program Coordinator, or FFA Advisor.

67. If a resolution cannot be reached, concerns may be reviewed by an Executive Committee consisting of Fair officials and program representatives.

68. All parties are expected to follow the 4-H and FFA Code of Conduct throughout the grievance process.

MARKET ANIMAL SALE RULES

SALE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Fair Arrival & Check-In

1. Animals must be on the Fairgrounds Tuesday of Fair week according to the species-specific weigh-in and veterinary inspection schedule.

Minimum Weight & Average Daily Gain Requirements

2. The following minimum weight and Average Daily Gain (ADG) requirements must be met:

SPECIES	MINIMUM WEIGHT	MINIMUM ADG
Sheep	110 lbs.	0.50
Swine	220 lbs.	1.50
Beef	1,100 lbs.	2.00
Goats	75 lbs.	0.30
Market Broilers	5 lbs. per bird	No pen average

3. Animals failing to meet weight or ADG requirements are not eligible for the Market Sale.

4. Animals not meeting requirements may compete in a species-specific feeder class but are not eligible for Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, or Market Sale participation.

Spring Weigh-In Recommendations

5. Recommended minimum spring weigh-in weights:

SPECIES	MINIMUM WEIGHT
Sheep	70-80 lbs.
Swine	60-130 lbs.
Beef	750-1,000 lbs.
Goats	45-55 lbs.

Animal Identification

6. All sale animals must have an official Payette County Fair ear tag.

Grading Requirements

7. All beef and sheep consigned to the sale will receive a 3% shrink.
8. Sheep must be slick sheared no more than ten (10) days before Fair.
9. Beef must grade Select or higher.
10. Sheep must grade Choice or higher.
11. Swine must grade 3 or higher.
12. Animals not meeting minimum ADG requirements or receiving a white ribbon are not eligible to sell.

Ownership Requirements

13. Beef must be owned a minimum of five (5) months before the sale.
14. Sheep, goats, and swine must be owned a minimum of three (3) months before the sale.
15. Exhibitors must present proof of ownership.
16. Brand inspection slips are required on all beef animals.

Health Documentation

17. Health Records and COOL Affidavits must be current and available upon request.

MARKET ANIMAL ENTRY LIMITATIONS

18. Exhibitors may weigh in one market species.
19. A maximum of two animals of the same species may be weighed in by an exhibitor.
20. Only one market swine per exhibitor will be allowed at Fair.
21. Exhibitors are limited to one animal consigned to the Market Sale.

REPLACEMENT ANIMAL POLICY

22. If a market animal dies before the sale, replacement is subject to approval by the appropriate superintendent.

Replacement Animal Requirements

23. If a spring weigh-in animal dies before the project midpoint:
 - a. The exhibitor may replace the animal with another officially tagged Payette County Fair animal of the same species.

- b. Replacement animals must originate from an extra animal tagged at the initial weigh-in.
- 24. The exhibitor must notify the superintendent, advisor, leader, or Extension Office within twenty-four (24) hours of the animal's death.
- 25. The official Payette County Fair tag must be produced.
- 26. Replacement must occur within seven (7) days of the animal's death.
- 27. Replacement tag information must be reported immediately for record updates.

Market Beef Exception

- 28. If a tagged market beef animal dies after initial weigh-in but before spring sheep, goat, or swine weigh-ins, the exhibitor may weigh in another market species if all reporting requirements are met.

FITTING, TRAINING & EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- 29. Animals must be properly trained and fitted by the exhibitor.
- 30. No tranquilizing of animals is permitted.
- 31. Animals suspected of being tranquilized may be blood tested by the Fair veterinarian.
- 32. Tranquilized animals will be removed from the Fairgrounds and prohibited from selling.
- 33. All 4-H and FFA exhibitors remain responsible for their animals until they are loaded for shipment.

CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- 34. A Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected in Beef, Sheep, Goat, and Swine for both 4-H and FFA divisions.
- 35. An Overall Champion will be selected for each species from combined 4-H and FFA competition.
- 36. Champions and Reserve Champions must sell through the Market Sale.

