

General Rules

1. Every bona fide 4-H club or FFA member in good standing (governed by-club or superseded by county council by-laws) from Santa Fe County is eligible to exhibit his/her livestock project provided he/she meets the official age requirements for 4-H/FFA.

	Cloverbud	Novice	Junior	Senior
Grade*	Kinder, 1 st , 2 nd	3 rd , 4 th , 5 th	6 th , 7 th	8 th and up
Age as of January 1 of the current 4-H Year (October-September)	5, 6, 7 – 8 year olds in the 2 nd grade	8 year olds in the 3 rd grade, 9 year olds, 10 year olds, 11 year olds in the 5 th grade	11 year olds in the 6 th grade; 12 year olds; 13 year olds in the 7 th grade	13 year olds in the 8 th grade; 14 year olds; 15 year olds; 16 year olds; 17 year olds; 18 year olds; Youth who are 19 by December 31 of the current 4-H year are not eligible to enroll as a 4-H member.

2. Age categories for the fair are as follows:
3. Booster members in the Livestock Division will participate at an exhibition level only. Booster members may exhibit livestock owned by other 4-H/ FFA members so long as the animal has been properly declared by the set deadline and the booster member has properly completed the entry procedure by the set deadline.
4. Every exhibitor and family member should obtain a copy of the Rules and Policies and be familiar with them.
5. All 4-H exhibitors and participants must demonstrate high standards of behavior and conduct. Absolutely **NO** poor or unsportsmanlike conduct will be tolerated before, during or after the Santa Fe County Fair from exhibitors or family members.
6. There will be a general meeting for all exhibitors and their parents/guardians on the Saturday prior to the start of Fair, following the **mandatory fair clean-up**. It is in the exhibitor's best interest **NOT** to miss this meeting as rule changes will be announced. Announcements will be posted in central locations. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to know and comply with current rules and policies. Cattle, sheep, goat, and pig tack may be moved in **AFTER** the exhibitor meeting **AT YOUR OWN RISK**. The Santa Fe County Extension, Fair Board and Santa Fe County employees will not be held responsible for any articles lost or stolen. **Tack space in the barn is limited. The Santa Fe County Fair Board reserves the right to ask exhibitors to consolidate/remove their tack**

if deemed necessary.

7. **Dress Code consists of** button-down, collared, short- or long-sleeved dress shirt (tucked in), jeans and appropriate footwear. No tennis shoes. **NO SLEEVELESS SHIRTS WILL BE ALLOWED IN ANY PART OF THE SHOW OR SALE.**
8. Animals deemed to be dangerous or unable to be controlled by the exhibitor may be asked by the superintendent to be removed from the fairgrounds.
9. There will be a screening committee made up of Livestock Superintendents that may reject sick or unworthy animals. All rejected animals must be removed from the grounds as directed by the superintendents. Examples of sick or unworthy animals include but are not limited to animals with open or draining wounds or pigs showing signs of porcine stress syndrome. Should an animal die on the fairgrounds, it shall be the exhibitor's responsibility to remove that animal to an area designated by the management and to see that it is properly disposed of.
10. Buckles will only be awarded in shows with at least 6 total animals.
11. Animals will be released at the designated times in the schedule. This includes animals going to a designated processor. **Release time will be strictly enforced by superintendents. Any exhibitor that leaves prior to this release time may be assessed a \$25 fee.**
12. All entries must be certified as to eligibility by local leader and county agent by declaration date selected by committee. **Official entry procedures must be completed two weeks prior to check-in.** All animals entered will be charged an entry fee. Entry fees will be determined by the Fair Board. All fees will be due at the time of the entry. **There will be no refunds on entry fees.**
13. County agents and local leaders shall be responsible for assuring that all show animals are the results of individual member accomplishment.
14. Members of a recognized partnership cannot show or sell animals involved in the partnership as individual owners. All partnerships must be registered and approved with local leaders and county agent's office by declaration date of each species.
15. Animals in the livestock classes must, at all times, be kept thoroughly groomed and clean. Stalls and pens must be kept and supplied with necessary clean bedding. Pathways and approaches must be kept clean for the convenience of spectators. In order to promote family and community spirit, the exhibitor's parents, family members, other Santa Fe County 4-H or surrounding FFA members, Santa Fe County leaders, Santa Fe County agents or Vocational Agricultural leaders may offer assistance in the day-to-day care, if required.
16. Professional assistance is prohibited and any exhibitor utilizing such may be

disqualified.

