

# July/August 4-H Newsletter

## 2025

### Fair Entry Changes Deadline July 1st

We will send a copy of your fair entries in the mail to you with the July 4-H Newsletter. I am going to try and email out entries (your families only) with the newsletter while also mailing out a newsletter with your fair entries this year. That way you will get all the information ASAP. All families will get a mailed July/August Newsletter (We do not send out an August newsletter). Any families who want a fair book, I will have some copies in the office.

**Please carefully proofread your entries and call the Extension Office, 535-3919, by July 1st with any changes, additions, deletions.**

### Social Media

If you don't already, please go and follow our Facebook Page. This page is updated frequently with everything 4-H related and will be the easiest way to find everything in one place quickly.

During Fair we will be posting Daily Schedules, deadlines, updates, etc...

~ **4-H Fergus/Petroleum County** ~

We also have an Instagram with the same name you can follow for updates all year and during fair. Instagram does not offer scheduled post and so posting on there may vary more than Facebook.

### Camping

Camping spots must be reserved through the Central Montana Fairgrounds.

### Fair Time Tips

1. Read the 4-H section of the fair book carefully. Check the rules and requirements for the project areas you are entering.
2. Carefully review the fair schedule for 4-H at the beginning of the 4-H section of the fair book.
3. Have your records updated.
4. Finish your static entries early.
5. Come to the fair to learn, make new friends and have fun!

### 2025 Fair Book

There will again not be a printed fair book this year. Fergus county fairgrounds has decided to not print one due to cost.

This means the book is only available online and can be printed by you or you can contact the office and we will print the 4-h section for you upon request.

**Link for fair book (premium book):** <https://cmtfair.com/> or <https://www.montana.edu/extension/fergus/printable-4-h-ag-documents-fliers.html>

It is very important that you read the schedule and the introductory pages in those sections, plus the information for your specific entries.

*Central Montana  
Fair 2025*

*Meet Ewe at the Fair*





# Fair Information

## Premium Money

All ribbons, white, red and blue are awarded premium money by the Central Montana Fair.

Be sure to come to the Livestock Pavilion between 9:00 AM and Noon on Saturday, July 27th, last day of the fair to collect your money in cash.

If you can't come, you may send a note with a 4-H parent to pick it up for you or pick it up at the Extension Office before August 9th.

## Open Class Fair Opportunities

Special youth divisions are available in most open class departments. Please read the fair book carefully for entry instructions/class description and take advantage of this opportunity.

## Fair Help Needed

Please contact the Extension Office if you are willing to help with any of the following jobs at 406-535-3919 or [fergus4h@montana.edu](mailto:fergus4h@montana.edu).

- Pre-fair Interview Day Set Up- Monday, July 14th, 9:00am to noon
- Pre-fair interview Clerking, Check In, Display Set Up- July 15th, 9:00am to 1:00pm
- Horse Show Set Up- July 15th, 5:00pm
- Foods and Gardening Interview Clerks, Check in- July 21st, 11am
- Indoor Exhibit Security in the Trade Center- July 22nd - 26th, Noon – 9pm- 2-hour shifts
- Small Animal Barn Security- July 22nd-25th, 10am to 8pm and July 27th, 9am to Noon, 2hr shifts
- Thank you placards- during the livestock sale on Friday
- Thank you note table- July 26th, 9am to Noon

## 4-H Records and Workbooks

Remember that your 4-H records should be up to date on pre-fair interview day- July 15th and your required activities should be done in your project books.

Your record books should have entries in What I Did-What I Learned, Expenses, (feed records need to be up to date with cost)

## Indoor Project and Auction

**July 24<sup>th</sup> 4pm Midway**

The indoor project auction will be held on Thursday, July 24th at 4pm.

Make sure you are advertising your items to potential buyers at any opportunity, such as the radio spots available, the News Argus, social media and the best way, word of mouth. Drumming up interest in your project will help it sell for top dollar.

## Exhibit Check Out

All 4-H Fair Exhibits in the Trade Center, will be released at 1:00 pm on Sunday, July 27th.