SALE DAY PROCEDURES

Sale Ring Participation

- 37. Exhibitors must show their own animals through the sale ring.
- 38. Members must be present to line up and prepare their animals for sale.
- 39. Superintendents are not responsible for locating exhibitors or preparing animals for sale.

40. Exhibitors who miss their assigned sale order may not sell later and will forfeit sale proceeds.

Sale Animal Selection

41. Exhibitors have one (1) hour following the Quality Class to notify the superintendent which animal will enter the Market Sale.

42. If no notification is received, the highest placing quality animal will automatically be entered.

Buyer Payments

43. The Mobile Office will remain open during and after the sale to receive payments.

44. Buyers requiring special payment arrangements should contact the Fair Secretary.

ANIMAL REMOVAL & RELEASE

45. Animals may not be removed before 9:00 a.m. Sunday.

46. Market Sale animals receive first priority for loading and removal.

47. Non-sale animals must wait until all Market Sale animals have been loaded.

48. Animals must be removed from the Fairgrounds by 3:00 p.m. Sunday.

49. Animals remaining after 3:00 p.m. may be disposed of.

50. The Fair Board assumes responsibility only for animals that have been sold through the Market Sale.

51. All other animals remain the responsibility of the exhibitor.

AUCTION FEES & EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITIES

52. Sale proceeds are subject to deductions including:

- * Beef and dairy inspection fees
- * Sale commission (3%)
- * Other authorized sale-related expenses

53. Checks will be issued after sufficient buyer funds have been collected.

54. Exhibitors are responsible for sending buyer thank-you letters promptly.

55. Sale checks must be cashed within sixty (60) days.

DISPOSITION OF MARKET SALE ANIMALS

Buyer Options

56. Buyers may:

- a. Return the animal to the Fair Board at the established floor price.
- b. Request delivery to a custom meat processor.
- c. Take possession of the animal themselves.

Fair Board Disposition

57. Animals returned to the Fair Board may:

- a. Be delivered to a pre-arranged packer at a predetermined floor price.
- b. Be sold to the public for meat.

58. Public meat sales may occur before 2:00 p.m. Saturday.

59. Individuals purchasing meat who did not participate in the auction will be assessed an additional \$25 fee.

MARKET BEEF CARCASS CONTEST

Eligibility

60. To qualify, an animal must:

- a. Be shown at the Payette County Fair.
- b. Be sold through the Market Sale.
- c. Be an extra animal assigned to an exhibitor and shown in Quality and/or Showmanship.

Contest Procedures

61. Carcass data will be collected from all qualifying animals.

62. Carcass scores will be calculated using collected carcass information.

63. Animals processed outside participating facilities may not have carcass data available.

64. Market animals processed through participating facilities will receive payment based upon actual carcass quality.

65. Carcass contest winners will be notified after evaluation is complete.

66. Awards will be presented at a future Payette County Fair Board meeting.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS & LIVESTOCK RULES

The following rules apply to all livestock exhibited at the Payette County Fair unless otherwise specified within a species division.

ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Veterinary Inspection

1. All livestock must be inspected by an authorized veterinarian before being unloaded on the Fairgrounds.
2. All animals must arrive according to the official Fair Schedule and report to the designated veterinary inspection area.
3. No animal may be unloaded until veterinary inspection has been completed and approval has been granted.
4. Exhibitors must present all required health documentation at the time of veterinary inspection.

Health Documentation

5. Exhibitors must provide completed Health Forms as required by Fair management.
6. Exhibitors must provide a completed COOL Affidavit for market animals.
7. Additional health certificates, brand inspections, registrations, or documentation may be required based on species-specific rules.

Animal Condition

8. Animals must be healthy, sound, and free of contagious or communicable disease.
9. No animal exhibiting signs of illness, infection, disease, or unsightly condition will be admitted or allowed to remain on the Fairgrounds.
10. Fair veterinarians, superintendents, and Fair officials may require additional examinations, testing, treatment, or removal of animals when necessary to protect livestock and public health.
11. No prolapsed animals will be allowed to exhibit.

