

2026

Montezuma County Fair

# Rule Book

Community Open Classes

4H/FFA Classes



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## WHAT'S NEW

### Exhibitor Acknowledgement:

- Acknowledgement is required to be signed and turned into the 4-H Extension office within 60 days prior to competing at the Montezuma County Fair.

### General:

- PEMF Therapy is allowed at Fair
- Minimum Entry Requirement for Awards: A minimum of five (5) entries per division is required for awards to be presented. If fewer than five entries are received in a division, the Extension Office reserves the right to combine that division with another appropriate division or category. Divisions may be merged based on project type, age division, or similarity of exhibit to ensure fairness and competition. Combined divisions will be judged together, and awards will only be distributed after division consolidation is complete.
- All animal related concerns are to be reported to the local Montezuma County Fair veterinarian.

### Fitting Area:

- All exhibitors must groom and fit livestock in designated areas only. Pre-show touch-ups are allowed in the main barn.

### Tag-in:

- Virtual tag-in only for goat, sheep and swine, entries due by 11:59pm on May 1, 2026. If a member is participating in the Bred and Fed Program, the Montezuma County bill of sale is required to be a hard copy delivered to the 4H extension office for 4H members or to the FFA advisor for FFA members alternatively the bill of sale can be emailed to [montezumacountyfairboard@gmail.com](mailto:montezumacountyfairboard@gmail.com) no later than 11:59pm on May 1, 2026.
- In person tag-in for beef February 1, 2026, 12-2pm at the Montezuma County Fairgrounds, the Montezuma County bill of sale is required at tag in if you are participating in the Bred and Fed program.

### Goats:

- Prong collars are allowed. Prong collars must be specifically for goats.

**PLEASE NOTE: This list is not inclusive of all changes made. Members and their parents/guardians are responsible for reading the rule book and understanding prior to fair. Rules are strictly enforced. Failure to comply with rules results in disqualification.**

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# EXHIBITOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I have read and understand the Montezuma County Fair Rule Book, and in consideration for being permitted to exhibit at the Montezuma County Fair, I agree and consent to abide by the rules of competition, the Montezuma County Fair Rule Book, and the Code of Conduct set forth by the Fair Rule Book and the 4-H Extension Office.

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Exhibitor Print Name

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Exhibitor Signature

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Parent/Guardian of Exhibitor  
Print Name

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Parent/Guardian of Exhibitor  
Signature

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

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## JUDGING

### **Combination of both Danish & American Systems**

#### DANISH AWARDS SYSTEM (Individual Merit)

- Each exhibit will be individually judged and awarded a blue, red or white based on individual quality, completeness and neatness of work done. Blue ribbon projects must meet all exhibit requirements. Everyone receives a ribbon. Blue is excellent quality; Red is good quality & White is fair quality.

#### AMERICAN AWARDS SYSTEM (1st, 2nd & 3rd places)

- The color of the ribbon does not identify the QUALITY of the exhibit; it identifies the best of the Class. Although rare; white ribbon exhibits receive 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in their Class/Department.
- Best of Class: The top three blue ribbon exhibits Champion (1st), Reserve Champion (2nd) and Third Champion (3rd). (Class: i.e. Homemade Cakes, Crocheting, Leather, Watercolor)
- Best of Department: The top two items of the department must be placed Grand Champion (1st) & Reserve Grand Champion (2nd). (Department: i.e. Baked Goods, Clothing, Art)

## GENERAL RULES and REGULATIONS

**Rules will be strictly enforced. Failure to comply with rules will result in disqualification.** Disqualification will be determined by judges, superintendents and/or the Fair Board. In the event of conflict between the general rules and the special rules governing the various departments, the special rules take precedence.

The Fair Board reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations, and to settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incidental to the Montezuma County Fair. The Fair Board reserves the right to amend or add to these rules, as it, in its judgment, may deem advisable.

- Exhibitor hereby indemnifies Montezuma County, inclusive of Fair Board, Commissioners, and CSU Extension from any and all legal proceedings in regard to a challenge to any competition requirement or Montezuma County Fair Rule.
- 4-H OPEN CLASS CHALLENGE. 4-H members are encouraged to recruit community members to enter open class exhibits. Exhibitors must identify which club will receive their points at open class entry check in. One point per person will be designated to the Club of choice. The club with the most points will receive the "Go Getter" award

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presented at the annual 4-H Achievement Program in October. All clubs will be recognized for their efforts at the Achievement Program.

- Exhibitors will observe and follow all the Fairground rules. Violators will be excused with exhibits.
- Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any loss or injury, or damage done by any animal or article exhibited by him/her. The Fair Board will make every effort to conduct the fair in a safe manner but accepts no responsibility for the conduct of exhibits or exhibitors.
- It is preferred that all Community Open Class entries be made online at [montezuma.fairentry.com](http://montezuma.fairentry.com) by midnight on July 9, 2026
- Open Class Livestock, Rabbit, and Poultry entries must be made online at [montezuma.fairentry.com](http://montezuma.fairentry.com) by midnight on July 9, 2026
- Refer problems with [montezuma.fairentry.com](http://montezuma.fairentry.com) to the Montezuma County Extension Office at 970-565-3123.
- Age categories for all classes except Fine Arts are:
  - Adult - 18 years of age and older, regardless of school enrollment
  - Youth - 17 years of age and under, regardless of school enrollment.
- Each exhibitor is required to check in with the department superintendent upon entering, to obtain entry number and tags, even if you have registered online.
- Exhibitors are responsible for classification of exhibits, not the superintendents.
- Exhibits will only be allowed to be entered for one year.
- Exhibitors must own and possess all entries and be able to show proof of ownership to superintendents upon request per rules.
- 4-H, FFA and Open Class general exhibits will be released at the end of fair week, date and time will be specified on fair schedule, NO EARLY RELEASES. All 4-H and FFA livestock will be released at the end of fair week, date and time will be specified on the fair schedule.
- There will be designated areas for campers and livestock trailers. Violators will be towed at the owner's expense.
- No one under the age of 19 will be allowed to stay in campers or trailers without a parent. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- No dogs are allowed on the Fairgrounds except for service animals
- Harassment: Any harassment of officials, Fair Board members, Fair Board family members, grievance committee members, superintendents, judges, extension personnel, or FFA advisors by an exhibitor or family member will cause disqualification of the exhibitor from this and future Montezuma County Fairs.
- In the event a rule cannot be found in the Montezuma County Fair Book, the Fair Board will revert to the Colorado State Fair Rules.
- If a rule cannot be found in either rule book, Fair Board will call an emergency meeting for a decision.

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## **MONTEZUMA COUNTY FAIR CODE OF CONDUCT**

Montezuma and Dolores County residents participating in Fair activities shall:

1. Adhere to all rules, curfews, and policies of the Montezuma County Fairgrounds.
2. Conduct themselves in a courteous, respectful manner, to include use of appropriate language; exhibition of good sportsmanship; and striving to be a positive role model.
3. Respect the property rights of others.
4. Refrain from physical and/or verbal abuse and harassment.
5. Be prepared to accept personal responsibility for behavior.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATION PROCEDURE**

To be consistent with the Code of Conduct the Fair Board shall adopt levels of sanctions for the violation of the rules. For example: private reprimand, requiring an offender to provide an apology to the judge, superintendent Fair Board members, 4-H leaders, removal from the event, removal from the fair, forfeiture of awards, disqualification from future events, etc.

A code of conduct violation that is observed by a person in a position of authority, such as a judge, superintendent, ring steward, leader, Fair Board member, etc., shall be decided either by the Fair Board or the grievance advisory committee at the Fair Board's discretion.

The following procedure shall be used:

1. Misconduct is observed and reported by a person with authority.
2. The Fair Board or grievance advisory committee convenes to hear the complaint.
3. Accused is invited to be present, to question his/her accuser and to speak on his/her own behalf.
4. If the Fair Board or grievance advisory committee needs additional information the Fair Board or grievance advisory committee, at its discretion, may hear from other people who personally observed the incident in question.
5. If the Fair Board or grievance advisory committee is satisfied that it has enough information the Fair Board or grievance advisory committee shall meet privately to discuss the appropriate action to be taken.
6. The Fair Board or grievance advisory committee shall use a scale of 1 to 4 to evaluate misconduct with 1 being the least offensive and 4 being the most offensive. The Fair Board or grievance advisory committee shall consider all the facts and circumstances of the behavior as well as the individual's degree of remorsefulness for the behavior. The Fair Board shall make the final decision to remedy any grievance.

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The levels of sanctions are defined as:

- Level 1 – private reprimand.
- Level 2 – apology to affected people.
- Level 3 – removal from individual event or class and forfeiture of awards from that class only.
- Level 4 – Removal from all events at county fair for that year and forfeiture of all fair awards for that year.

## **GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE:**

Grievances must be submitted to the Fair Board within eight (8) hours of the incident, or the conclusion of the species show, whichever is later. All grievances must be in writing and accompanied by \$300.00 cash or certified check. Such grievances must state plainly the cause of the grievance or appeal and must be delivered to the Fair Board. A person who witnessed and/or was directly affected by the incident must file the grievance. **No grievance or appeal based on the general statement that the judges have overlooked an animal or exhibit will be considered.**

The current rules provide for a formal grievance advisory committee to be appointed. The grievance advisory committee shall consist of 14 exhibitor parents who are randomly selected. The 14 members will vote on the appropriate sanction, if any, and 7 votes will be randomly selected to assist the Fair Board remedy the grievance. A Fair Board member, superintendent or anyone involved in the grievance shall not serve on the grievance advisory committee. By enrolling a child in the Montezuma County Fair, the parent of the child is required to participate in a grievance advisory committee if so called upon.

When a grievance advisory committee is used, the grievance advisory committee shall make a recommendation to the Fair Board. The Fair Board shall meet to consider the recommendation and decide to either adopt or to modify the recommendation. In each circumstance where a sanction is imposed, the fact that a sanction is imposed, and the level of sanction imposed shall be made public to all 4-H and FFA members.

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# **COMMUNITY OPEN CLASSES**

## **Entry Rules and Requirements**

- **Do NOT include your name on the entry**
- Entries are open to Montezuma and Dolores County Residents
- Entries for all Community Open Classes will be taken at the fairgrounds, dates and times will be announced on the Fair Schedule.
- Please allow enough time to check in all items. Entries and all information must be ready to check in when you arrive. Please be prepared. We operate in a tight timeframe, so please be courteous to your fellow exhibitors.
- Unless otherwise noted, only one entry may be made in each class by an individual exhibitor.
- The following age divisions apply to all Community Open Classes unless otherwise noted:
  - AD - ADULT (18 years of Age and older).
  - YO - YOUTH (17 years of Age and under).

## **Department A: PANTRY - FOOD PRESERVATION**

- All entries must have been prepared since the previous fair. (August 1, 2025)
- Only entries that are made from scratch by the exhibitor are eligible for competition.
- All food preservation must follow guidelines set forth by the National Center for Home Food Preservation methods.
- To assure food safety, ALL CANNED entries MUST have been processed in a PRESSURE CANNER or BOILING WATER BATH according to USDA, Ball Blue Book, and/or University of Georgia Extension Guidelines and recipes, in appropriately sized jars. High Altitude adjustments must be made according to the above referenced guidelines. Entries that use inverting for Paraffin as a means of sealing (jellies and jams) or not using approved recipes will not be accepted/judged.
- All canned products must be displayed in standard, clear (non-colored) glass canning jars (i.e. Ball, Kerr, etc.) with two-piece canning lids. Jars and bands must be in good condition. Flat lids must be new.
- Entries deemed unfit for judging will not be accepted (e.g. unsealed canned goods, non-standard jars, etc.).
- Jars must be appropriate size for food e.g. 4 or 8 oz. for condiments and garnishes; 4, 8, 12, or 16 oz. for jams and jellies; 16 or 32 oz. for fruits, vegetables, or meats.
- All food preservation entries must include the following on a 3" x 5" card:
  - Name of product
  - Recipe

- Method of preparation (type of syrup, pack and any other ingredients) applies to product canned.
- Method of processing (i.e. pressure canning, water bath) indicate weighted or dial gauge.
- Exact processing time, altitude, and pounds of pressure (psi.)
- Date processed.
- Any jars showing leaks or spoilage will not be accepted.
- Jams & jellies will be opened. Other jars may be opened at the discretion of the judge.
- Flat lids with decorative patterns are allowed. No cloth covers, ties, or ornamental additions are permitted.
- No alcoholic entries are permitted.

## **Section A: CANNED FRUIT**

All fruits must be sealed jars and processed in a boiling water bath. Fruits should be uniform in size, natural color, shape, and well-preserved. Liquid should be clear and bright, covering food in jar.

Classes:

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Apricots             | 8. Tomatoes                       |
| 2. Peaches              | 9. Fruit other than above         |
| 3. Pears                | 10. Pie Filling                   |
| 4. Apples               | 11. Tomato Juice                  |
| 5. Applesauce           | 12. Grape Juice                   |
| 6. Pitted Red Cherries  | 13. Fruit Juice, other than above |
| 7. Black Sweet Cherries |                                   |

## **Section B: CANNED VEGETABLES**

All entries must be sealed in jars and must have been preserved using pressure canning. No steam pressure canners. Vegetables should be uniform in size, shape, and have a natural clear, bright color. Clear liquid should be covering food in jar. Vegetables should be in the prime stages of maturity, tender, and firm.