Please respect this time and do not begin removing exhibits and decorations early- we want to be welcoming, safe, and attractive for the public to view your 4-H work.

You may also pick up your indoor exhibits Monday through Wednesday during fairgrounds office hours.

All exhibits must be removed by Wednesday, July 30th at 5:00 pm.



# Pre-Fair Interview Information

## Help Needed- Pre-Fair Interview Schedule June 20th at 9am at the Sheriff's Complex

Many hands make light work, and this job requires many people manning papers as we plug kids into times to interview.

## Pre-Fair Interview Set-up Monday, July 14th 9:00 AM - Noon Trade Center We need help setting up tables and chairs and putting up signage.

## Clerks/Check for Pre-Fair Interviews July 15th 9am

We need adults to sit at check in tables and direct traffic. We also need adults to sit with the judges and record their results, they will also review the record books and workbooks this year.

## Pre-fair Interview Day Arrive 15 minutes prior to your first interview at the Trade Center on July 15th. • July 21st for foods and gardening projects.

1. Check in at the main check in table
2. Get your exhibit tags checked
3. Get your photo taken
4. Static entries- get in line for your first interview
5. Animal interviews- check in at the appropriate animal table- pick up your rubric
  - a. Get your records checked and a score on your rubric.
  - b. Take your rubric to your judge
  - c. Return to the animal check in table with your rubric and get your certificate.

## Animal Education Display Entries

You will have a separate interview for your display with a premium judge that awards ribbons. This is separate from your "Animal Interview" for which you get a certificate. Be sure to find both interviews in the schedule.

## Indoor Exhibit/Ag Building Security

If you would be willing to take two-hour shift to keep the 4-H Exhibits safe, please contact Chris at the Extension Office.

## Radio Spots

You can call in any time and prerecord, you can call in on that day and time, you can record yourself and email it into the radio or you can stop in and prerecord or go live. If you are selling an item in the Static Auction or an animal at fair, this is a FREE and EASY way to promote yourself to prospective buyers. This is also a great way to let the community know what we are all up to in 4-H, you can go on and talk about ANYTHING 4-H related.

## Absentee Interview Days

Contact the office to  
schedule a time

June 27th

June 30th

July 2nd

July 3rd



# Pre-Fair Interview Information

## Pre-Fair Interview Judging Tips

- Dress professionally
- Have all your records up to date- "My 4-H Year", Project "What I Did What I Learned" AND all sections of the Financial Records.
- Bring your records! You may either print your records and bring them, or we will have laptops for you to log in and share your records.
- Bring your exhibits, with exhibit tags firmly attached. (You will get tags from your club leader)
- Introduce yourself to your judge and shake their hand. Confirm the project you are interviewing for. Give your record book and workbooks to the clerk. Share your exhibits with the judge. Make sure you have good eye contact and speak clearly and loud enough to be heard.
  - 1) Explain how you made it.
  - 2) What is your favorite thing about the exhibit/ project.
  - 3) What was the most difficult part of making your exhibit.

## Animal Project Record Books

- **Record books and workbooks NEED to be up to date/finished before animals can be admitted into the Central Montana Fair. Passage from Fair Book pg. 24 Division 2; General Rules and Regulations for Exhibitors; Line 6:**

"ALL Animal projects will be interviewed on the Tuesday before fair week. You are required to bring complete and up-to-date records and workbooks for the interview. FFA members must have up to date FFA SAE records. Exhibitors who fail to complete their interviews will not be allowed to exhibit or sell their project animals. Appointments for "absentee interviews" must be made with the Extension Office (406-535-3919) and completed prior to the Friday before interviews. No parents are allowed at interview judging. You may bring a laptop to share your records if you have kept them electronically."