Veterinary Services

12. Veterinary services provided during Fair are the financial responsibility of the exhibitor.
13. The Fair does not provide free veterinary services.

Animal Cleanliness

- 14. Animals must be clean and properly prepared for veterinary inspection and weigh-in.
- 15. There is zero tolerance for wet lambs.
- 16. There is zero tolerance for muddy hogs.
- 17. Animals deemed improperly prepared may be required to return for inspection.

LIVESTOCK ARRIVAL & RELEASE

Arrival Requirements

- 18. Livestock must arrive on Tuesday of Fair week according to the official Fair Schedule.
- 19. Animals arriving outside designated arrival times must receive approval from the appropriate superintendent.
- 20. Livestock must be housed in assigned pens, stalls, or designated areas.

Release Requirements

- 21. Livestock may not leave the Fairgrounds before 9:00 a.m. Sunday unless approved through the emergency check-out process.
- 22. Animals removed before authorized release times may forfeit awards, premiums, sale eligibility, and future participation privileges.
- 23. All livestock must be removed from the Fairgrounds by the designated Sunday release deadline.

Emergency Animal Check-Out

- 24. Emergency animal removals must be approved by the appropriate superintendent.
- 25. Emergency Animal Check-Out Forms are available through the Fair Office.
- 26. Animals may not leave the Fairgrounds without proper authorization.

EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Ownership Requirements

- 27. Animals exhibited must be owned by, leased to, or financially supported by the exhibitor according to project requirements.
- 28. Ownership records, registration papers, and project documentation must be available upon request.

29. Registration documents must be in the exhibitor's name when required by species rules.

Attendance Requirements

30. Exhibitors are expected to participate in all required classes and activities.

31. Exhibitors must be present and prepared when called for competition.

32. Market classes will not be delayed for late exhibitors.

33. Scheduling conflicts must be addressed with the superintendent before the class begins.

Showmanship Practice

34. Exhibitors must attend at least one showmanship practice session for their species in order to be eligible to exhibit at the Payette County Fair.

Record Books

35. Record books must be current and completed according to 4-H or FFA requirements.

36. Ownership documentation and share agreements must be included when applicable.

ANIMAL CARE & WELFARE

Daily Care

37. Exhibitors are responsible for the daily care, feeding, watering, cleaning, and management of their project animals.

38. Animals must be maintained in a safe, humane, and sanitary manner throughout the Fair.

Housing Requirements

39. Animals must remain in their assigned stall, pen, or exhibit area throughout Fair unless participating in an authorized event.

40. Animals temporarily moved for judging, fitting and showing, quality classes, or breed shows must be returned promptly to their assigned location.

Animal Handling

41. Animals must be handled in a humane and responsible manner at all times.

42. Abuse, neglect, mistreatment, or unsafe handling of animals may result in disciplinary action, removal from competition, forfeiture of awards, or removal from the Fairgrounds.

PARENT, LEADER & ADULT ASSISTANCE

Educational Assistance

43. Parents, leaders, advisors, and volunteers may provide instruction, education, guidance, and demonstrations to exhibitors.

44. The Fair serves as the culmination of the exhibitor's project work and learning experience.

Assistance Restrictions

45. Parents, leaders, advisors, or other adults may not perform the exhibitor's work.

46. Adults may not clip, wash, groom, fit, feed, prepare, or care for project animals on behalf of exhibitors.

47. Whenever assistance is necessary, another youth exhibitor should be utilized whenever possible.

48. If adult assistance is required for educational or safety purposes, the exhibitor must be present and actively participating.

Violations

49. Exhibitors may be lowered one ribbon placing if parents, leaders, or others are found performing exhibitor responsibilities.