Classes:

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| 1. Green or Wax Beans, cut or broken       | 8. Carrots   |
| 2. Green or Wax Beans, fancy pack or whole | 9. Vegetables, other than above                                |
| 3. Beans, fancy pack or whole              | 10. Stewed Tomatoes (tomatoes canned with non-acid vegetables) |
| 4. Corn                                    | 11. Soup   |
| 5. Asparagus                               |  |
| 6. Beets, small and whole                  |  |
| 7. Beets, sliced or diced                  |  |

## Section C: JELLIES

Standard jelly jars must be used. All jelly jars should be sealed. All other containers will be disqualified. Jelly must be processed in boiling water bath. Jellies should hold shape, cut easily with a spoon leaving sharp edges, and not be syrupy or sticky. No paraffin.

Classes:

1. Apple
2. Crabapple
3. Choke cherry
4. Cherry
5. Plum
6. Grape
7. Rhubarb
8. Mint
9. Any Berry
10. Combination of two (2) or more
11. Miscellaneous, other than above
12. Any Fruit Syrup
13. Savory (e.g., pepper)

## Section D: PRESERVES AND MARMALADES

Must be in sealed jars and processed in a boiling water bath. Preserves are defined as uniform and distinct pieces of fruit in syrup or jelly. Marmalades are defined as small, transparent pieces of fruit and peel in soft jelly. Conserves are similar to jam but always include a mixture of fruit, usually has nuts, and some raisins. No Paraffin.

Classes:

1. Cherry Preserves, red or black
2. Peach Preserves
3. Strawberry Preserves
4. Plum Preserves
5. Preserves, other than above
6. Marmalade

## Section E: BUTTERS

Butters must be in sealed jars and processed in a boiling water bath. Butters are defined as texture consistent with type of product, consistency appropriate, free from separations.

Classes:

1. Apple Butter
2. Peach Butter
3. Plum Butter
4. Pear Butter
5. Apricot Butter
6. Butter, other than above

## Section F: JAMS

Jams must be in sealed jars and processed in a boiling water bath. Jams are defined as crushed, shapeless mass made by boiling fruit and sugar to a thick consistency.

Classes:

1. Peach Jam
2. Plum Jam
3. Cherry Jam
4. Apricot Jam
5. Blackberry Jam
6. Strawberry Jam
7. Raspberry Jam, red or black
8. Berry Jam
9. Combination of two (2) or more fruits Jam
10. Jams, other than above

## Section G: PICKLES AND RELISHES

Must be in sealed jars and processed in a boiling water bath. Must be uniform in size, color, and shape, tender, plump, or crisp according to kind. Must be in clear liquid, not cloudy. Product should retain natural color and flavor.

Classes:

1. Pickled Fruit
2. Pickled Beets
3. Pickled Cucumbers, sweet
4. Pickled Cucumbers, dill
5. Pickled Cucumbers, limed
6. Pickled Peppers, red or green
7. Sauerkraut
8. Mustard Pickles
9. Mixed Vegetable Pickles
10. Bread and Butter Pickles
11. Pickled Vegetable, other than above
12. Tomato Catsup
13. Chili Sauce
14. Salsa
15. Any sauce other than above
16. Cucumber Relish
17. Any other vegetable/fruit relish
18. Chutney, any variety

## SECTION G1: CANNED MEATS

Classes:

1. Beef
2. Chili
3. Spaghetti Sauce
4. Seafood/Fish
5. Pork
6. Poultry
7. Meat Broth
8. Soup
9. Wild Game
10. Any Other Variety

## Section H: HONEY

Canning is not required.

Classes:

1. Comb Honey cut or chunk style (4 inches x 4 inches or equivalent) submerged in Honey
2. Comb Honey cut or chunk style (4 inches x 4 inches or equivalent) not submerged in Honey
3. Comb Honey, section style
4. Honey - one pound, white or better
5. Honey - one-pound, extra light or amber
6. Honey - one-pound, light amber
7. Creamed Honey - one pound
8. Beeswax - one pound natural and unbleached
9. Frame of Honey

## DRIED FOODS

- All dried foods must be accompanied with a 3"x5" card must include the following information:
  - Name of product
  - Complete recipe including any pretreatment
  - Method of drying (oven or dehydrator) Solar drying not recommended
  - Total drying time and temperature
  - Date dried
  - Jerky recipes must use Colorado State University recommended procedures. Deer and elk meat are to include a copy of test results for Chronic Wasting Disease. Test is mandatory!
- All dried foods should be displayed in appropriate storage containers, such as glass jars with rust-free lids, heavy-weight plastic food-quality bags, plastic containers with tight fitting lids, vacuum-sealed plastic food bags, etc. Use two (2) milliliter-weight plastic or freezer bags. Ziplock freezer bags are acceptable.
- For dried food only, exhibitor may enter more than one variety in classes 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7.

Classes:

1. Fruit Leathers (6 pieces)
2. Dried Fruit (1/2 cup)
3. Dried Vegetables (1/2 cup)
4. Soup Mix (1/2 cup)
5. Quick breads made with dried food (recipe)

- must be attached to item)
- 6. Dried Meats (6 pieces) (attach recipe including type of meat and processing time)
- 7. Herbs (1/2 cup) mostly whole leaves only
- 8. Noodles (Quart size bag)
- 9. Dried Food, other than above

## **Department B: PANTRY - BAKED GOODS**

- Only entries that are made from scratch by the exhibitor are eligible for competition.
- All entries must be exhibited on HEAVY paper plates, or HEAVY covered cardboard or suitable foil or other disposable cake pan.
- All entries must be covered with CLEAR plastic wrap.
- Food items requiring refrigeration will not be accepted.
- Entries deemed unfit for judging will not be accepted (e.g. cakes in pans, China, plastic or glass pie plates, spoiled foods, or items which contain perishable foods such as fruit that spoils quickly, etc.).
- Cakes can be of any size.
- Place 3"x5" card containing recipe and all required information on base, not on any wrapping or lid.

### **Section A: YEAST BREAD**

Yeast bread should have a uniform, golden crust, smooth, well-rounded top, slice easily, and hold shape. The texture should be moderately fine, even grained, and free from large air bubbles. The flavor should be pleasant, well-baked, bland, nutlike taste. Allow bread to cool before wrapping.

Classes:

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| 1. Loaf White Bread                                | 7. Dinner rolls (3), whole wheat at least 90% |
| 2. Loaf Whole Wheat Bread, at least 90%            | 8. Cinnamon Rolls (3)                         |
| 3. Loaf Raisin Bread                               | 9. Raised Coffee Cake                         |
| 4. Loaf any other flour or grain bread, name grain | 10. Raised Special Rolls (3)                  |
| 5. Loaf (made in bread machine)                    | 11. Sourdough, any item                       |
| 6. Dinner rolls (3), any form                      | 12. Yeast Bread, other than above             |

### **Section B: QUICK BREADS**

Quick Breads should be even or slightly rounded, golden-brown crust, may or may not have cracks, equally light throughout. Texture should be fine

even grain, not crumbly. Flavor should be characteristic of ingredients. Any nuts or fruits should be uniformly distributed. No quick bread mixes.

1. Loaf Nut Bread, no fruits or vegetables
2. Loaf Banana Bread, with nuts
3. Loaf Banana Bread, without nuts
4. Loaf any other fruit bread, with nuts
5. Loaf any other fruit bread, without nuts
6. Loaf vegetable bread, with nuts
7. Loaf vegetable bread, without nuts
8. Muffins (3) any variety
9. Biscuits (3)
10. Scones (3)
11. Cornbread
12. Gingerbread
13. Quick Coffee Cake, no yeast
14. Quick Bread, other than above

### **Section C: PIES**

All pies must be in throwaway pie tins. Two crusts required on all pies except pecan, pumpkin, and squash. No cream pies. Crust should be golden brown, flaky, crispy, and the pie should cut easily with fork or knife but hold shape when served – pleasant flavor. Consistency of filling should not be runny but hold shape, and flavor should be characteristic of fruit used. No starchy taste.

Classes:

1. Apple
2. Cherry
3. Peach
4. Berry, any variety
5. Any other fruit
6. Pecan or walnut
7. Pumpkin, Squash, or Sweet Potato
8. Pie, other than above
9. Cobbler/Crisp

### **Section D: CAKES**

Cakes entered in pans in which they were baked will be disqualified. Cakes must be on firm base (no glass, plastic, or metal) no more than ½ inch wider than cake. Cakes must be covered with transparent or wax paper. Bakery boxes are okay. Cakes and icings must be non-perishable. Only whole cakes will be accepted. No pieces. No cake mixes. Cakes should have a neat appearance, texture consistent with recipe and ingredients used, and flavor well-blended and pleasant to the taste. Remember to place 3"x5" cards on the base not the wrapping.

Classes:

1. White iced (made with egg whites), 2 layers
2. Yellow, iced (made with whole eggs), 2 layers
3. Chocolate (iced), 2 layers
4. Spice or Applesauce (iced or not)

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| 5. Pound  | 9. Angel Food (iced or not)             |
| 6. Devil's Food (iced), 2 layers                      | 10. Chiffon Light or dark (iced or not) |
| 7. Carrot   | 11. Jelly Roll                          |
| 8. Fruit, light or dark<br>(traditional holiday type) | 12. Cake, other than above              |

## Section E: DECORATED BAKED GOODS

Item does NOT need to be edible. Decorations MUST be edible. Context is limited to amateur only. NO 3x5 RECIPE CARD NEEDED.

1. Decorated Cake
2. Decorated Cookies
3. Decorated Cup Cakes

## Section F: COOKIES

Cookie sizes should be approximately as follows:

- Drop cookies should be at least 1" and not more than 2" in diameter.
- Standard cookies should be at least 2" and not more than 3" in diameter.
- Decorated cookies and Sugar cookies may be larger than 3 inches.
- Brownies must be 2" x 2" in size
- Bar cookies 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" in size.

Place three (3) cookies on a small, disposable, white plate inside of a small Ziplock bag. Cookies should be of an even thickness. Drop cookies should be dropped from a spoon, not pressed, and be free from thin edges or spreading. All cookies should be free from excess flour on the outside and delicately browned unless recipe states otherwise. Flavor should be free from excessive taste of spice, flavoring, molasses, or other sweetening.

Texture depends on the type of cookies. Thin, rolled cookies or refrigerator cookies should be crisp. Other cookies should have a fine, even grain, and be somewhat moist. All cookies should be tender. Bar cookies may be soft, chewy, or cake-like inside.

Classes:

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| 1. Fruit Drop                          | 9. Rolled, cut with cookie cutter |
| 2. Filled                              | 10. Sugar                         |
| 3. Brownies                            | 11. Refrigerator                  |
| 4. Oatmeal                             | 12. Press, shaped before baked    |
| 5. Fruit Bar                           | 13. Peanut Butter                 |
| 6. Chocolate Chip with or without nuts | 14. Unbaked                       |
| 7. Spiral                              | 15. Cookies, other than above     |
| 8. Ginger                              |                                   |

## **Section G: BAKED GOODS FOR SPECIAL DIETS**

Cookie entries must consist of three (3) pieces on a small, white, paper plate inside a Ziplock plastic bag. Recipes must be attached to item for all classes.

1. Diabetic Sugarless Cookies
2. Gluten Free Cake (no wheat, oats, barley, or rye flour)
3. Gluten Free Cookies (no wheat, oats, barley, or rye flour)
4. Gluten Free Quick Breads (no wheat, oats, barley, or rye flour)
5. Low Calorie Cookies (no fat, must be low sugar)
6. High Calcium Snacks
7. High Protein Snacks
8. Sugarless Jam or Jelly, any variety
9. Vegan
10. Baked Goods for Special Diets, other than above

## **Department C: SEWING**

- All Needle Arts must be sewn. Glue will be accepted only where a sewing technique cannot be used.
- Articles must be finished.
- Items that are soiled, worn, or deemed unworthy of judging will not be accepted.
- Use of patterns is permitted but not required.
- For Quilts, See Department "E - Quilts"
- Judging Criteria:
  - General appearance
  - Suitability to purpose
  - Aesthetics
  - Style, color, design
  - Material
  - Finish and workmanship

## **Section H: CLOTHING CONSTRUCTION**

Items in this division can be made of any material.

Classes:

1. Adult Dress
2. Wedding Dress (veil may be included)
3. Evening formals or cocktail wear
4. Adult Suit
5. Adult Skirt
6. Adult Casual Wear
7. Adult Jacket or Coat
8. Adult Shirt or Blouse
9. Adult Vest
10. Adult Pants, Shorts, or Capris
11. Adult any other clothing item
12. Child/Youth Dress
13. Child/Youth Casual Wear
14. Child/Youth Jacket or Coat

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15. Child/Youth any other clothing item</li> <li>16. Clothing Accessories (hats, ties, purses, etc.)</li> <li>17. Any garment from Recycled Fabric (must use a least 50% recycled fabric and include a brief description of recycled fabric)</li> <li>18. Costume</li> <li>19. Decorated Clothing (Clothing may be</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>purchased, but the decoration must be a sewn technique)</li> <li>20. Decorative Clothing Combination (Clothing may be purchased, but the decoration must be sewn, applied, painted, studded, etc.)</li> <li>21. Other</li> </ul> |
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## **Section I: SEWING OTHER THAN CLOTHING**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Stuffed toy, under 18 inches</li> <li>2. Stuffed toy, 18 inches and over</li> <li>3. Pillow, pieced or patched</li> <li>4. Pillow, not listed elsewhere</li> <li>5. Pillowcases</li> <li>6. Bags and Totes</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Decorative Accent Piece, other than above</li> <li>8. Recycled Decorative Accent Item</li> <li>9. Other</li> </ul> |
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## **Section J: RUGS, WALL HANGINGS, & LATCH HOOK**

Wall hanging must have sleeve or hanging hoop in order to be considered as a wall hanging item. Please do not bring hanging hardware.