## Pre-Fair Interview Judging Tips- Animal Projects

- Dress professionally.
  - Have all of your records up to date- "My 4-H Year", Project "What I Did What I Learned" AND all sections of the Financial Records. Workbook activities should be complete. Bring your record book and workbooks. FFA Members please have your SAE records up to date, print them off and bring to the interview, or log in and share.
  - Introduce yourself to your judge and shake their hand. Confirm the project you are interviewing for. Make sure you have good eye contact and speak clearly and loud enough to be heard.
    - 1) Share information about your animal(s).
    - 2) Share information about your feed/nutrition/health program for your animal(s).
    - 3) Talk about what you have learned and what you would do better.
    - 4) Talk about your favorite experiences in the project.
    - 5) Older members should share examples of leadership in the project area.
    - 6) Share your goals for the future in the project area and how you are going to challenge yourself.
- After your interview you will return your rubric to the check in table, they will put the appropriate color award sticker on your certificate for you to take.



# Fair Information

## Pig Kissing Contest

**Money pots will be at the Extension Office and Food Booth.**  
**Watch Social Media for further information and announcements.**

## 4-H Happenings

### Static Committee Sticker Fundraiser

**The water bottle stickers will be for sale at the food booth during fair and at the Extension office for \$3 or 2 for \$5.**

### 4-H Food Booth Signups

Shift sign up for the 4-H Food Booth are open.

All members, cloverbuds and at least one of their parents should be signed up for a shift by July 1st.

#### Notes:

- Kids 12 and older do NOT need a parent on a shift with them. Please split up if you can assist on another shift needing help.
- Cloverbuds and 1 parent are required to work a shift.
- Stick to the ages assigned, we have the age groups spread out so each job can be easily covered. We will be checking these as they come in.
- If you do not have an animal project, please take a shift during animal shows or the sale as members with animals do not have a choice to work these times if they have a species showing or selling that day.
- Do not take a shift during a time you have a show going on. Keep in mind a show may take longer than scheduled or start later than the scheduled.
- Shifts fill up fast, if you are needing a specific shift, get on their quick. We get fair week is busy, please contact the office with any questions.

### Radio Spots

**June 20<sup>th</sup>, June 27<sup>th</sup>, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup>, and July 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:10am**

Radio Spots available are June 13<sup>th</sup>, June 20<sup>th</sup>, June 27<sup>th</sup>, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup>, and July 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:10am. Heidi will also be at interview day, July 15<sup>th</sup> if you would like to prerecord something with her while you are there. You can call at any time and prerecord, you can call on that day and time, you can record yourself and email it into the radio or you can stop in and prerecord or go live. If you are selling an item in the Static Auction or an animal at fair, this is a FREE and EASY way to promote yourself to prospective buyers. This is also a great way to let the community know what we are all up to in 4-H, you can go on and talk about ANYTHING 4-H related.

### Dog Practices

#### 5:30pm Small Animal Barn

Be sure to bring your dog, a leash, choke chain, showmanship lead, treat, water, and water bowl.

#### Dates:

- Mon, June 16th Small Animal Clinic
- Tues, June 17th
- Tues, June 24th

**Contact Nicole Tholt with any questions.**



# Livestock Fair Information

## Fair Setup/Teardown

In order to guarantee that fair setup and tear down goes smoothly again this year, we will be continuing with the alternating setting up and tearing down of the fairgrounds. Clubs will alternate between setup and teardown every year.

Please speak to your superintendent about pen assignments as they will be in charge of their section of the barn.

### Setup:

New Horizons  
Shamrocks  
Silver Spurs  
Snowy Mountain Trailblazers  
Sunnyside Shiners  
Winifred Mustangs

### Teardown:

Big Sky  
Christina Busy Bees  
Creative Critters  
Independent Members  
Moore Barnstompers  
Heart of the Judiths

**Livestock Committee Fair  
Meeting  
July 15th 6pm Fairgrounds  
Pavillion**

## 4-H/FFA MARKET ANIMAL SALE INFORMATION

**Due July 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Submit to: corb\_01@hotmail.com**

**Fillable Form can be found at**

<https://www.montana.edu/extension/fergus/printable-4-h-ag-documents-fliers.html>

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Complete one form per member per animal species for each animal(s) you will show and potentially sell in sale. Submit multiple forms if showing multiple animal species at the fair. (i.e. one form for beef submissions, one form for swine submissions).