50. Enforcement of this rule shall be the responsibility of the species superintendent.

BREEDING ANIMAL REQUIREMENTS

51. All breeding animals must be declared by the first Monday in May.

52. Animals not declared by the deadline are not eligible for exhibition.

53. Market animals may not be converted to breeding projects after the declaration deadline.

DRESS CODE

General Requirements

54. Exhibitors must be neat, clean, and appropriately dressed for all classes and competitions.

55. Closed-toe shoes are required.

56. Sleeveless shirts are prohibited.

57. Baseball caps are prohibited in the show ring and sale ring.

FFA Attire

58. Official FFA attire consists of:

- * Official FFA jacket
- * Collared shirt
- * Tie
- * Blue or black jeans
- * Closed-toe shoes

4-H Attire

59. 4-H exhibitors shall wear:

- * Collared shirt or polo
- * Blue or black jeans with belt or long skirt
- * Closed-toe shoes

Dairy Attire

60. Dairy exhibitors shall wear:

- * White collared shirt
- * White pants or long white skirt
- * Closed-toe shoes

ROUND ROBIN ELIGIBILITY

- 61. Exhibitors may compete in only one Round Robin competition.
- 62. Exhibitors qualifying in multiple species must select one division.
- 63. The same animal used in the qualifying showmanship contest must be used in Round Robin competition unless otherwise approved by the superintendent.

EXTRA ANIMAL RULES

- 64. Exhibitors may weigh in two animals of the same species when permitted by Fair rules.
- 65. Extra animals may be transferred to another eligible family member according to Fair requirements.
- 66. All animals must be weighed on the official Fair scale.
- 67. Re-weighs are not permitted.
- 68. Each exhibitor is limited to twenty (20) project animal entries regardless of species.

STALL & PEN CLEANING

- 69. All livestock stalls, pens, and exhibit areas must be cleaned before departure.
- 70. Large animal stalls not cleaned by 3:00 p.m. Sunday will be assessed a \$50 fine per stall.
- 71. Small animal pens not cleaned by 3:00 p.m. Sunday will be assessed a \$20 fine per pen.

HERDSMANSHIP GUIDELINES

Care of livestock animals will be consistent with accepted production practices and industry standards.

****REMEMBER:**** You are proud to show your animal at its best.

CLEANLINESS & DAILY MAINTENANCE

- 1. All livestock pens should be cleaned by 8:00 a.m. each morning and by 5:00 p.m. each evening.
- 2. Animal beds, stalls, pens, and alleyways should be clean and manure free.
- 3. Aisles should be clean and free of manure, straw/bedding, debris, and other obstructions.
- 4. Wheelbarrows should NOT be over-flowing and should be kept relatively clean and tidy.

ANIMAL CARE

- 5. Animals should be fed, watered, clean, and healthy in appearance.

EXHIBIT AREA APPEARANCE

- 6. Exhibitor cards identifying projects are required and are available beside the Sale Office by the Limbaugh Arena.
- 7. Decorations are acceptable and encouraged.
- 8. Display and exhibit areas should be neat, tidy, and signage should be easy to read.
- 9. Exhibit areas, including tack areas, should be welcoming and inviting to the public.
- 10. Aisles should remain as open as possible to allow safe passage through exhibit areas.
- 11. The 4-H or FFA emblem, club identification, stall cards, or other appropriate identification should be prominently displayed.
- 12. Decorations should complement the Fair theme and help promote the 4-H Club or FFA Chapter.

MEMBER INTERACTION & SPORTSMANSHIP

13. 4-H and FFA members should interact with the public and be alert and responsive to questions.

14. Members should demonstrate positive youth development skills, including:

- * Cooperation
- * Responsibility
- * Initiative
- * Leadership
- * Positive attitude

15. Members should represent their club, chapter, and the Payette County Fair in a positive manner at all times.

HERDSMANSHIP JUDGING

16. Herdsmanship judging will be conducted Tuesday through Saturday between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

17. Judging may occur one or more times each day at unannounced times.

18. Each category will be evaluated using the following scale:

Score	Description
5	Excellent - All criteria in the category were met or exceeded
4	Above Average - All criteria were basically met
3	Average - Most criteria were meet at an acceptable level; improvement could be made
2	Poor - Most criteria were not met; considerable improvement could be made
1	Unacceptable - Blatant disregard for criteria

HERDSMANSHIP AWARDS

19. Herdsmanship winners will be displayed on banners each morning recognizing the previous day's winners for each species.