Classes:

- 1. Rug, latch hook
- 2. Rug, not listed above
- 3. Wall hanging, latch look
- 4. Wall hanging, not listed above, must be stitched to fabric (other than quilted)
- 5. Any other item, other than above.

## **Department D: NEEDLEWORK -NOT HANDSPUN**

### **Section K: HAND EMBROIDERY**

Pictures must be framed and ready to hang. No embellishments on pictures except where specified. No counted cross-stitch.

Classes:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Original design, any technique, picture</li> <li>2. Original design, any technique, other</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Stamped only, any item</li> <li>4. Samplers (may include alphabet lettering)</li> </ul> |
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5. Lettering or writing (such as poems, statements, etc.)
6. Tablecloth – embroidery, applique, or cross-stitch (napkins may be included)
7. Centerpiece, runner, or placemats
8. Embroidered Apparel
9. Embroidered picture, no sets
10. Embroidered pillowcases (pair)
11. Embroidered pillow
12. Tea Towels (3-piece set)
13. Embroidery, any other technique not listed above (chicken scratch, metallic, perforated paper)

## Section L: NEEDLEPOINT

Classes:

1. Needlepoint picture or wall hanging, no sets
2. Needlepoint, other than above (multimedia canvas work, etc.)
3. Long stitch
4. Needlework on plastic canvas utility-type container (vase, tissue box, etc.)
5. Crewel
6. Cross Stitch

## Section M: WEAVING

Entries will be judged according to weaving techniques, workmanship, and suitability of fabric for the finished item. Color and design will also be judged. Entries must be at least 75% handwoven (lining or backing not included.)

Classes:

1. Finished garment (any constructed clothing item made from handwoven fabric)
2. Shawl, ruana, shrug, poncho, cape, or stole (unstructured)
3. Fashion accessories (belts, purses, scarves, gloves, jewelry, hats, etc.)
4. House furnishings, functional (table linens, kitchen and bath linens, pillows, throws, etc.)
5. House furnishings, decorative
6. Baskets
7. Rugs
8. Tapestry

## Section N: HAND-KNITTED - CLOTHING

Classes:

1. Two- or three-piece infant set (e.g. sweater, cap, booties, etc.) – NO Afghans
2. Any other infant apparel – NO Booties
3. Sweater or vest

4. Accessories (e.g. belts, bags, purses, shawls, etc.)

5. Three-piece set (e.g., hat, gloves, and socks)
6. Any other hand-knitted item not listed above

## **Section O: HAND-KNITTED - NO CLOTHING - No AFGANS**

Classes:

1. Table runner
2. Doily
3. Toy
4. Pillow
5. Bed doll (may be pillow or sitting doll)
6. Doll clothes displayed on doll with doll stand
7. Tablecloth
8. Bedspread
9. Hand-knitted item, other than above.

## **Section P: HAND-KNITTED - AFGHANS**

Minimum size except where listed – 45 inches x 45 inches **OR** 45 inches x 60" with fringe. Must include measurements on entry form.

Classes:

1. Ripple, in one piece
2. Indian, in one piece
3. Loosely, in one piece
4. Round, in one piece
5. Afghan stitch
6. Strip
7. Blocks
8. Any combination of above classes, minimum of three techniques
9. Any other, in one piece
10. Afghan (no size requirement)
11. Infant, crocheted, at least 36 inches one way (baby yarn preferred)
12. Juvenile/youth, over 36 inches one way
13. Lap robe, no larger than 45 inches x 45 inches
14. Sports theme, any size
15. Extra Large. minimum size 54 inches x 72 inches

## **Section Q: CROCHETED - CLOTHING**

Classes:

1. Two- or three-piece infant set (e.g. sweater, cap, booties, etc.) – **NO** Afghans
2. Any other infant apparel – **NO** Booties
3. Sweater or vest
4. Accessories (e.g., belts, bags, purse, shawls, etc.)
5. Three-piece set (e.g., hat, gloves, and socks)
6. Any other crocheted item not listed above

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## **Section R: CROCHETED Other than Clothing No Afghans**

Classes:

1. Table Runner
2. Doily
3. Toy
4. Pillow
5. Bed doll (may be pillow or sitting doll)
6. Doll clothes displayed on doll with doll stand
7. Tablecloth
8. Bedspread
9. Crocheted item not mentioned above

## **Section S: CROCHETED AFGHANS - AFGHANS**

Minimum size except where listed – 45 inches x 45 inches **OR** 45 inches x 60" with fringe. Must include measurements on entry form.

Classes:

1. Ripple, in one piece
2. Indian, in one piece
3. Loosely, in one piece
4. Round, in one piece
5. Afghan stitch, afghan stitch used
6. Strip
7. Blocks
8. Any combination of above classes, minimum of three techniques
9. Any other, in one piece
10. Afghan (no size requirement)
11. Infant, crocheted, at least 36 inches one way (baby yarn preferred)
12. Juvenile/youth, over 36 inches one way
13. Lab robe, no larger than 45 inches x 45 inches
14. Sports theme, any size
15. Extra Large, minimum size 54 inches x 72 inches

## **Department E: Handspun Yarn & Items From Handspun:**

Rules:

- Yarn should be in skeins of 2 to 3 ounces, properly tied and labeled.
- Yarns will be judged on consistency of twist, size and strength; free from obvious breaks and noils; cleanliness; finishing; skeining and tying.
- Novelty yarns will be judged on consistency of variations, strength, appropriate use of fiber and complimentary colors.

### **Section Y1 Yarn**

Classes:

Singles

1. Wool
2. Exotic (Angora, Llama, Alpaca, Silk, Mohair)
3. Bast Fibers

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## Multiple Ply

1. Wool
2. Exotic (Angora, Llama, Alpaca, Silk, Mohair)
3. Bast Fibers

## Fiber Blends, Singles

1. Any two or more fibers, blended into one yarn

## Fiber Blends, Two Ply

1. Any two fibers, blended and plied. Includes two separate fibers plied
  - a. Novelty Yarns
2. Any unusual spinning techniques including lock spun

## Fiber To Fabric

1. Samples of raw fiber, processed fiber and either a one oz. finished skein and a sample (4" x4" minimum) of crochet, knit, weaving or felt fabric OR a 10 yard skein and a finished item.

## Section Y2 Handspun Knitting

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| 1. Hats, Mittens | 5. Vests    |
| 2. Gloves, Socks | 6. Sweaters |
| 3. Scarves       | 7. Afghans  |
| 4. Shawls        | 8. Other    |

## Section Y3 Handspun Crochet

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|------------------|-------------|
| 1.               | 6. Vests    |
| 2. Hats, Mittens | 7. Sweaters |
| 3. Gloves, Socks | 8. Afghans  |
| 4. Scarves       | 9. Other    |
| 5. Shawls        |             |

## Section Y4 Handspun Weaving

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| 1. Tapestry | 4. Baskets        |
| 2. Clothing | 5. Locker Hooking |
| 3. Scarves  |                   |

## Section Y5 Handspun Felting

1. Garment
2. Household Item

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## Department E: Quilts

- All quilts must be finished.
- Quilts entered must have been constructed and completed within the last three years.
- Quilts that have been previously entered in the Montezuma County Fair may not be entered again.
- All entries MUST BE CLEAN and free of odors and pet hair. Dirty entries that are soiled, worn or deemed unworthy of judging will NOT be accepted.
- Safety pins, only, will be used for attaching entry tags to quilts. Quilts may have a hanging sleeve.
- Because of limited show space, please note that some quilts may be displayed folded.
- Cover any quilt label or name of quilter.

## Definitions

- QUILT is defined as having three layers – a top, a batting, and a backing and MUST be quilted through all three layers.
- ONE PERSON quilt is defined as a quilt made by one person, only.
- DUET is a quilt constructed by one person and quilted by someone else.
- ART QUILT/ORIGINAL – Self designed by entrant. Original form and composition by entrant. May be portrait, still life, landscape or abstract, quilted through three layers.

Mixed Technique -incorporates two or more different techniques into one quilt, i.e., pieced and appliqued, embroidered and pieced, etc.

- APPLIQUE QUILTS have more than 50% of the top as appliqued construction. The definition of applique is sewing of smaller pieces of fabric onto a large, whole piece of fabric. Applique quilts can include other quilting techniques in a secondary role.
- Hand Quilted – More than 50% is hand quilted
- Home Machine Quilted – completed by the quilter. Home Machine Embroidery – completed using a home sewing machine with a computerized embroidery program.
- Mid/Long-arm Quilted – completed using a mid/long-arm quilting machine, quilting manually completed by the quilter. Mid/Long-arm Quilted Computerized – completed using a computerized long-arm quilting machine program.
- BABY QUILT is defined as a small quilt made to fit easily in a crib or stroller.
- Bed Quilt – Intended to be used on a bed as a coverlet or lap quilt.
- Wall Quilt – Intended to be hung on a wall and NOT for use on a bed or as a coverlet or lap quilt.

- Miniature - Smaller scale version of a large quilt design maximum circumference 96 inches.
- Kits - Quilts having any part(s) made from a pre-planned or pre-marked commercial kit or those quilts made from block-of-the-month club sources where a shop or other design source has supplied the pattern and fabric. Kits may not be entered into any other category. There will be no subclasses by type of construction or size unless there are more than three in a specific class. Finishing methods by type subclasses will be maintained.
- Recycled - Construction of at least 50% recycled denim, used clothing, draperies, ties, etc. There will be no subclasses by type of construction or size unless there are more than three in a specific class. Finishing method by type subclass will be maintained.
- Vintage - Top or blocks (usually antique) made by another quilter and then finished into a completed unit by the exhibitor. Exhibitor must attach a detailed description of the Exhibitor's contribution to the entry. Judging will be based on the Exhibitor's skills.
- WHOLE CLOTH QUILTS Quilt top is made of a single piece of fabric, not patchwork, sandwiched to a backing. The quilting stitches form the design

### Quilting Method

- QM1 Tied
- QM2 Hand
- QM3 Home Machine
- QM4 Home Machine Embroidery
- QM5 Mid/Longarm Machine
- QM6 Mid/Longarm Computer

### Class

1. Small:  
Baby/Toddler/Lap
2. Medium Bed Quilt:  
Twin/Double
3. Large Bed Quilt  
Queen/King
4. Small Wall Quilt
5. Large Wall Quilt
6. Art Quilt (original design)
7. Kit Quilt
8. Table Runners and Placemats
9. Miniature
10. Whole Cloth/Panel
11. Recycled (at least 50% recycled material)
12. Vintage (new quilt from old blocks/tops at least 15 years old, made into finished quilt)
13. Clothing
14. Accessories
15. Pillows

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## Construction Type

- CT1 Pieced
- CT2 Applique
- CT3 Mixed Technique

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- QM1 Tied
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- QM4 Home Machine Embroidery
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- Kit Quilt
- Table Runners and  
Placemats
- Miniature
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recycled material)
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blocks/tops at least 15 years  
old, made into finished  
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- Accessories
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## Construction Type

- CT1 Pieced
- CT2 Applique
- CT3 Mixed Technique

## Department F: HARD MATERIAL CRAFTS

### Judging Criteria

- Originality
- Suitability of Materials
- Creativity
- Workmanship
- Overall Effect

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## **Section B: GLASS**

- Stained glass, original design
- Stained glass, copper foil
- Stained glass, lead
- Stained glass, mosaic and fused glass
- Etched glass
- Glass, other than above

## **Section C: LEATHER**

- Belts
- Horse gear or tack (e.g., bridles, breast collars, harness, hobbles, whips, reins, or similar items used to control a horse)
- Large case items (e.g., shoulder bag, handbag, black powder possible bag, bowling bag, rifle case, briefcase, etc.)
- Pictures (e.g., uncolored, colored, embossed and three dimensional etc.)
- Pocket Items (e.g., billfolds, wallets, checkbook cover, key cases, fobs, eyeglass case, knife sheath, etc.)
- Saddles
- Small case items (e.g., camera, handcuff, holster, clutch purse, cellphone case, knife sheath, etc.)
- Leather, other than above

## **Section D: METAL**

- Decorative, any metal, any technique (sculpture, wall hanging, statue, yard ornament, etc.)
- Utilitarian, any metal, any technique (wall sconce, lamp, bowl, plate, spoons, pitchers, etc.)
- Metal, other than above

## **Section E: WOOD**

### **Woodcarving**

- Realistic (any subject)
- Caricature (any subject)
- Abstract
- Stylized, any subject
- Whittled pieces
- Relief, any subject
- Decoys
- Woodcarving, other than above

- Other Wood Technique, other than above

### **Wood Items Any Technique**

- Furniture
- Clocks
- Toys
- Walking Sticks
- Wood Items Any Technique, other than above

### **Other Wood Techniques**

- Luthier (instrument)
- Wood inlay or Intarsia
- Scroll saw

## **Department G:           HAND CRAFTS**

### **Judging Criteria**

- Originality
- Suitability of Materials
- Creativity
- Workmanship
- Overall Effect

### **Section F:    TOLE / DECORATIVE PAINTING**

A variety of painting techniques on tin and wooden utensils, objects, and furniture (e.g., utensils saws, coffee pots, bowls, chairs, tables, chests, boxes, etc.)

- Animals
- Birds / Waterfowl / Fish
- Flowers or plants
- Folk Art
- Holidays or special occasions
- Winter landscape scene
- Summer landscape scene
- Original design
- People (realistic)
- People (whimsical)
- Still life
- Tole / Decorative Painting, other than above

### **Section G:    PLASTIC BUILDING BLOCK SYSTEM (Lego Type)**

Entries should be submitted on a Lego-type base affixed to wood or foam core board. Entries should be solidly constructed (not heavy or too fragile) to allow for displaying. Entries must be original, authentic design, not copies or imitated. No licensed or published design or patterns or sets can be used.