## Market Heifers

**Market Heifers need to be ultrasounded withing 10day of fair and proof of pregnancy from a certified vet or ultrasound tech needs to be turned into the office.**

## Buyer Fliers

Extra Buyer Fliers can be picked up at the office now. Fliers will be emailed out to all livestock members, posted on the MSU Website and ZSuites.



# Livestock Fair Information

## Livestock Show Schedule

### Livestock Check-In:

**Tuesday, July 22nd, 8am - 11am**

**Swine-** South/East Door

**Sheep/Goats-** East Center Door

**Beef-** West Overhead Door

### Livestock Weigh-in schedule

**Swine:** 12:30pm

**Sheep/Goats:** 2:00pm

**Beef:** 3:00pm

Please do not unload fitting chutes or any supplies when unloading animal. Unload your animal and then unload additional supplies at the north end of the pavilion where the old sale barn is.

**Hog Show:** Wednesday, July 24th, at 8am

**Sale photos:** Listen for Announcement

**SALE SLIPS DUE BY 5pm**

**Sheep Show:** Wednesday, July 24th, at 3pm

**Sale photos:** Listen for Announcement

**SALE SLIPS DUE BY 5pm**

**Beef Show:** Thursday, July 25th, at 8am

**Sale photos:** Listen for Announcement

**SALE SLIPS DUE BY 2pm**

**Sale:** Friday, July 26th, at 4 P.M.

## Fair Weigh-In

In an attempt to limit the time animals must wait at the fairgrounds, all species will not need to arrive early. Animals will need to be in the barn 30 minutes prior to their weigh-in time. Heifers will still need to be in the barn prior to beef weigh-in. Weigh-in times for each species are as follows:

**Swine: 12:30pm**

**Sheep/Goat: 2:00pm**

**Beef: 3:00pm**

## Ultrasound at Fair

This year we will be having Elin Kittelmann come back as our ultrasound technician. Ultrasound for each species will immediately follow weigh-in of each species, respectively. Cattle will need to have less than ¼ inch of hair in order to participate in the carcass contest. Steers may need to be clipped by the ultrasound technician in order to obtain an accurate image. The extension office will speak with our ultrasound technician about obtaining an image from the non-show side of the animal.

## Dance! Dance! Dance!

Please join the Ambassadors and an anonymous donor for a dance

**Tuesday Night**

**July 22<sup>nd</sup> Pavillion 6pm**

**4-H, Live Music, and Family Fun!!**



# Livestock Fair Information

## Swine Check Out

**New wording and requirements for early pig release. Extra pigs that do not go through the Junior Livestock Sale can be eligible for early release under the pretense that they complete the following steps:**

- **"Contact the local processor the animal(s) will be going to by 6pm the day before the sale.**
- Inform the Extension Office what animal will be leaving and where it will be going and receive confirmation that the office is aware.
- Have a family representative present at time of pickup (5am).

Failure to follow all steps will result in non-sale pigs waiting until the noon release time.

All exhibits must remain up until the noon checkout time.

Early tear-down is in violation of the Fair Book!

### **Passage from Fair Book pg 38 Division 2; Removal of Animals:**

"All pigs being picked up by local processors may also leave at 5 am with prior notice being provided to both the Swine Superintendent and Extension office by 6pm the day prior to the livestock sale, exhibitor will also need to be present to qualify for this release time. Permission for early release must be obtained from the superintendent of the Livestock or Small Animal Department and the Extension Agent."

## Horse Shows

### **July 17th-18th 8am Pavillion**

The 4-H Horse Show is on July 17th-18th. Ranch Horse will be on Thursday, the 17th starting at 8:00 a.m.

Performance Horse will be on Friday, the 18th starting at 9:00 a.m.

## Horse Committee Volunteers

### **July 15th 5:30pm Pavillion**

The horse committee is seeking volunteers to help us set up for the Horse Shows. If you would like to help, please show up to the Fairgrounds Pavillion on Tuesday, July 15th at 5:30.