20. On Saturday at 2:00 p.m., one (1) 4-H Club or FFA Chapter will be named ****Supreme Herdsmen****.

21. The Supreme Herdsmen winner will receive a certificate to display at the following year's Fair.

AWARDS, CONDUCT & GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The following policies apply to all exhibitors, participants, parents, volunteers, advisors, superintendents, and visitors participating in the Payette County Fair.

These procedures are intended to provide a fair and consistent process for addressing concerns, maintaining sportsmanship, and supporting a positive educational environment for all participants.

AWARDS & PREMIUMS

Premium Awards

1. Premiums will be awarded as follows:

Ribbon	Premium
Blue	\$3.00
Red	\$2.00
White	\$1.00

2. Premiums may be prorated if available funds are insufficient.

Champion Awards

3. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion awards will be awarded according to division rules.
4. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion awards may only be awarded when sufficient competition exists within the class.
5. Only blue-ribbon exhibits or animals are eligible for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion consideration.
6. Judges may withhold awards if exhibits do not meet quality standards.

Premium Payment

7. Open Class premiums will be distributed at exhibit check-out unless otherwise noted.
8. Livestock premiums may be paid according to division procedures.
9. Premiums are paid only from signed and approved records submitted by division chairpersons and superintendents.
10. Premiums not claimed according to Fair procedures may be forfeited.

JUDGING & AWARD DECISIONS

11. Judges' decisions shall be final.

12. When only one exhibit or animal is entered in a class, awards shall be based solely on merit.
13. The Fair Board reserves the right to combine, divide, or eliminate classes when necessary.
14. Any exhibitor displaying disrespect toward a judge, superintendent, or award decision may forfeit awards and premiums.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Payette County Fair is committed to providing a safe, educational, and positive environment for all exhibitors, volunteers, families, and visitors.

Exhibitor Conduct

15. Exhibitors shall conduct themselves in a respectful and sportsmanlike manner at all times.
16. Exhibitors shall comply with all Fair, 4-H, FFA, and livestock department rules.
17. Exhibitors shall demonstrate honesty, integrity, responsibility, and good sportsmanship.
18. Exhibitors shall respect Fair officials, judges, superintendents, volunteers, buyers, sponsors, and fellow exhibitors.
19. Harassment, bullying, intimidation, abusive language, or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated.

Parent, Volunteer & Spectator Conduct

20. Parents, leaders, advisors, volunteers, and spectators are expected to model positive behavior and support youth development.
21. Unsportsmanlike conduct toward judges, officials, volunteers, or exhibitors is prohibited.
22. Interference with judging or Fair operations is prohibited.
23. Any individual creating a disturbance may be removed from the Fairgrounds.

RULE VIOLATIONS

24. Violations of Fair rules may result in one or more of the following:

- * Warning
- * Loss of premiums
- * Loss of awards
- * Removal from competition
- * Disqualification
- * Removal from the Fairgrounds
- * Suspension from future participation

25. The severity of disciplinary action shall be determined by Fair management, superintendents, and/or the Fair Board.

26. The Payette County Fair Board reserves the right to interpret and enforce all rules.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Filing a Concern

27. Concerns should first be discussed with the appropriate:

- * Superintendent
- * Division Chairperson
- * 4-H Program Coordinator
- * FFA Advisor

28. Every effort should be made to resolve concerns informally at the department level.

Formal Review

29. If a resolution cannot be reached, concerns may be submitted to Fair management for review.

30. Fair management may convene an Executive Committee or Fair Board review when necessary.

31. The decision of the Fair Board shall be final.

Conduct During the Grievance Process

32. All parties involved shall remain respectful and follow the Fair Code of Conduct throughout the grievance process.

33. Public arguments, social media disputes, harassment, or disruptive behavior regarding Fair decisions may be considered a conduct violation.

FAIR BOARD AUTHORITY

34. The Payette County Fair Board reserves the right to interpret, amend, and enforce Fair rules when circumstances arise that are not specifically addressed in the Fair Book.