- Transportation
- People
- Animals
- Buildings
- Plastic Building Block System (Lego Type), other than above

### **Section H:    JEWELRY**

Must be mounted for displaying. NO kits.

- Non-traditional - handcrafted items using polymer and water-based clays, plastics, metal clay, etc. This class will include beads, buttons, components, jewelry, or jewelry-related objects that are 50% or more clay made into finished jewelry.
- Fabricated - created by manipulating wires, sheet metal, and stones using traditional fabrication techniques such as bending, forging, sawing, soldering, etc. This class will include beads, buttons,

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components, jewelry, or jewelry-related objects that are 50% or more metal made into finished jewelry.

- Strung – This class will include a piece (e.g., necklaces, earrings, or bracelets), or an ensemble of jewelry, that is made from materials such as glass beads, crystals, semi-precious stones, seed beads (piece must be less than 50% seed beads), found objects, etc.
- Crocheted – This class will include a piece or an ensemble of jewelry that is made using crocheted or knotting techniques that also incorporates materials such as glass beads, crystals, semi-precious stones, seed beads, found objects, bone beads wood beads, etc.
- Jewelry, other than above

## **Section I: BEADING**

Must be mounted for displaying. No plastic beads.

### **Loom**

- Beaded objects (original design) – This class will include a non-jewelry item or accessory (e.g., purses, shoes, sculptures, wall hangings, etc.) in which the design is original to the exhibitor.
- Beaded objects (designer) – This class will include a non-jewelry item or accessory (e.g., purses, shoes, sculptures, wall hangings, etc.) in which the design is created by some person other than the exhibitor. Designer must be acknowledged by name on entry item.
- Beaded wearable jewelry – This class will include beaded beads, a piece or an ensemble of jewelry (e.g., necklaces, bracelets, earrings, and rings) that is predominantly seed beads or bugle beads. If the design is created by a person other than the exhibitor of the piece, the designer must be acknowledged by name on the entry item.
- Beading / Loom, other than above

### **Off Loom**

- Beaded objects (original design) – This class will include a non-jewelry item or accessory (e.g., purses, shoes, sculptures, wall hangings, etc.) in which the design is original to the exhibitor.
- Beaded objects (designer) – This class will include a non-jewelry item or accessory (e.g., purses, shoes, sculptures, wall hangings, etc.) in which the design is created by some person other than the exhibitor. Designer must be acknowledged by name on entry item.
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- Beading / Off Loom, other than above

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## **Section J: MISCELLANEOUS CRAFTS**

- Collection (a group of objects to be seen, studied, or kept together – collections must be displayed in a shadow-type box)
- Decorated clothing, applied elements
- Painted or decorated gourds
- Decoupage item
- Mosaics
- Paper-Mache item
- Sculpture
- Ceramics
- Wreath or swag
- Scrapbooking, two-page layout any size
- Duct tape
- Miscellaneous Crafts, other than above

## **Section K: MODELS**

- Metal
- Rocketry
- Die Cast
- Plastic
- Miniature Scenes
- Model, other than above

## **Department H: FINE ART**

- Original artwork only. Paintings, which are copies of published photographs or copies of other paintings or Class work, are not acceptable. A copy is “any reproduction or facsimile of an original work of art (or photograph) done in the same art form, although not necessarily in the same size or with the same materials,” (Meyer’s Dictionary of Art and Techniques)
- Artwork must have been completed within the last two years.
- Exhibitors may select the class in which the work will be entered, however the General Class Superintendent will make final classification decisions.
- Artwork may not have been previously exhibited at Montezuma County Fair.
- Two-dimensional artwork must be suitably framed and wired using strong screw eyes and wire.
- All oils, acrylics, watercolors, graphics, etc. MUST be wired and have hooks for hanging. If these requirements are not met, entries will be refused at the discretion of the General Open Class Superintendent.
- Artwork with clip mounts, missing wires, string, scotch tape, will not be accepted.
- All artwork must be dry when entered.
- General Open Class Superintendent will have the final decision regarding proper artwork condition and location of each piece.

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**AD: ADULT - 18 years of age and older.**

Adult Exhibitors are limited to two (2) entries per Section and no more than six (6) entries in total.

**Section L: ACRYLIC**

**Section M: OIL**

**Section N: PASTEL/CHARCOAL**

**Section O: PENCIL**

**Section P: WATERCOLOR**

**Section Q: OTHER MEDIA, other than above**

**YO: YOUTH - Youth division entered to be determined by grade at the end of the 2025-2026 school year in May 2026.**

Youth Exhibitors may enter up to six (6) entries.

**Section R: ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Grades K - 5)**

**Section S: MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6 - 8)**

**Section T: HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 9 - 12)**

### **Department I: PHOTOGRAPHY**

- Only original works, never before shown at the Montezuma County Fair will be accepted.
- ALL photos must be 5x7 or 8x10.
- ALL photos MUST be framed and prepared with eyelet screws and wire ready to hang.
- Montezuma County Fair Board is not responsible for broken glass or frames.
- The type of CAMERA used, not the printing process will determine classification.
- Classification and class must be clearly indicated by the exhibitor at the time of registration. General Open Class Superintendent will have the final decision regarding proper classification but is NOT responsible for classification errors.
- Three (3) entries per class not to exceed nine (9) total in photography.

**AD. ADULT (18 years of Age and older)**

**YO. YOUTH (17 years of Age and under)**

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## Section U: FILM

## Section V: DIGITAL

- Animals
- Architecture
- Black & White
- Floral
- Landscape
- People
- Computer Enhanced
- Digital Photography, other than above

## Department J: LIVESTOCK - OPEN CLASS

- General Montezuma County Fair Rules are listed in the front of this book and pertain to all departments of the Montezuma County Fair.
- 4-H/FFA members: no entry fees, except where otherwise noted.
- For the fair management to provide facilities, entries must be made by **July 9, 2026** at [montezuma.fairentry.com](http://montezuma.fairentry.com).
- All breeding classes of cattle will be judged by breeds when numbers warrant.
- Classes may be added or dropped at the discretion of the Superintendent.
- Ribbons will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place animals in open classes are eligible for selection of Grand and Reserve Grand Champion.
- All bulls must have neck chains and nose rings for safety in keeping them tied.
- Open class entries can be released following the conclusion of the show with Superintendent permission.
- Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the superintendent. All animals must be vet checked before they can be shown.

## Division I: GOATS

### BREEDING GOATS

1. Buck any age
2. Doe any age

### Section W: A.D.G.A. Dairy Goats

- Proof of registry required. Will be classified by breed according to entry form age categories.

### Section X: NON-REGISTERED DAIRY GOATS

1. Does, under 1 year
2. Does, over 1 year - 2 years (non-lactating)
3. Lactating does under 1 year
4. Lactating does over 2 years

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5. Wether or buck under 1 year

6. Wether or buck over 1 year

**Section Y: ANGORA/CASHMERE based on age groups above**

**Section Z: MARKET GOATS (meat wethers & does)**

Division II: **CATTLE (All Breeds)**

**Section AA: BREEDING BEEF**

1. Bulls under 1 year

2. Bulls over 1 year

3. Heifers under 1 year

4. Heifers over 1 year

5. Cows

6. Cow/calf pair

**Section BB: MARKET BEEF**

1. Beef over 1 year and under 2 years

**Section CC: DAIRY CATTLE**

1. Heifers over 1 year

2. Cows over 2 years

Division III: **SHEEP**

**Section DD: MARKET SHEEP**

1. Wether or ewe lamb under 1 year

**Section EE: BREEDING SHEEP**

1. Ram any age

2. Ewe any age

DIVISION IV: SWINE

**Section AAA: MARKET SWINE**

**Section BBB: BREEDING SWINE**

1. Gilts farrowed after 1/1/2026

Division IV: **HORSE**

- All State 4-H Horse rules will be followed regardless of circumstances.
- Ribbons will be awarded using the American Ribbon System which is a placing system.
- Stallions over one year of age will not be allowed to show in any class.

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- All Exhibitors must comply with county regulations and rules set by Montezuma County Fair Board.
  - There are three division, English, Western and Ranch Horse. Entries must be made online at [montezuma.fairentry.com](http://montezuma.fairentry.com) by July 9 by 4:00 p.m.
  - Jumpers in open class are not levels tested and will be jumping at their own risk.
  - Bitless Bridles are prohibited.
  - Superintendents have the right to dismiss horses that are a danger to other exhibitors.
  - Peewee Open Class Division (age 8 and under)
  - Youth Open Class Division (ages 8-18)
  - Adult Open Class Division (age 18+)
  - Classes may be combined, added, or dropped at the discretion of the superintendent. A walk trot group will be offered for each class, at the discretion of the superintendent.

### **Section CCC: WESTERN**

- Western Reining
- Trail

### **Section DDD: ENGLISH**

- English Equitation
- English Pleasure
- Trail

### **Section EEE: WORKING RANCH HORSE**

- Ranch
- Ranch Trail
- Ranch Cutting

Cow work- Class TBD depending on cattle availability.

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### **Department K: POULTRY**

- Open Class entries will be made online at [montezuma.fairentry.com](http://montezuma.fairentry.com) by July 9, 2026 in order to provide cooping. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the superintendent.
- All entries shall include the sex of the bird, age of the bird, breed, and variety. No entry will be accepted unless accompanied by the entry fee.
- All entries will be released at the end of fair week, date and time will be specified on fair schedule. Open entries may be released day of show at the discretion of the superintendent.
- Any bird showing symptoms of disease or parasites of any kind will not be permitted in the barns. If disqualified, all entry fees will be forfeited.

- Definitions: Poultry: cock & hen birds over one year; cockerel & pullet under one year; breeding trio - one male, two females.
- Grand Champion Open Class Fowl exhibit will be named from the champions in each breed.
- Additional fowl classes will be established as warranted by entries.
- Definitions and Judging procedures as described in the latest edition of the A.P.A. and A.B.A. Shall apply to all entries.

## **Section FFF: CHICKENS - LARGE FOWL**

### Classes

- *American:* Buckeye, Chanteclers, Delaware, Dominique, Holland, Java, Jersey Giant, Lamona, New Hampshire, Plymouth Rock, Rhode Island Red or White, Wyandotte.
- *English:* Australorp, Cornish, Dorking, Orpington, Red Cap, Sussex
- *Mediterranean:* Ancona, Andalusian, Catalana, Leghorn, Minorca, Sicilian Buttercup, Spanish
- *Asiatic:* Brahma, Cochin, Langshan
- *Continental:* Campine, Crevecoeurs, Faverolle, Hamburg, Houdan, La Fleche, Lakenvelder, Polish (Bearded and Non Bearded) Barnevelders, Welsummers
- *All Other Standard Breeds:* Ameraucana, Araucana, Aseel, Cubalaya, Malay, Modern Game, Naked Neck, Old English Game, Phoenix, Shamo, Sultan, Sumatra, Yokohama
- Miscellaneous and Non- Standard Breeds

## **Section GGG: BANTAMS**

- *Single Comb Clean Legged:* Ancona, Andalusian, Campine, Catalanas, Delawares, Dorking, Dutch, Hollands, Japanese, Java, Jersey Giant, Jungle Fowl, Lakenvelder, Lamona, Leghorn, Minorca, Naked Neck, New Hampshire, Orpington, Phoenix, Plymouth Rock, Rhode Island Red, Spanish Sussex, Welsummers, White Faced Black Spanish
- *Rose Comb Clean Legged:* Ancona, Belgian Bearded D'Anver, Dominiques, Dorking, Red Cap, Rhode Island Red or White, Rosecomb, Sebright, Hamburg, Leghorn, Minorca, Wyandotte
- *All Other Combed Clean Legged:* Ameraucana, Araucana, Buckeyes, Cornish, Crevecoeur, Cubalaya, Houdan, La Fleche, Malay, Polish, Shamo, Sumatra, Sicilian Buttercups, Yokohama
- *Feather Legged:* Booted, Belgian Bearded D'Uccle, Brahma, Cochin, Faverolle, Langshan, Silkie, Sultan
- *Game Bantams:* Modern Games, Old English Games, American Games

## **Section HHH: WATERFOWL**

- Heavy Ducks: Pekin, Aylesbury, Rouen, Muscovy, Saxony, Silver Appleyard

- Medium Ducks: Cayuga, Crested, Swedish, Buff
- Light Ducks: Campbell, Magpie, Runner, Welsh Harlequin
- Bantam Ducks: Call, East India, Mallard
- Heavy Geese: African, Embden, Toulouse
- Medium Geese: Sebastopol, Pilgrim, American Buff, Saddleback Pomeranian
- Light Geese: Canada, Chinese, Egyptian, Tufted Roman

### **Section III: BARNYARD MIX**

- Large Chicken
- Bantam
- Waterfowl
- Other

### **Section JJJ: SHOW TURKEYS**

- Standard Turkeys: Black, Bronze, Bourbon Red, Narragansett, Royal Palm, Slate, and Beltsville Small White, White Holland

### **Section KKK: GUINEAS**

- Pearl, White and Lavender

### **Section LLL: PIGEONS**

- Fancy: Budapest, Copuchin, English Trumpeter, Fantail, Frillback, Jacobin, King, and Modena
- Rare Ice: Arc Angels
- Performance: Birmingham Roller, Racing Homer
- Utility: Swiss Modena

### **Section MMM: GAME BIRDS**

- Pheasants
- Doves
- Quail
- Chukars

### **Section NNN: EGGS**

- White: One Dozen
- Brown: One Dozen
- Colored: One Dozen
- Any Other: One Dozen

## **Department L: RABBITS**

- All Open Class entries will be made online at [montezuma.fairentry.com](http://montezuma.fairentry.com) by **July 9, 2026**. Entries will be taken day of show within the posted time on the schedule and will close 30 minutes prior to show.
- All entries must be listed on the entry form by class, age and tattoo.
- The open rabbit show will follow all ARBA show guidelines and classes.
- All rabbits are subject to a health inspection.