## Junior Livestock Sale- Cashing Checks 2024

### **Passage from Fair Book pg 41 Division 2; Junior Livestock Sale Checks:**

"Checks are now required to be cashed within 60 days of the issue date or checks will be voided. Checks will have a 60-day void notice printed on the check. Uncashed checks will go into Livestock Committee Funds. Members will still have the opportunity to receive their check after the issue date of 60 days, but there will be a process through the County Attorney's Office in order to have a new check reissued.

## Fair Time Camping Spots at the Central Montana Fairgrounds

It is that time of year where you should start thinking about if you would like to get a camping spot reserved out that the fairgrounds. These spots start to fill up fast once the weather gets nice out. To reserve a spot, you need to go out to the Fairground Office and fill out a form there. There is not an online form or link to reserve online. Vicki also sent out an email with reservation details. You can contact Vicki at the fairgrounds at 406-535-8841 with any questions. Please note the 4H Office has nothing to do with booking and reserving camping spots.



# 4-H Calendar

## June

27th

- Absentee Interviews

28th

- Small Animal Barn Workday starting at 10am

June 30th

- Absentee Interviews
- Leaders Council Meeting 5:30pm Sheriff's Complex

## July

1st

- Fair Entry Changes Deadline
- Food Booth Sign-ups due (All Families)

2nd

- Carcass Crash Course 2pm First Christian Church
- Horse Committee Meeting 5pm Extension Office

2nd & 3rd

- Absentee Interviews

4th: Office Closed Holiday

7th

- **Online Sale Information Due**

6th-8th

- Pre Congress MSU Campus Bozeman

9th

- Dog Practice 5 pm Small animal barn

8th-11th

- Congress MSU Campus Bozeman

11th

- Dog Practice 5 pm Small animal barn

14th

- Pre-Fair Interview Setup Day 9am-Noon
- Food Safety & TQA Trainings Due

## July Continued...

15th

- Pre-Fair Interview Judging Day 9am Trade Center- Lewistown Fairgrounds
- Dog Practice Time TBA
- Horse Show Set-up 5pm Pavilion
- Livestock Committee Meeting 6pm Pavilion

16th

- Pocket Pet & Cat Show 5:30pm Trade Center Lewistown Fairgrounds
- Online Sale Information Due

17th

- Ranch Horse Show 8am Barrels & Poles to follow- Lewistown Fairgrounds
- Set up of the indoor projects 5:30 pm Trade Center

18th

- 4-H Performance Horse Show 8am- Lewistown Fairgrounds

20th

- Dog Show Set-up Day 3pm
- Small Animal Barn Decorate 5pm 7pm Lewistown Fairgrounds

July 22nd-27th

- **Fair Week**

## August

7th-10th

- Tween Camp

## September

1st

Member books due to club leaders

9th

Small Animal Committee Meeting 5:30  
Extension Office

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# 4-H Fair Schedule

## July 15th:

- Pre-Fair Interview Day 9am- Trade Center
- Horse Show Setup 5pm- Pavillion

**16th:** Pocket Pet & Cat Show 5:30pm- Trade Center

**17th:** Ranch Horse Show 8am- Fairgrounds

## 18th:

- Performance Horse Show 8am- Fairgrounds
- Food Booth Opens 8:00am-2:30pm

**19th:** Food Booth Open 8:30am-2:30pm

## 20th:

- Dog Show setup Day 2pm
- Small Animal Barn Setup/Decorate 5-7pm

## 21st:

- Dog Show 8am- Gazebo Area (behind Ag Building)
- Interview Judging: Foods and Garden 11am- Trade Center
- Rabbit & Poultry Check-in 11am-2pm
- Rabbit Show 3pm- Small Animal Barn
- Superintendent Stall Assignments due to the Extension Office 3pm
- Livestock Setup 3:30pm- Pavillion
- Poultry Check-in Continues 6-8pm