35. Participation in the Payette County Fair constitutes acceptance of all Fair rules and policies.

36. Any rule interpretation not specifically addressed in this Fair Book shall be determined by the Payette County Fair Board, whose decision shall be final.

OPEN CLASS RULES

The following rules apply to all Open Class exhibitors participating in the Payette County Fair.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Exhibitors

1. Open Class competition is open to all exhibitors unless otherwise specified within an individual division or class.
2. Exhibitors of all ages are encouraged to participate and showcase their talents through Open Class exhibits.

REGISTRATION & ENTRY

Entry Registration

3. All Open Class entries must be entered through the official FairEntry system before the published entry deadline.
4. Each department requires a separate entry form.
5. Exhibitors must provide complete and accurate contact information, including name, address, and telephone number.
6. Premiums may be forfeited if registration information is incomplete or inaccurate.
7. Assistance with online registration is available through the Fair Office.

Entry Deadline

8. Open Class entries close at **9:00 p.m. on the Saturday before the Fair** unless otherwise announced by the Fair Board.

Exhibit Check-In

9. Open Class exhibits will be accepted **Tuesday of Fair week from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.**
10. All exhibits must be checked in during the designated check-in period unless prior approval has been granted by the Fair Board.
11. Upon check-in, each exhibit will receive an official identification tag.
12. Exhibitors must retain the claim stub issued during check-in, as it will be required to claim exhibits during checkout.

EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS

13. All exhibits must be the original work of the exhibitor.
14. Each exhibit may be entered in **one class only**.
15. Exhibits entered in an incorrect class may be reassigned by the Division Chairman if discovered before judging begins.
16. Division Chairmen may accept exhibits not specifically listed in the Premium Book if they determine the exhibit is appropriate for competition.
17. The Fair Board reserves the right to refuse any exhibit that is objectionable, unsafe, inappropriate, or of inferior quality.

JUDGING

Judging Procedures

18. Open Class judging will be conducted on **Wednesday of Fair week** according to the official Fair schedule.

19. During judging, only judges, Division Chairmen, Fair officials, and authorized personnel may enter restricted judging areas.
20. Judges' decisions are final.
21. When only one exhibit is entered in a class, awards shall be based solely upon merit.
22. Judges may withhold awards if an exhibit does not meet acceptable standards of quality.
23. The Fair Board reserves the right to combine, divide, or eliminate classes when necessary.

DISPLAY OF EXHIBITS

24. Exhibit buildings will normally be open daily from **10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.**, except while judging is taking place or as otherwise posted.
25. All exhibits must remain on display until the official checkout period.
26. Exhibits removed before the designated checkout time, without approval from the Fair Board, will forfeit all premiums and awards.

EXHIBIT CHECKOUT

27. Open Class exhibits may be removed only during the official checkout period on **Sunday from Noon until 3:00 p.m.**
28. Exhibitors must present their claim stub to receive their exhibits.
29. If an exhibitor cannot personally retrieve exhibits, another individual may do so only by presenting:
 - the exhibit claim stub; and
 - written authorization from the exhibitor.
30. Exhibitors unable to retrieve exhibits during the scheduled checkout period must contact the Fair Office to make alternative arrangements.
31. Exhibits not claimed by **September 1** become the property of the Payette County Fair and may be disposed of at the discretion of the Fair Board.

PREMIUMS & AWARDS

32. Premiums will be paid only from official judging records signed by the appropriate Division Chairman.
33. Premium payments shall be made according to Fair procedures.
34. Open Class premiums are generally distributed during exhibit checkout unless otherwise announced.
35. Dairy Open Class premiums may be mailed following the Fair.
36. Premiums not claimed according to Fair procedures may be forfeited.

EXHIBITOR CONDUCT

37. Exhibitors are expected to conduct themselves in a courteous, respectful, and sportsmanlike manner.

38. Any exhibitor displaying disrespect toward judges, Division Chairmen, Fair officials, volunteers, or awards may forfeit premiums, awards, participation privileges, and may be removed from the Fairgrounds.
39. All exhibitors are expected to comply with all General Fairgrounds Rules in addition to these Open Class Rules.