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- Substitutions may be made only in the same Class and sex and must be recorded with the superintendent at the time entries are brought to the fair.
  - All rabbits must have a permanent, legible tattoo on the left ear.
  - The open rabbit division will be a carrying cage show. No pens will be provided.

## **Department M: BUCKET CALF**

- All Open Class entries will be made online at [montezuma.fairentry.com](http://montezuma.fairentry.com) by **July 9, 2026**.
- Project is open to 5 years old to 8 year olds.
- Calves must be in possession within 4 weeks of birth. Any newborn or orphan calf (Bull, steer, or Heifer) calved between January 1st and June 1st can be part of this project. Any number of calves may be utilized for this project, but only one calf (one per dairy, one per beef) may be brought to the fair for exhibition in the Bucket calf show.
- Bucket calves may be returned next year in the market steer/heifer show or dairy show if the youth is of 4-H age. (8 as of January 1st.)
- Calves must be bucket or bottle fed. No nursing permitted. No bucket calves with horns will be allowed to be exhibited at the fair.
- Exhibitors are to follow “rules for exhibitor” in the fair book.
- Grooming of the calf should include washing and brushing. Show stick and clipping are optional.
- All calves will be shown on a rope or show halter
- Calves must be entered in the bucket calf contest through [Montezuma.fairentry.com](http://Montezuma.fairentry.com) by the close of fair entry. (check with extension office for specific dates)
- Calf must be checked by the veterinarian during the beef weigh-in.
- Exhibitors are **REQUIRED TO BE AT PEN SET UP**

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## 4-H/FFA CLASSES

### GENERAL EXHIBITS

All general exhibits follow the Colorado State Fair rules and regulations. Please find this website helpful for your project: <http://co4h.colostate.edu>  
If you still need help, please reach out to your leader and/or the extension office.

Minimum Entry Requirement for Awards: A minimum of five (5) entries per division is required for awards to be presented. If fewer than five entries are received in a division, the Extension Office reserves the right to combine that division with another appropriate division or category. Divisions may be merged based on project type, age division, or similarity of exhibit to ensure fairness and competition. Combined divisions will be judged together, and awards will only be distributed after division consolidation is complete.

Horse, Rocket Launch and Shooting Sports refer to the 4-H State Fair requirements and rule books.

NOTE: The following rules apply to all 4-H and FFA members regardless of animal or fowl species shown

- Disqualification may result if found in violation, the ultimate and final decision will be made by the Montezuma County Fair Board if stated violation cannot be handled at the superintendent level.
- Eligibility: Youth exhibiting in 4-H/FFA animal or fowl departments must be a bona fide member of the Montezuma or Dolores Counties 4-H or FFA programs and have not reached their 19th birthday as of 1/1 of current year to be eligible to compete. Members must be enrolled in a livestock project that is being exhibited at the Montezuma County Fair and in good standing under 4-H/FFA guidelines. The 4-H project leader, Extension Agent or FFA Advisor must certify members, at the time of entry to the Fair.
- 4-H and FFA members must turn in an “up-to-date” record book **by July 9, 2026 @ 4 p.m.** for a pass/fail review. If a member chooses not to turn in an up-to-date record, the member has also made the choice not to participate in any 4-H and/or FFA fair shows.
- 4-H and/or FFA members must own all animals or fowl shown by a 4-H or FFA member.
- Exhibitors must be present to show their own animals or fowl. If an exhibitor is unable to show or has two entries in the same class, an animal or fowl may be shown by another eligible 4-H or FFA member who is registered and in good standing for the current year at the Montezuma County Fair. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to notify the show secretary and the superintendent no less than 30 minutes prior

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to the class, except for the grand drive, notice should be given for the grand drive as early as possible. The superintendent or judge will make no attempt to locate an exhibitor, nor place an animal or fowl in any Class.

- Members must meet ownership dates specific to the species shown. The Montezuma County bill of sale is required to be eligible for the Bred & Fed Program. Without the Montezuma County bill of sale, member has chosen not to participate in the Bred & Fed Program.
- If an animal loses its County Fair ear tag, member must notify the Extension Office within 24 hours of noticed tag loss. The Extension Office will record tag loss and have a replacement tag ready at weigh-in.
- No animal shall be shown in both breeding and market classes. All class designations MUST be made at the time a member registers for fair through the Fair Entry system. All members showing in a breeding class must also be enrolled in a breeding project for that species except for Rabbits.
- Exhibitors are prohibited from showing unethically fitted animals or fowl, or animals or fowl of an ineligible age. "Unethical practices" will be grounds for dismissal of the exhibitor and the exhibit. "Unethical practices" are: doctoring, drugging or injecting show animals for body "fill-ins", filling the abdominal cavity with air, or the alteration, changing, defacing, bleaching, shading, dying, frosting, or any other modification of the markings of an anatomical structure of show animals, such as blowing binder twine, wood chips or cork on the legs to make them heavier boned, and artificial tail fins to make rump appear longer and more level. The use of adhesives to bone up legs and make tail fins is acceptable, as long as ingredients foreign to leg hair and tail fin are not used. Adding hair is considered foreign to the animal, as well as any type of injection and/or external application of oils, glycerin or similar substance for body "fill-ins", or for edematous condition.
- All animals or fowl must be diseased and pest free upon entering the fairgrounds. Superintendents may dismiss or remove any animal or fowl found to be diseased, pest ridden or otherwise in bad health, with the assistance of the vet on call.
- Each exhibitor is required to check in with the department superintendent upon arrival to obtain entry number or tag, and pen assignment. Pen assignment does not apply to horse exhibitors. No animal or fowl will be allowed in stalls or pens prior to scheduled entry times. Once animals or fowl are checked in at the Montezuma County Fair, they are not permitted to be loaded into a trailer for any reason. (Except for swine being trailered to and from the main arena for the sale, or other shows located in the main barn. Animals must be unloaded

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immediately.) If an animal needs to be transported in a trailer for any other reason it is at the discretion of the superintendent.

- All Breeding and Market beef, goats, sheep, and swine will be weighed by fair management. Animals will be given one weigh-in. There will be NO re-weighs. All jackets, coats, etc. must be removed from all animals when entering the scale.
- All animals or fowl must be brought to the fair reasonably clean, and have the preliminary clipping and grooming done. Animals that are not reasonably clean will not be allowed to weigh in. All exhibitors must groom and fit livestock in designated areas only, pre-show touch-ups are allowed in the main barn.
- Uncontrollable animals or fowl will be dismissed from the fairgrounds, if they pose a threat to the safety of other animals or fowl, exhibitors, or fair visitors. Nose rings or tongs will not be allowed, except for bulls, as a means of controlling the animal. **At any time if any animal becomes unsafe and jeopardizes the safety of anyone or itself, it is the utmost goal that anyone and everyone will aid in the immediate safety of the animal and people. Animals that are uncontrollable will be dismissed immediately.**
- All exhibitors named as owner will accept and acknowledge responsibility for the custody, care, and feeding of their animal(s). Exhibitors are expected to have prepared their own project animal for exhibition. All feeding must be in the respective barns/feeding area at the discretion of the superintendent, not at trailers.
- Anyone is allowed to help exhibitors' groom and fit their animals, as long as the exhibitor is present and participating. If an animal or fowl is unopposed in a Class, the placing may be made at the judge's discretion as determined by the quality of the animal or fowl.
- PEMF Therapy is allowed during fair.
- Manure Removal: A designated location will be provided for the disposing of manure. Manure must be taken to this area via wheelbarrow or other conveyance.
- Pen set up before fair and clean up following release time is the responsibility of the beef, goat, rabbit, poultry, sheep, and swine exhibitors. Set up times will be announced in advance. Failure to appear may result in failure to have stall or pen space available for the exhibitor at the fair. Failure to help with cleanup may result in a monetary fine at the discretion of the superintendent, Montezuma County Fair Board, and the Extension office.
- Exhibit barns for beef, goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep and swine are for exhibition of the animals or fowl only. No unattended feed stored, or in

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stalls or pens will be allowed to remain in the exhibit barns. Exhibitors are responsible for checking with the superintendent about feeding practices in each species. Unattended feed left, without prior approval, will be removed. Due to limited space, only show boxes will be allowed in areas designated by each superintendent. No equipment, feed, or personal belongings will be allowed in the barns.

- **No animal may be released from the fair until the release date and time stated on the fair schedule. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the forfeiture of all premiums and ribbons! Exception of bucks, boars, billys, rams and Bulls for breeding classes, due to animal safety. Bucks, boars, billys, rams and bulls will come and go day of show, animals will not be given a pen on site.**
- **All animal related concerns are to be reported to the Montezuma County Fair veterinarian.**

**NOTE: The remaining general 4-H/FFA Animal and Fowl Rules apply only to market beef, goat, sheep and swine.**

- 4-H and FFA market and breeding beef, goat, sheep and swine will be weighed one (1) time only on official scales during the published weigh in time for each individual species. The Fair Board will appoint a weigh master. Market classes will be determined following each species' weight at weigh-in time.
- Members may tag in up to 6 animals per species but may only exhibit 4 per species at the Montezuma County Fair. Members must designate at the time of tag in, any animal that may be used for the Colorado State Fair. No animal may be shown in both market and breeding classes. Members exhibiting a breeding animal must be enrolled in the Breeding project, except for rabbits. Members must designate which class (breeding or market) they want their animal in when they are registering their animal in the Fair Entry system.
- Any animal underweight or overweight will be put in an under or heavy weight class. Animals will not be moved to open. Any animal not meeting the weight requirements is not eligible for the sale.

## **MARKET ANIMAL ULTRASOUND EVALUATION:**

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Market Animal Ultrasound Evaluation will be performed by ultrasound and is available to beef, goat, sheep and swine. CSU Meat Judging Team will be collecting data and a Montezuma County Fair Junior Livestock Committee (MCFJLC) member will be present for all data collection. 4H/FFA members will be responsible to take their animal through the data collection line.

All 4-H/FFA members participating in the MCFJLC Market Animal Ultrasound Evaluation must be a bona fide 4-H/FFA member and in good standing in their respective program. Members must meet the Montezuma County Fair ownership dates specific to the species shown (refer to individual species rules). Members must meet all tag in, and/or weigh dates and times set by the Montezuma County Fair Board. Members are required to attend the carcass educational presentation following the ultrasound to receive any associated awards. Any member who fails to meet these requirements will have his/her animal disqualified from the contest. All entries must be made on the FairEntry website which will open June 8, 2026, and close July 9, 2026.

Market animals entered in the MCFJLC Market Animal Ultrasound Evaluation MUST be within their species designated weight range.

Market Beef minimum of 1,000 lbs (no maximum weight), mini cattle minimum of 500lbs and 1,000 lbs maximum.

Market Sheep minimum 100 lbs (no maximum weight) Haired, Southdown, and Southdown Cross minimum 70 lbs (no maximum weight)

Market Swine minimum 220 lbs with a maximum 290 lbs

Market Goats minimum 50 lbs with a maximum of 115 lbs.

Final weights for the Market Animal Ultrasound Evaluation will be conducted at the Montezuma County Fairgrounds at weigh-in. Market livestock not meeting their species required weight ranges will not be eligible to compete in the MCFJLC Market Animal Ultrasound Evaluation. If weights do not meet the minimum weight or exceed the maximum weight, the 4- H/FFA member will be refunded their entry fees they paid for the MCFJLC Market Animal Ultrasound Evaluation by the end of August.

All market livestock to be entered in the contest MUST be cleaned and delivered to the fairgrounds at specified weigh in time for official weigh-in and ultrasound.

If any 4-H/FFA member or animal is disqualified during Montezuma County Fair their entry/entries will be disqualified from the MCFJLC Market Animal Ultrasound Evaluation.

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## TAG IN

Sheep, Goats and Swine will be virtual tag in. Members will be able to receive their tag at the Mandatory Livestock meeting in April. Members will have until midnight May 1, 2026 to tag their own animal and upload animal identification to 4-H Online or the FFA online program. Please note, a picture of your animal's identification scrapie tag (goat and sheep), or ear notch (swine) along with front and side view of animal. If you are participating in the Bred and Fed Program, the Montezuma County bill of sale will need to be a hard copy delivered to the 4H extension or FFA advisor or emailed to the Fair Board at [montezumacountyfairboard@gmail.com](mailto:montezumacountyfairboard@gmail.com) no later than midnight on May 1, 2026.

Virtual tag in is not available for beef. Beef members will be required to attend tag in on February 1, 2026 from 12:00 – 2:00 at the Montezuma County Fairgrounds.

## 4-H/FFA SHOWMANSHIP & SHOW/SALE DRESS - GUIDELINES

NOTE: The following rules apply to all 4-H and FFA members regardless of animal or fowl species shown.