17. All animals must be shown by their owner both in the judging arena and the sale ring. No exceptions will be made unless owner has a valid reason acceptable to the superintendent and arrangements have been made with the superintendent. If an exhibitor has more than one entry in a class, a substitute exhibitor may show the animal. A qualified substitute exhibitor must be a bonafide 4-H Club or FFA member in good standing from Santa Fe County.
18. The following are termed UNETHICAL PRACTICES: Administering steroids, growth stimulants, diuretic, or artificial filling internally, this INCLUDES pumping cattle, tubing sheep and goats, but does not include drenching. Judges are requested to report to the management any animals upon which a surgical operation has been performed to improve their "show" appearance, except for surgical dehorn.
19. **Quality Assurance:** As a condition for participation in the show, every exhibitor must agree to submit any animal entered by exhibitor to inspection by a veterinarian appointed by the management, FDA, USDA/FSIS, New Mexico Department of Agriculture, and/or New Mexico Department of Health and agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests as may be designated and requested by the veterinarian. The Show specifically reserves the right to have tissue, blood or urine laboratory analyzed on any animal entered for competition. The conclusions reached by the veterinarian as to whether such animal has been administered or given a substance or a drug in violation of the rules or has not been properly withdrawn from approved drugs shall be final, without recourse against the show or any of its officers. A licensed veterinarian should be consulted before administering any medication or growth stimulant.
 - The use of any chemical compound that is not approved by the FDA for use in meat producing animals and the illegal use of approved chemicals or compounds is prohibited. Unapproved is deemed to mean not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals. If an animal passes dUSDA tests but fails any FDA testing for the presence of drug(s) or other chemicals, the animal will be condemned by show officials and not allowed for consumption.
 - FDA-approved calming agents can be used before and during the show. It is advised that when using before the show, one should follow recommended dosage on the product label. For the agent to work properly, and coincide with the time of the show, one is to make sure that it is distributed to the

appropriate animal in enough time allotted time. During the show, can be defined as the time upon when the animal is unloaded at the fairgrounds and until it departs. The use of calming agents is only to be used for animals which are either unruly or under extreme stress associated with a change in environment. For the safety of the animal, any animal which carries stressed-related genes may also be subject to a calming agent. These agents are to be used with the safety of the exhibitor and the attendees of the Santa Fe County Fair in mind. Unruly animals are a liability risk to the children and spectators of the fair. If the calming agents have no effect on the animal, then a decision by the fair board members must be made as to whether the animal will be allowed to be in residence at the fairgrounds or to be shown.

- The United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act applies to the sale of market livestock sold during the Santa Fe County Fair as follows:
 - Animals must be in good health & carcasses free of drug or chemical residues.
 - Antibiotics and sulfonamides have required withdrawal periods.
 - Drug label directions for use and withdrawal periods must be followed.
 - If drug or chemical residues are found in tissue of carcasses, the entire carcass may be condemned.

20. It is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure that the animal is free of the above prescribed drugs and substances. Extent of knowledge on the part of the exhibitor regarding the drugs or substance found in an animal is not relevant to any issue, and it shall not be a defense that a person or persons unknown introduced the prescribed substance into the animal.

21. In the case of antibiotic use in an animal prior to show, the exhibitor must notify the County Agent and the Superintendent of the species. The animal will qualify to show but not to sell if withdrawal time-period has not been met.

22. **Consequences:** After examination by an official veterinarian, if an animal is found to have been subject to unethical practices, including producing an analysis with a quantity of a substance or drug in violation of these rules:

- Entry will be disqualified.
- Barred from further exhibition.
- No awards will be made for the involved animal and any other animal exhibited by exhibitor.
- Entry fees will not be refunded.
- Exhibitor will forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future at the show.

23. These rules must be strictly adhered to whether there is competition or not.

All Livestock in the State of New Mexico fall under the jurisdiction of the New Mexico Livestock Board. Exhibitors must follow all rules established in the 2020 Guide for Livestock Exhibitors. This document is available on the New Mexico Livestock Board website.

24. **Cause for Concern Form:** All superintendents will have official Cause for Concern forms. If exhibitors have a concern that needs addressed by the board, the exhibitor must complete this form and turn it in to any superintendent. The Fair Board will review the concern and respond to the exhibitor. 4-H/FFA exhibitors may be given an opportunity to meet with Fair Board representatives prior to a final decision on their concern(s).
25. The Santa Fe County Fair Board is charged with interpreting these rules and policies and is authorized to take action consistent with these rules and policies. Participants who have concerns regarding application of these rules and policies or other Fair Board action should present their concerns in writing by completing a Cause for Concern form (see item 24).

Exhibitor's Schedule

Saturday, July 31

12-3pm Check-In 4-H and Open Youth entries

Sunday, August 1

8:30am Horse Show, Rodeo de Santa Fe Arena

Monday, August 2

1-7pm Check-In Adult entries

Tuesday, August 3

8-2pm Check-In all animals for 4-H/FFA Show

2-4pm Check-In Adult, 4-H and Open Youth Agricultural and Floricultural entries

5pm Weigh-In Broiler and Meat Pen entries

6pm Swine Classification

Wednesday, August 4

8am Rabbit Show, Small Animal Barn

10am Goat Show, Show Arena

1pm Lamb Show, Show Arena

4-9pm Rabbit Showmanship, Small Animal Barn

Thursday, August 5

10am Poultry Judging, Small Animal Barn

10am Swine Show, Show Arena

10-7pm Indoor Exhibit Hall open to the public

2pm Cattle Show, Show Arena

3 pm Poultry Showmanship, Small Animal Barn

Friday, August 6

9am Round Robin Showmanship, Show Arena

10-7pm Indoor Exhibit Hall open to the public

2:30pm Buyer's Reception

4pm Livestock Auction, Show Arena

8pm Dance

Saturday, August 7

9am FAMILY FUN DAY!

9-7pm Indoor Exhibit Hall open to the public

8pm Dance

Sunday, August 8

8 am Clean Up

8 am – 11 am Claim 4-H Indoor Exhibits

9 am – 12 pm Claim Open Youth/Adult Indoor Exhibits