## 22nd:

- Food Booth Open 8am-6pm
- Rabbit Agility Show 9am
- Livestock Check-in 8am-11am- Pavillion
- Poultry Show 1pm Small Animal Barn
  - Showmanship followed by conformation
- Rabbit and Poultry Pictures 4pm

**Livestock Exhibitor Meeting 5pm- Pavillion**  
**(Mandatory- Members, Parents, and Superintendents)**

## Weigh Schedule:

- **Hogs: 12:30pm (Exhibitor Meeting 12pm)**
- **Sheep/Goats: 2pm (Exhibitor Meeting 1:30pm)**
- **Beef: 3pm (Exhibitor Meeting 2:30pm)**
- **Market Animal Ultrasound 1pm**
- **Dance 6pm Sale Ring**

## 23rd:

- Food Booth Open 7am-6:30pm
- Swine Show 8am
  - Market, Showmanship, Breeding
- Sheep Show 3pm
  - Market, Showmanship, Breeding
- Goat Show follows Sheep Show
  - Market, Showmanship, Breeding
- **Swine, Sheep, Goat Sale Slips Due to the Pavillion Office by 5pm**
  - (If showing a Market Beef, you can wait until 2pm Thursday)

## Important Links

### FAIR BOOK:

CMTFAIR.COM (PREMIUM BOOK)

### FORMS FOR PRINTING:

<https://www.montana.edu/extension/fergus/printable-4-h-ag-documents-fliers.html>

### FAIR ENTRY:

<https://fairentree.com/>

### FACEBOOK & Instagram

**Daily Schedules and updates will be posted here 6am all through fair**  
~ Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H ~

## ~ Follow Us ~

Instagram Page:

4hferguspetroleumcounty

Facebook Group:

4-H Fergus/Petroleum County



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### MEMBER INFORMATION

<b>Member First &amp; Last Name:</b>	
<b>Member Club/FFA Group:</b>	
<b># of years in the species livestock project:</b>	
<b>Contact Phone #:</b>	
<b>Contact Email Address:</b>	

### MARKET ANIMAL #1

<b>4-H Tag #:</b>	
<b>Animal Species / Breed:</b> <i>i.e. (cattle/Black Angus)</i>	
<b>Animal Type</b> <i>(i.e. heifer):</i>	
<b>Animal Birthdate:</b>	
<b>Heifer Due Date</b> <i>(If applicable):</i>	
<b>Animal Weight:</b> <i>(approximate as of July 1)</i>	
<b>Description of Animal:</b> <i>(Less than 50 words. If bred heifer include sire bred to.)</i>	

### MARKET ANIMAL #2

<b>4-H Tag #:</b>	
<b>Animal Species / Breed:</b> <i>i.e. (cattle/Black Angus)</i>	
<b>Animal Type</b> <i>(i.e. heifer):</i>	
<b>Animal Birthdate:</b>	
<b>Heifer Due Date</b> <i>(If applicable):</i>	
<b>Animal Weight:</b> <i>(approximate as of July 1)</i>	
<b>Description of Animal:</b> <i>(Less than 50 words. If bred heifer include sire bred to.)</i>	

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## PHOTO & VIDEO SUBMISSION –

A photo and potential video listing will be made available in conjunction with the online sale listing facilitated by Frontier Live Sale.

**Files must be uploaded to the provided dropbox link by the July 7<sup>th</sup> deadline.**

A suggested minimum is for each member to upload a photo file with each animal.

An optional video file can be uploaded as well. These files will be viewable by the public if viewing the online sale listing at Frontier Live Sale.

Upload photo and video files to the provided Dropbox link: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/s95B19loZn8sTfsP0mF6>

Save files to include the file name format as: FIRST NAME LAST NAME\_ANIMAL TYPE\_4H TAG NUMBER

Photo files should be landscape view, and include the member and animal:



Video files should be landscape views, include members showcasing/walking/leading animals, and be no longer than 15 seconds.

For questions regarding information submitted for the online sale, please contact CORRY ARNTZEN, 406.366.0511.