- Eligibility: To show in an individual species Showmanship Class, 4-H and FFA members must be enrolled in the project.
- Exhibitors must show his/her own animal or fowl. Exhibitors may show either a breeding, market or dairy animal or fowl in Showmanship. In the case of an animal's death or an unforeseeable circumstance a member may show another member's animal to complete their project with prior approval of the superintendent.
- Showmanship Classes will be divided by age group as evenly as possible in each species; with the exception to horse and dog projects, where specific age groups are identified. Top two exhibitors in each Class or age group will compete for Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Showman in each species.
- Exhibitors are required to wear the appropriate show dress. Shorts, tank tops, low-cut shirts, sheer blouses, flip-flops, t-shirts, shirts with inappropriate messages or logos, ball caps, hats, or bare midriffs are not acceptable attire and may not be worn during a show event or the sale. Appropriate dress is as follows: long or short sleeved, button or snap down shirt or blouse, clean jeans or slacks with belt, or official FFA dress (top only) (top only). Hard-soled, close-toe shoes or boots are recommended. Back numbers are required. Rabbits and Poultry: long-sleeved shirts are preferred for safety. Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goats: white shirts and pants are optional. The Fair Board and Superintendents

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reserve the right to refuse anyone improperly dressed entry into the show/sale ring. Inappropriate show attire will result in disqualification.

SEE INDIVIDUAL SPECIES for variation to this rule.

## **GRAND MASTER SHOWMAN SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST**

- Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Showman in, rabbit, fowl, beef, goat, horse, sheep and swine qualify for the Grand Master Showman contest.
- Qualifiers for the Master Showman contest must contact their superintendent immediately after qualifying to state if he/she will compete. Previous Master Showman contest overall winners are not eligible to compete.
- Superintendents will record the overall placings in the overall individual species showmanship contest.
- If either the Grand or Reserve Grand Champion Showman in each species is ineligible or chooses not to participate in the Master Showman contests, the third-place exhibitor in the overall species showmanship contest becomes eligible for Round Robin contests and so on.

## **SUPREME EXHIBITOR**

### **4-H Members Only**

Species: Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat

All 4-H members that show at the Montezuma County Fair can compete for this award that is given at the Annual 4-H Achievement night. This special award will be given to the top point winner in each species. Calculations for this award will be given in; Showmanship, Regular show class placing- (breeding or market, dairy, utility, and fiber), Written Test, and Record Book judging. Members must participate in each category to qualify for this award.

Test Score	Top Placing (breeding, market, dairy, utility, or fiber)	Top Placing in Showmanship	Record Book Score	Total
Out of 25	Out of 25	Out of 25	Out of 100	175 Points Possible

## **BRED and FED PROGRAM**

The Bred and Fed program will include market beef, market goats, market lambs, market rabbits, and market swine for the 2026 Montezuma County Fair.

- Bred, being defined as, a producer in Montezuma or Dolores County having ownership of the dam (female parent) prior to being bred.
- Each exhibitor is responsible for providing a bill of sale on all animals purchased for this program at the time of tag in. Bill of sale must include the breeder's name, physical address, date, and be signed by the breeder. Late bill of sale will NOT be accepted, if bill of sale is not presented at tag in, member will not participate in Bred & Fed program.
- All general and specific rules as specified in the fair rule book will apply to this program.

#### 4-H/FFA CATTLE (BEEF)

- Exhibitors may exhibit no more than four breeding animals per breeding Class
- Breeds will be separated if there are enough entries.
- Animal must be of normal size, weight, and condition for its class and age.
- SHOW DRESS: Back Number. Long or short sleeved, button or snap down shirt or blouse, clean jeans or slacks with belt, or official FFA dress (top only). Hard-soled, close-toe shoes or boots are recommended. Cowboy hat or bare headed, no ball caps. Leather show halters with leather lead rope or cable halter is also acceptable for beef in the ring.
- NOTE: Classes may be combined, added, or dropped at the discretion of the superintendent.

#### 4-H/FFA BREEDING BEEF

1. Bulls, calved after 1/1/25
2. Bulls, calved between 7/1 & 12/31/25
3. Bulls, calved between 1/1 & 6/30/25
4. Heifers, calved after 1/1/26
5. Heifers, calved between 1/1/ & 6/30/25
6. Heifers calved between 7/1 & 12/31/25
7. Cow/Calf (dam not to exceed 6 years of age)

#### 4-H/FFA DAIRY CATTLE

- SHOW DRESS Back Number. Long or short sleeved, button or snap down shirt or blouse, clean jeans or slacks with belt, or official FFA dress (top only). Hard-soled, close-toe shoes or boots are recommended. Dairy Cattle white shirts and pants are optional. No hats. Leather show halters with leather lead rope for beef in the ring.
  1. Bull, under 1 year
  2. Heifer calf, under 1 year
  3. Heifers, over 1 year
  4. Cow, 2 years & over

## 4-H/FFA MARKET BEEF (minimum weight 1,000 pounds, mini cattle 500-1000 pounds)

- SHOW DRESS: Back Number. Long or short sleeved, button or snap down shirt or blouse, clean jeans or slacks with belt, or official FFA dress (top only). Hard-soled, close-toe shoes or boots are recommended. Cowboy hats are allowed, no caps.
- All market beef classes are determined by WEIGHT. Show order will be light to heavy.
- Rate of Gain- All 4-H and FFA Market Beef that are tagged and weighed in for participation in the Montezuma County Fair are eligible for the Rate of Gain contest. The official weights from February 2, 2026 to fair check-in will be used to calculate the daily rate of gain. The Market Beef with the highest daily gain, will be awarded Grand Champion Rate of Gain. Winner will be announced during the Awards ceremony before the Junior Livestock Auction

## 4-H/FFA FOWL

NOTE: All general rules for 4-H/FFA animal and poultry exhibitors apply to this department.

- SHOW DRESS: Back Number. Long or short sleeved, button or snap down shirt or blouse, clean jeans or slacks with belt, or official FFA dress (top only) (top only). Hard-soled, close-toe shoes or boots are recommended. No hats. Long-sleeved shirts are preferred for safety.
- This division is open to poultry owned by members enrolled in a 4-H/ FFA poultry project.
- All entries are due to the Extension Office by July 9, 2026 4:00 p.m.
- All entries shall include the sex, class, breed and the variety of the bird.
- Definitions and judging procedure as described in the latest edition of the A.P.A. and A.B.A. shall apply to ALL entries.

### Definitions:

- Cockerel (male) or Pullet (female) – birds less than one (1) year of age.
- Cock(male) or Hen (female) – birds older than one (1) year of age.
- Breeding Trio – one (1) male and two (2) female birds of same breed and age variety.
- Meat Pen (ALL market poultry) – three (3) birds of same breed, sex, age and variety.
- Fryer Pen – consists of three (3) birds with collective weights between 13 pounds 14 ounces and 18.0 pounds. This gives each chicken in the pen a weight range of 4.5 to 6 pounds. Each bird must reach a minimum weight of 4.5 pounds.

- Roaster Pen – consists of three (3) birds with collective weights between 18 pounds 3 ounces and 27 pounds. This gives each bird in the pen a weight range between 6.1 and 9.0 pounds.
- Market and Meat class Definitions – Market/meat chickens, turkeys and ducks will be judged on meat quality and market readiness ONLY. Pure breeds, commercial hybrids and cross breeds are acceptable.
- Turkey Pens-Minimum weight 15 lbs. per bird, maximum 40 lbs.
- Duck Pens-No minimum or maximum weights

Ownership dates:

- Breeding Poultry: All birds shall be owned and possessed by the member by **May 1, 2026**
- Market Turkeys – earliest HATCH date is **February 16, 2026** and must be owned and possessed by the member by **April 14, 2026** in order for the Poults to be of appropriate market age (24 weeks max). A receipt showing date of purchase must accompany the entry when turned into the Extension Office.
- Market Ducks: earliest HATCH date is **March 16, 2026** and must be owned and possessed by the member by **April 4, 2026** to be appropriate market age (20 weeks max). A receipt showing date of purchase must accompany the record book when turned into the Extension Office.
- Market Chickens: All market chicks will be ordered by the Superintendent through the Extension Office. There will be 2 available dates for chicks to give members a better chance at having both a fryer and roaster pen. Dates will be dependent on hatchery dates and will be chosen to provide age-appropriate birds for each class. (under 10 weeks of age for fryers and 8 to 12 weeks of age for roasters.) Members do not have to have both pens to show. Chicks will be available in multiples of 5 with a minimum amount for each member to be 5. Orders for the market chicks with payment shall be to the Extension Office no later than 4:00 p.m. **On May 1, 2026**
- Exhibited birds may be shown in breeding or market class but not both.
- Birds may only be shown by their owners.
- Breeding exhibitors may enter no more than two (2) birds per CLASS: i.e., Exhibitor may enter two (2) Plymouth Rock, Barred pullets AND two (2) Plymouth Rock, Barred, Cockerel, Hens and Cocks.
- Market exhibitors may enter no more than one (1) pen of birds per CLASS; i.e., Exhibitor may enter one pen of turkeys, one pen of ducks, one pen of fryers and one pen of roasters.
- Champion and Reserve Champion of breed will be chosen in each breed. A Champion will be selected in Standard Chicken, Bantam Chickens, Breeding Waterfowl and Breeding Turkeys. Overall Grand Champion Breeding Fowl will be selected from the above four classes. Overall

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Market Poultry will be selected from the Champion and Reserve Champions of the exhibited market classes.

- Showmanship is required for all 4-H/FFA exhibitors. Classes will be divided into junior, intermediate and senior divisions. Ribbons will be awarded in each division for champion and reserve. Rosettes will be given for the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Showman. The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Showman will be selected based upon the judges score sheets.
- Additional poultry classes may be established as warranted by entries. Classes will be based upon breeds entered. Classes may be combined, added or dropped at the discretion of the Superintendent.
- No “for sale signs” shall be placed on market pens until after the completion of the Junior Livestock Auction. Breeding birds may have “for sale signs” placed immediately following the show.
- All sales of breeding animals will be approved, through the superintendent. Montezuma County Fair Board is not liable for any transactions.
- The superintendent will have the “for sale” signs on hand and no personal information will be placed on the sign.

### Poultry Poster Contest

- Entries will be accepted during the poultry check-in-times.
- The purpose of this contest is to provide the public with information on poultry and waterfowl. Information on the posters may include any subject related to poultry, such as breeds, health basic care, incubation, etc.
- No limit to the number of posters entered.
- Posters are to be on standard poster board of any color.
- All posters shall be displayed in the poultry barn.
- Placement ribbons and champion and reserve shall be awarded to the best posters.

### Poultry Quiz

The written test is designed to provide an opportunity for the youth enrolled in 4-H/FFA to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the poultry project/industry. It is hoped that this written test will provide a rewarding experience for the contestants.

Examples of quiz questions: parts of the poultry and breed characteristics, health, and general poultry care.

- Ribbons will be awarded to 1-5 places with rosettes to champion and reserve awarded to the top scoring individuals.
- The written test shall be given by the superintendent during the week.

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## Supreme Poultry Award

This special award shall be awarded to the top point winner enrolled in the poultry project. Calculations for this award are based upon the following:

- Class placing, showmanship placing, attendance of meetings, record book scores, poultry quiz and poster contest.

This award will be given at the Annual Achievement Night in October.

Eggs -

1. White - one dozen
2. Brown - one dozen
3. Colored - one dozen
4. Any other - one dozen

## 4-H/FFA GOATS & DAIRY GOATS

NOTE: All general rules for 4-H/FFA animal and fowl exhibitors apply to this Department.

- ALL goats must have an Official Individual Identification (scrapies) tag. Market animals must have them in at tag in. Should one fall out it is the exhibitor's responsibility to get it replaced.
- Members enrolled in dairy, market, breeding or fleece goat project are required to enter showmanship in addition to any other Class.
- All animals should be brought show ready, minor touch ups or clipping is allowed at the discretion of the Superintendent. Designated fitting areas will be posted. Fitting is not allowed in barns.
- Members must provide adequate feeders and water containers for their animals.
- All grooming supplies and equipment must be in the area designated by the superintendent.
- No hay or feed can be stored inside the barn.
- NOTE: Any doe 24 months of age or older that has never freshened cannot be shown.
- A mandatory, supervised milk-out is required for senior does the evening prior to showing see superintendent for time and location information.
- SHOW DRESS: Back Number. Long or short sleeved, button or snap down shirt or blouse, clean jeans or slacks with belt, or official FFA dress (top only). Hard-soled, close-toe shoes or boots are recommended. No hats. For Dairy, white shirts and pants are optional.
- Dairy Goats: Must have a collar for showing.

Classes: Classes will be determined by Superintendent after official weigh in.

Junior Does- DOES THAT HAVE NEVER FRESHENED

- Junior does - less than 12 months
- Junior does - less than 24 months

SENIOR DOES - DOES THAT HAVE FRESHENED ONCE OR MORE

- Senior does - under 3 years

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- Senior does - 3 years and older

#### 4-H/FFA DAIRY GOAT MILK PRODUCTION

- All 4-H/FFA senior dairy goat projects are eligible.
- Entries will be milked-out under supervision of the superintendent.
- Milk collections will be weighed the night of check-in and following the goat show on the same scale by the superintendent, with the contestant present.
- Does' score will be tabulated by milk weights.

#### 4-H/FFA MARKET GOATS

(Minimum weight 50 pounds, maximum weight 115 pounds.)

- Only wethers or does may be shown, no bucks.
- Market goats must be less than 1 year of age, no yearling teeth allowed.
- All market goats, wethers and does, must be completely slick shorn, 3/8in or less above the knee and hock joints.
- All goats will be required to have horns tipped blunt, no sharp points allowed. De-horning is recommended. Horns on market goats are to be tipped not to exceed 3in in length and are not permitted to have sharp points. Horns are to be tipped not less than a diameter of a dime on the end. All dairy goats are to be dehorned. No dehorning or cutting of horns will be allowed on the fairgrounds. All wethers must be banded by the time of tag-in.
- Identification will be by tag in the ear.
- SHOW DRESS: Back Number. Long or short sleeved, button or snap down shirt or blouse, clean jeans or slacks with belt, or official FFA dress (top only). Hard-soled, close-toe shoes or boots are recommended. No hats.
- Market goats may be shown with collars or leather halters, training/goat prong collars will be allowed. Prong collars must be specifically for goats.
- Classes will be determined by the Superintendent after official weigh-in.

#### 4-H/FFA BREEDING GOATS

Showmanship for breeding will take place with the market showmanship

Classes:

1. Does under 12 months
2. Does over 12 months
3. Bucks under 12 months
4. Bucks over 12 months

#### 4-H/FFA PYGMY/FIBER GOATS

Classes:

1. Junior goats - under two years

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## 2. Senior goats - two year & older

### 4-H/FFA UTILITY GOATS

- Wethers and does of all breeds and all types of crossbreeds are eligible. Bucks are not permitted. Registration and recordation papers are not required.
- Animals EXHIBITED in the utility goat project cannot be EXHIBITED in the meat goat project or the dairy goat project. Likewise, animals in the meat goat or the dairy goat project cannot be EXHIBITED in the utility goat project.
- An exhibitor may enroll any number of goats but is limited to exhibiting a maximum of 4.
- Horned goats must have their horns tipped or shown with tennis balls on the tips.
- Showmanship will take place during obedience class or obstacle course.
- SHOW DRESS: Long or short sleeved, button or snap down shirt or blouse, clean jeans or slacks with belt, or official FFA dress (top only). Hard-soled, close-toe shoes or boots. No hats.

### UTILITY GOAT BABY OBEDIENCE CLASS (for goats under 6 months of age)

- Any breed of goat under 6 months of age may enter this class. Goats will be expected to be able to lead quietly without being dragged or carried, to stand for inspection, and to trot from point A to point B without being dragged.

1. Younger Kids: (born July 9, 2026 or later)

2. Older Kids: (born February 7 - May 1, 2026)

### UTILITY GOAT OBSTACLE COURSE - For Utility Project goats over the age of 6 months ONLY:

- Goats will maneuver the courses on a loose lead or collar. Course time limit is 2 minutes.
- 4-H member will navigate obstacles of the member's choice in the order of the member's choice. The performance ring will include various obstacles. Based on exhibitor's age division they will be required to have their animal attempt the following number of obstacles
  - Juniors: 5 obstacles
  - Intermediate: 7 obstacles
  - Senior: 10 obstacles
- Members may repeat obstacles as desired. Obstacles may include, but are not limited to stepping over, under, across, and through obstacles; navigating steps, ramps, bridges, and platforms; jumping; posing; backing; or performing tricks.
- Judge will give points for each obstacle the goat performs. There is no maximum score. Timekeeper will announce "15 seconds" and "time up". The judge will give no further points after the time limit has passed.

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- The highest scores win. In the case of a tie, the first score on each scorecard will be compared. A plus will be given to the highest score. The plus wins. If the first two scores are tied, the second two scores will be compared and so on until there is a difference in scores. If two scorecards are exactly the same, the lead participants will be called back into the ring separately to perform 15 second run-offs until the tie is broken.

## **4-H/FFA HORSE**

- All State 4-H Horse rules will be followed regardless of circumstances.
- Member age groups are as of January 1 of the current year.
- Ribbons will be awarded using the American Ribbon System which is a placing system.
- Stallions over one year of age will not be allowed to show in any class.
- All exhibitors must comply with county regulations and rules set by the Montezuma County Fair Board.
- There are three divisions, English, Western, and Ranch Horse.
- Entries are due July 10 by 4:00 p.m.
- Classes may be combined, added, or dropped at the discretion of the superintendent. A walk trot group will be offered for each class, at the discretion of the superintendent.
- Bitless Bridles are prohibited.
- Superintendents have the right to dismiss horses that are a danger to other exhibitors.

## **Showmanship**

- Western Division
  1. Western Horsemanship
  2. Western Reining
  3. Trail
  4. Walk/Trot division (at the discretion of the 4-H leader if a member is eligible to participate in this division)
- English Division
  1. English Equitation
  2. English Pleasure
  3. Trail
  4. Walk/Trot (at the discretion of the 4-H leader if a member is eligible to participate in this division)
- Working Ranch Horse Division
  1. Ranch Riding
  2. Ranch Trail
  3. Ranch Cutting (at the discretion of the 4-H leader/4-H Specialist if member is eligible to participate in this division)
  4. Walk/Trot (at the discretion of the 4-H leader if a member is eligible to participate in this division)

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For a more comprehensive list of requirements refer to the Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rule Book:

## 4-H/FFA RABBITS

NOTE: All general rules for 4-H/FFA animal and fowl exhibitors apply to this Department.

- SHOW DRESS: Long sleeved, button or snap down shirt or blouse, clean jeans or slacks, or official FFA dress (top only). Close-toe shoes or boots are recommended. No hats
- This division is open to rabbits owned by members enrolled in 4H/FFA Rabbit projects in Montezuma and Dolores Counties.
- All rabbits are subject to a health inspection.
- All rabbits must have a permanent, legible tattoo in the left ear and these tattoos must be recorded with the show Superintendent.
- All entries must be in the Extension Office by July 9, 2026 by 4:00 p.m.
- All entries must be listed by Breed, Variety, Sex (Buck, Doe) and age (Jr, Int, Sr) and tattoo numbers of each rabbit must be on the entry form.
- All rabbits must be checked into the fair and given their pen assignments by the Superintendent or assistant.
- Substitutions may be made only in same class and sex and must be recorded with the Superintendent at the time entries are brought to the fair.
- Classes will be provided for all breeds, and varieties recognized by the American Rabbit Breeders Association at the time of judging. All judging including Showmanship and Meat Pens will follow the guidelines of the American Rabbit Breeders Association's current Standard of Perfection. Ribbons will be awarded for each place except disqualified animals.
- All 4H/FFA exhibitors must enter a Showmanship Class. A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Showman will be selected.
- The judge shall select the best of each Breed and the best Opposite Sex of each breed. The best of each Breed shall go back for judging and a Grand and Reserve Grand Champion will be selected.  
No animal may be released from the Fair until release time on the last day of the Fair. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the forfeiture of all awards, premiums and ribbons.
- Rabbits entered in 4H/FFA division will not be eligible to enter the Open Class Division, unless they have placed 1st or 2nd in their Class in 4H/FFA Division. (OPEN CLASS ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN DAY OF SHOW)

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## 4-H & FFA RABBIT MEAT CLASS

- Exhibitors in 4H/FFA Meat Class must own and have possession of the doe(s) by **April 15**. All rabbits in the Meat Pen must have been offspring from the Exhibitors registered doe(s).
- Meat pens shall consist of three (3) rabbits of the same breed, and variety. Age limit 70 days, with a minimum weight of 3.5 pounds and maximum weight of 5.5 pounds. All rabbits will be weighed by the judge at the time of judging.
- Blue and red ribbon meat pens are eligible for the livestock sale, if all exhibitor requirements are met. Exhibitors may only sell one trio or market animal.
- Exhibitors in 4H/FFA division may enter up to four market pens.

## 4-H & FFA RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP CLASS

- Class will be divided into junior (8-10), intermediate (11-13), and senior (14-18).

## SUPREME RABBIT EXHIBITOR

- This special award shall be given to the top point winner enrolled in the Rabbit project at the Annual Achievement Night in October. Calculations for this award are based upon the following:
  - Points will be earned in the following categories:
    - Showmanship - 100 points possible.
    - Market/Breeding Class Highest Placing- 100 points possible
    - Rabbit Test- 100 points possible. The rabbit test will be given at fair.
    - Poster Contest - 50 points possible. Will be held day of rabbit show.
    - Record Book - 100 points possible. Points will be awarded after the judging of all books is complete.

## 4-H & FFA PET RABBIT

This project is designed for members who want to learn more about how to care for rabbits. Rabbits may be exhibited at fair and shown in showmanship class.

## 4-H & FFA SHEEP

- ALL sheep must have an Official Individual Identification (scrapies) tag. Market animals must have them in at tag in. Should one fall out it is the exhibitor's responsibility to get it replaced.
- Sheep with a rectal prolapse will be released from the fair and may not remain in the barn or be shown. A slight amount of rectal tissue that protrudes when the lamb is laying down, but then retracts without assistance upon standing, will not be considered a prolapse for this purpose. The following will be used as a guideline to determine

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occurrence of a rectal prolapse: "A rectal prolapse is defined as an inversion of the rectum that protrudes 4cm (1.6 inches) or more outside the body and remains exterior to the body while the animal is standing." Discretion will be left up to the superintendent and vet on call for the fair.

- Breeding ewes must come to be vet checked and remain on the premises until the day of the show. They may be released by the superintendent after the show.
- SHOW DRESS: Back Number. Long or short sleeved, button or snap down shirt or blouse, clean jeans or slacks with belt, or official FFA dress (top only). Hard-soled, close-toe shoes or boots are recommended. No hats.

#### **4-H & FFA BREEDING SHEEP**

- Junior ram, under 1 year of age
- Senior ram, over 1 year of age
- Junior ewe, under 1 year of age
- Senior ewe, over 1 year of age

#### **4-H & FFA MARKET SHEEP-**

- Minimum weight 100 pounds, there shall be no maximum weight-exceptions Haired, Southdown and Southdown Cross minimum weight 70 lbs.
- Lambs must still have lamb teeth present at the time of show. No testicles allowed in body cavity. Classes may be broken down into black face, white face, speckled, haired, southdown, and cross breed at the discretion of the superintendent. Dorset and Speckled Breeds will show in an "all other Breeds" class if there are enough entries to warrant.
- All market sheep MUST have ¼" or less of wool and be show ready, no shearing allowed on fairgrounds.
- All market sheep MUST be shorn within 10 days prior to weigh-in.
- Market Classes to be determined after official weigh in by superintendent.

#### **4-H & FFA SWINE**

- SHOW DRESS: Back Number. Long or short sleeved, button or snap down shirt or blouse, clean jeans or slacks with belt, or official FFA dress (top only). Hard-soled, close-toe shoes or boots are recommended. No hats. Bats or pig sticks, rags/and or brush is allowed in show ring.
- The Montezuma County Fair Board reserves the right to combine or add breed classes.
- All breeds must be ear notched. Any hog not properly ear notched or healed by tag-in will be ineligible to show.

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## 4-H & FFA BREEDING SWINE

- Gilt, farrowed after 1/1/2026
- Sow, any age (Will only be at Fairgrounds day of show)
- Jr Boar, farrowed after 1/1/2026 (Will only be at Fairgrounds day of show)
- Sr Boar, farrowed after 1/1/2026 (Will only be at Fairgrounds day of show)

## 4-H & FFA MARKET SWINE

- (Minimum weight 220 pounds, maximum weight 290 pounds)  
Market classes to be determined after official weigh in by superintendent.

## JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE

### MEMBER ELIGIBILITY

- Youth must be a bona fide member and in good standing of the 4-H and/or FFA program.
- Members must meet ownership dates specific to the species shown.
- Members must meet all tag, tattoo, and/or weigh dates and times.
- Members required to attend the Quality Assurance workshops must have met this requirement.
- Members must have a "Quality Assurance Certification and Statement of Disclosure" form on file in the Montezuma County Extension office or with FFA chapter advisors each year.
- 4-H and FFA members must turn in an up-to-date record by July 9, 2026 for a pass/fail review. If a member chooses not to turn in an up-to-date record, the member has also made the choice not to participate in the current year 4-H and/or FFA fair shows as well as the junior livestock sale.
- Member must have brought into the Extension Office/FFA Advisor Office signed buyer letter showing proof of delivery of fair poster by 4:00 pm, July 9, 2026
- Members must weigh animals during designated fair weigh-in times. All market animals are given one (1) weigh-in opportunity and are to be weighed only on the official scale.
- Members must participate and show their own animal in showmanship.
- NOTE: If a member chooses not to meet any of the above requirements, the member has also made the choice to not participate in the Montezuma County Fair Junior Livestock Sale.

### ANIMAL/FOWL ELIGIBILITY:

- Animals or fowl must be owned by the member by specified ownership dates.
- Animal or fowl must be tagged, tattooed and/or weighed on specified dates.

- Even though qualified animals will be sold by the head all fair market weights must be met; beef - 1000 pounds minimum weight; goats - 50 pounds minimum weight with a 115 maximum weight; sheep - 100 pounds minimum weight, exceptions Haired, Southdown and Southdown Cross minimum weight 70 lbs. swine -220 pounds minimum with a 290 pound maximum weight.
- Market fowl must be a pen of three (same sex, breed, color, etc.)
- Market rabbits must be a pen of three (breed, color, etc.)
- Market animals or fowl must receive a blue or red ribbon to qualify for the sale. All animals or fowl must be in good health.
- NOTE: Animals or fowl not meeting these requirements are not eligible for the Montezuma County Fair Junior Livestock Sale.

## JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE RULES:

- Members must be showmanship ready for the Junior Livestock Sale in order to present his/her animal or fowl and him/herself in the best possible light to the buyers and spectators. Appropriate dress is as follows: Long or short sleeved, button or snap down shirt or blouse, clean jeans or slacks with belt, or official FFA dress (top only). Hard-soled, close-toe shoes or boots are recommended. No hats. Rabbits and Poultry: Long-sleeved shirts are preferred for safety. Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goats: white shirts and pants are optional. Beef: cowboy hat is allowed, no caps.
- All Grand Champions, Reserve Grand Champions, Bred and Fed Champion, Bred and Fed Reserve Champion in all species must sell unless the exhibitor pulls completely out of the livestock sale. In the event an exhibitor has more than one Grand Champion the exhibitor must indicate which animal is to be sold, the member has within the hour of the conclusion of the last show he/she has animals or fowl entered. In the event an exhibitor has a Grand and Reserve Champion in any of these species that Grand Champion must sell. If cards are not turned in on time for Grand or Reserve Champions, a lower place animal from any species will not be allowed to be sold by that same exhibitor.
- All members selling animals or fowl are responsible for loading, care and safekeeping until delivered to the buyer. Members are responsible for death loss until delivered into the buyer's truck or arrival to the location specified by the buyer. Members may need to take animals home with them after the sale if buyer does not have the facilities to care for animal until processing.
- The Montezuma County Fair Junior Livestock Sale will be clerked and handled by a team of volunteers on behalf of 4-H and FFA.
- A 6% fee will be assessed to cover sale costs, advertising/public relations, and scholarship funding. These funds may also be used for show improvements by the Livestock Committee.
- Members may sell only one animal or meat pen of three (3). An animal or fowl's placing in its class will determine its order in the sale, with the

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exception of champion and reserve champion bred & fed market beef, sheep, swine and goats.

- Official fair entry weight will be used as the sale weights.
- All drug or feed additives used must comply with current government regulations. If the USDA meat inspector condemns a carcass, the member will reimburse the buyer the full purchase price of the animal or fowl. The member will be banned from all future Montezuma County Junior Livestock Sales. The member will also be subject to federal fines and/or imprisonment outlined by the law.
- Members that choose to sell their animal are responsible for turning the sale designation card into the show secretary, which animal or fowl he/she will sell within one hour of the conclusion of the species show. Exception- Rabbits and Poultry will turn the sale designation card into the superintendent within one hour following the show. Failure to turn in the completed Sale Designation Card within the specified time frame means the member has chosen not to sell in the Junior Livestock Sale. In the event the member is competing in more than one species, the member has until the conclusion of the last show he/she has animals or fowl entered. **There will be no substitutions for animals or fowl once the member has specified the animal or fowl to be sold.**
- Members will sell his/her animal or fowl in the order as listed on the official sale sheet.
- Members are responsible for checking the sale order to make sure they are properly listed with the correct animal or fowl prior to the start of the junior livestock sale. Members are also responsible for notifying the sale management prior to the start of the junior livestock sale if an error exists.
- No private treaties will be allowed of any animal that has been designated for the Junior Livestock Sale at the Montezuma County Fair. (Private Treaty means no speaking to buyers about buying back animals that were designated for the Junior Livestock Sale at the Montezuma County Fair.) The consequences for breaking the private treaty rule will result in being banned from the sale for the following year.
- Any consignee of an animal to the auction who withdraws an animal from the sale without written permission of the Montezuma County Fair Board shall be banned from showing any animal(s) in the market classes at the Montezuma County Fair for a 2-year period.

All members participating in the Junior Livestock Sale are **required** to be at the mandatory sale meeting at 8:00 am the morning of the sale. Attendance will be taken, any member not present will not be allowed to sale. **Buy Back Program** This program is set up to benefit the BUYERS of the Junior Livestock sale. It is designed to give the Buyers that do not have a need for multiple animals an option to support the 4-H/FFA members by purchasing animals but not having to take possession of the purchased animal.

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The "Buy back" bid is sent out prior to the County Fair for any person or business to submit a bid. The successful bidder must be willing to take all species that are designated for "Buy Back". The successful bidder has a set price that they will pay for animals that the Sale Buyer does not need. The "Buy Back" Bidder is purchasing the animal directly from the Buyer for the amount of the "Buy Back" Bid.

Example- *Chicken House Antiques* thinks that Annie did a wonderful job on her steer project and decided that they want to support her, but they don't have a freezer big enough for a whole steer. They know that the "Buy Back" price for the year has been set at \$0.90 per pound. Annie's steer weighs 1200 pounds so they know that the "Buy Back" price will be \$1080.00. They have a budget of \$1500.00 to spend so they purchase Annie's Steer for \$2600.00.

*Chicken House Antiques* writes a check for \$1520.00 and the "Buy Back" Bidder writes a check for 1080.00 and the "Buy Back" bidder takes ownership of the Steer. Total sale price of Annie's steer is \$2600.00, but the "Buy Back" Bidder has helped *Chicken House Antiques* stay within their budget and still support Annie by purchasing an animal at the Junior Livestock Sale.

The Buy Back Price will be listed on the Sale Sheets after acceptance of the "Buy Back" Bid by the Junior Livestock Sale Committee and is listed for the Convenience of the Livestock Buyer ONLY so they may quickly figure their expenditures. If your animal is placed in the "Buy Back" program by the Buyer it becomes the property of the 'Buy Back' bidder. The "Buy Back" Bidder **MAY** decide to offer the animal back to the member at the price of their choosing. **IF** the animals will be offered to the members the times and prices will be announced at the Mandatory Sale meeting Saturday morning.

It is NOT appropriate to ask a BUYER to place an animal on the "Buy Back" Program or to expect that you will be able to purchase your animal back from the "Buy Back" bidder. This is a COURTESY that the buyer voluntarily offers to the members. All Market Livestock that are sold at the Junior Livestock Sale should be viewed as terminal. If this rule is broken, member will not be allowed in the Livestock Sale the following year.

## **HERDSMANSHIP AWARD**

- **Sign up for Herdsmanship will be on the Fair Entry system, deadline July 9, 2026.**

The purpose of this contest is to encourage cooperation, fellowship, and teamwork among exhibitors in developing and maintaining a display of their species and stalling areas. It also promotes pride and enthusiasm for the industry and rewards those exhibitors that achieve this purpose. Herdsmanship duties are the primary responsibility of the livestock exhibitor. The herdsmanship awards should be held in high regard and sponsored by the Fair Board.

Herdsmanship will be divided into two categories: individual and barn awards.

Individual: One top individual member 4-H or FFA per species will be determined by meeting all the requirements below. Beef, Sheep, Goats, Swine,

Poultry, Horse, and Rabbit members will be eligible for this award. This member will be presented with a trophy buckle during their achievement night.

- Each member may enter their species to participate in the herdsmanship award. Should an exhibitor have more than one species at the fair they must designate on entry which species they would like to participate in. If the exhibitor chooses to compete for more than one species, the exhibitor chooses to do each category for all species entered. (ex. 2 separate posters, 2 interviews, etc.)

The Herdsmanship contest will start on Monday and will conclude Sunday (Horses start day of show).

## Beef, Sheep, Goats, Swine, Poultry, and Rabbit

Division	Points	Definition	Judging Time
Animals	15	Fed, Water, Clean, Comfortable	Wednesday-Sunday
Stalls and Pens	15	Clean pen, alleys, Signs displayed	Wednesday-Sunday
Member	10	Appearance, courtesy, attitude	Fair Week
Educational Effect	20	Poster displaying an educational topic about their species.	Monday
Pen Set Up	10	Member will be present and helping.	During Pen set up
Pen Tear Down	10	Member will be present and helping.	During Pen tear down
Interview	20	Interview	Monday

## Horse

Division	Points	Definition	Judging Time	Judges
Animals	15	Groomed, Water, Clean, Comfortable, Show ready	Day of Show	2
4 Hours Fair Service	15	Fair Board will have a list of community service jobs for members to sign up for.	Week of Fair	
Member	10	Appearance, courtesy, attitude	Show	1

<b>Educational Effect</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Poster displaying an educational topic about their species.</b>	<b>Monday. Superintendent will display in Main Barn</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Pen Set Up and arena for show</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Member will be present and helping.</b>	<b>During Pen set up</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Interview</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Interview</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>2</b>

**Definitions:**

- Animals – clean at all times with proper bathing, grooming, feeding, bedding, and water.
- Stalls and Pens – Fresh bedding at all times, feeders and waterers clean and in place, stall signs displayed, and alleys maintained.
- 4 hr. Fair Service – Horse members must get with assigned Fair Board members to sign up for 4 hr. of community service during the week of fair.
- Members will be judged on appearance, courtesy, and attitude during fair week.
- Education Effect – exhibitors will provide an educational board on Monday to be judged. The board will educate the public about their species. Boards are to be easily read, organized, and clean.
- Pen Set Up – exhibitor will attend and participate.
- Pen Tear Down – exhibitor will attend and participate.
- Interview – exhibitor will be interviewed on Monday by a panel of judges.

**Barn to Barn Competition:** Beef, Sheep, Goats, Swine, Poultry and Rabbit members will be eligible for this award. This winning barn name will be placed on a banner on display at the fair each year. The winning barn will be announced at the sale on Saturday recognizing the group of members who best care for and presented their livestock barns during the fair.

- The Barn to Barn and Herdsmanship (animals, stalls and pens) contest will start on Tuesday and conclude on Sunday. Educational effects must be posted for the public during fair week.
- Scores will be based on the exhibitor’s scores for the day and then averaged among participants for each species. The five scores will then be added up, and the highest species will be awarded the overall Barn Winner.

**High Point Junior/Senior Scholarship**

**High point Junior or Senior in High School will receive a scholarship ONLY if scholarship is available. Scholarship must be secured prior to**

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**August 1 of the current year by the Fair Board. If scholarship is not**

**available; there will be NO scholarship awarded.SUPERINTENDENT DUTIES:**

- Be familiar with Fair Book rules, procedures, schedules, and classes.
- Present a list of equipment needed for your department to the Fair Board i.e. cages, pens, etc.
- Assist with weigh in at Fair.
- Assign cages/stalls/pens during set-up.
- Assist with set up and takedown of livestock pens, show ring, alleyways, signs, equipment, etc.
- Be in attendance during check-in of livestock during the County Fair, ensure that all exhibitor's animals are in assigned cages/stalls/pens.
- Assist in setting up market classes in accordance with weight breaks with 4-H Agent or livestock show secretary. Show order is at the discretion of the Judge.
- Monitor animals in barns/tents throughout Fair for health and safety issues.
- Monitor barns/tents for cleanliness.
- Monitor barn/tents to ensure exhibitors have cleaned their stalls and pens appropriately during County Fair.
- Ensure the show ring is set up and configured correctly for each species.
- Arrange for additional help during the show as needed: ring steward, help move equipment, other show ring help, etc.
- Go over Ring Steward duties with Ring Steward.
- Have at least 5 board men in the ring for pig show.
- Assist exhibitors in the show ring when necessary to ensure the safety of all exhibitors.
- In the champion drive, make sure the exhibitors are informed and ready to return to the showing.
- Secure equipment (PA & Ribbons) after the show is over.
- Verify winners of showmanship classes that will participate in the Master Showmanship Contest.
- Help prepare for Master Showmanship contest with 4-H Coordinator.
- Assist with Market Sale including set up preparations, line up of animals with Assist 4-H Agent and Fairboard with the sale set up Saturday morning.
- Confirm animal placement Sunday morning with the sale committee. Sign off on check out sheets and cleaned stalls with Fair Board member. Make sure all pens, gates, etc. are removed and put away.
- Report to the Fair Board Member that is over the Herdsmanship Committee - reporting barn notes and scores on care of animals at the conclusion of the week.

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- Assist with check out on Sunday Morning – sign off on check out sheets and clean stalls with Fair Board member.
  - Sunday Morning-Make sure all pens, gates, etc. are removed and put away.
  - Evaluate your project area and make recommendations to the Fair Board for improvements, repairs, etc.
  - Attend “After Fair” meeting to discuss events.

#### RING STEWARD DUTIES:

- Senior 4-H/FFA member in good standing or adult that has livestock experience.
- Assist Species Superintendent & Stand at entry gate, making sure exhibitors are in place, in order and in appropriate dress.
- Make sure exhibitors are safe in the show ring.

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## **Top 5 Overall Placement Criteria:**

- To qualify for the Grand Drive selection, all animals must receive a blue ribbon and be named Champion or Reserve in their respective market class.
- The judge will determine the Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall, 4<sup>th</sup> Overall, and 5<sup>th</sup> Overall. If the Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champions do not meet the Bred and Fed qualifications, all animals will be released, and a separate Grand Drive selection will be held specifically for Bred and Fed animals.

### **Eligibility for the Bred and Fed Grand Drive:**

- The two highest-placing blue-ribbon animals from each market class will qualify for the Bred and Fed Grand Drive.

### **Disqualification Rules:**

- Animals awarded a red ribbon are not eligible for the Grand Drive selection.
  - An animal that was named 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in its class, but did not receive a blue ribbon, will be disqualified from the Grand Drive selection.
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### **Qualification for Grand Overall Market Drive (by Species):**

- Each species must have the highest-placing animals from each class, designated as the Class Champion and Reserve Champion.
- Animals must receive a blue ribbon, signifying they meet excellent grading standards.

### **Disqualification Rules:**

- Any 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place animal that receives a red ribbon is ineligible for that species Grand Overall Market Drive.
  - Animals awarded a white ribbon, indicating they do not meet market-ready standards, will not be permitted to participate in the Junior Livestock Sale.
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### **Qualification for Bred and Fed Grand Drive Selection:**

- The two highest-placing animals from each class that have been awarded a blue ribbon will qualify for the Bred and Fed Grand Drive.

### **Disqualification Rules:**

- Animals receiving a red ribbon are ineligible for the Bred and Fed Grand Drive, regardless of their class placement.
- Animals awarded a white ribbon, indicating they do not meet market ready standards, will not be permitted to participate in the Junior Livestock Sale.

