

# 2026 Jr. Fed Livestock Show & Sale

Dept: Jr. Fed - Div: See pg 88

<b>Swine:</b>	Holden Vandivort - (406) 690-6865
In-Place:	8am - Friday, Oct 9 - Montana Pavilion
Weigh-In:	9am - 10am - Friday, Oct 9
Judging:	8am - Sunday - October 11
Judge:	Justin Burns - Eastland, TX
<b>Steers:</b>	Rick Kraft - (406) 698-9192
In-Place:	10am - Friday, Oct 9 - Expo Center
Weigh-In:	11am - 12pm - Friday, Oct 9
Judging:	9am - Saturday - October 10 (NEW TIME)
Judge:	Ty Bayer - Wausau, WI
<b>Lambs:</b>	Holly Dorvall - (406) 425-3027
In-Place:	8pm - Thursday, Oct 8 - Montana Pavilion
Weigh-In:	4pm - 8pm - Thursday, Oct 8
Judging:	12pm - Saturday - October 10 (NEW TIME)
Judge:	Justin Burns - Eastland, TX
<b>Goats:</b>	Shayne Vandivort - (406) 861-7184
In-Place:	8pm - Thursday, Oct 8 - Montana Pavilion
Weigh-In:	4pm - 8pm - Thursday, Oct 8
Judging:	2pm - Sunday - October 11
Judge:	Justin Burns - Eastland, TX
<b>Sale:</b>	4 p.m. - Monday, Oct 12 (all species) <i>Animals that choose not to sell are released at conclusion of their show</i>
<b>Entry Fee:</b>	\$50/animal ( <b>ONLINE ENTRIES only</b> )



## ONLINE Entries due by: September 1st OR until show is full (space is limited!)

*Once each show is filled, all other exhibitors wishing to exhibit will be placed on a waiting list -- more details below*

See Livestock Rules & Regulations located at front of the book

### Jr. Fed Division Rules:

- Only the owner will be allowed to show and sell the animal. (Owner must show and take animal through show ring - owner does not have to be present for weigh-in).
- One individual judge will do judging of each class of livestock.
- Complaints must be in writing to NILE livestock superintendent.
- Every exhibitor in consideration of his/her entry being accepted specifically represents that he or she has read and agrees to abide by the National Show Ring Code of Ethics as adopted by NILE printed in this book (General Information) and understands the consequences of and penalties involved for illegal, unethical, inhumane, and unfair practices of competition. Animal color can be enhanced, but not changed.
- Any youth 18 years or younger (as of January 1, 2026) and enrolled in 4-H or FFA may exhibit. Animals must be in exhibitor's care, custody & ownership at time of entry.
- Exhibitors will be charged an entry fee for each animal entered with the fee accompanying the entry. No refunds or substitutions.
- Junior Fed hogs, lambs, & goats will be stalled in the Montana Pavilion.
- Junior Fed steers will be stalled in the Expo Center.
- **BOTH BARNs WILL BE READY FOR MOVE IN THURSDAY, OCT 8 @ 4PM**
- Junior Fed Lambs & Goats must weigh in on 10/8 between 4-8pm. We will do vet checks off the trailer and straight on to the scale.

### Arrival & Weigh-In:

- Livestock will be weighed-in for classification; refer to "Jr. Fed Livestock Scheduling" **This weight will be used as the sale weight.** Check weight limits. No re-weighs. Following weighing of the animals, classes will be designated and posted. Entries will be divided into classes at NILE's discretion.
- A portable electronic scale will be used to weigh the stock for show classification and sale weight. These scales meet minimum tolerance for livestock; however, the scales will not be certified.
- Stalls will be assigned. Exhibitors encroaching on others assigned space will forfeit all premiums and will be subject to disqualification.
- Tie out time is 6 p.m., animals must be returned to stalls by 8 a.m. (Steers Only)

**Removal of Animals - All NON-sale animals** are allowed to leave after their show. ALL animals will need to be removed from the Montana Pavilion at the conclusion of the sale. No overnights into Tuesday morning.

**Bills of Sale:** Proof of ownership on each animal entered must be submitted at time of entry; paperwork should include animal tag # or scrapie #. Copies will be accepted. **If proof of ownership is not received by September 1, the entry will be declined and no refund will be given.** It is the exhibitor's responsibility to check before entry to see if there is a lien on their animal or brand. Lien releases must be supplied at weigh-in. Settlement checks will be made payable to recognized lien holder (as required by the Montana Department of Livestock) and exhibitor. Cattle exhibitors must obtain a lien release from the brand owner's lending institution to ensure clear title to animal.

**Health Regulations:** Refer to Health, Brand & Import Regulations on pgs 16-18 in the front of this book. Health regulations will be enforced for Jr. Fed animals as for other livestock entering NILE shows. NILE requires Certificates of Veterinary Inspection on all Jr. Fed Livestock.

**Each species must be on a separate copy of the health certificate.**

**Wholesome Assurance Statement:** The use by non-veterinarians of animal drugs or other substance in any manner other than in accord with the labeling approved by FDA is a violation of federal law. Abuse of the extra label privilege by veterinarians is unethical and is subject to serious consequences such as license revocation. Any food animal must not exceed FDA/EPA/USDA-established tolerances for any foreign substance including drugs, pesticides, feed additives, or other chemicals. Violative results of residue testing are subject to investigation by USDA and FDA for prosecution. Misrepresentation of a food animal that can potentially affect the acceptability of the carcass or milk will be considered fraud.

## ELECTRONIC IDENTIFICATION

**ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION:** All animals MUST be officially identified with a permanently numbered electronic identification tag. **Number MUST be on original entry and tag MUST SCAN. Animals that have tags that DO NOT SCAN will be sent home!**

• Exhibitors can order electronic tags themselves or contact the NILE. If animal already has an electronic tag, another is not needed.

• **Both electronic tag AND full Scrapie tag (lambs/goats) MUST be on original entry and Health Certificate.**

**Residue Avoidance:** The NILE will use the National Show Ring Code of Ethics on page 20 as its official rules regarding all issues involving drug residue(s) and/or surgical procedures in addition to regulations found in the Health, Brand, & Import Regulations on pages 16-18.

- Any animal is subject to a random drug test -Any animal that tests positive for illegal substances or drugs will forfeit all proceeds of animal sold and carcass (should animal sell), as well as forfeit all premiums and will be prohibited from showing in any NILE show or sale for one (1) year.
- All Grand & Reserve Champion animals will be tested for illegal substances/drugs. Additionally, the NILE reserves the right to pull/ draw samples at random from all exhibitors.
- Comply with label withdrawal times.
- Withdrawal times for approved medications must be observed. Any violation will risk sale eligibility. Withdrawal information may be obtained from county extension agents or your local vet.
- Only animals with veterinarian prescriptions will be allowed to be given antibiotics while on grounds.

**Tack Spaces:** Due to space limitations, tack spaces will not be available for purchase.

**Waiting List:** Entries will open for all NILE Livestock Shows on July 15 of each year. The Jr Fed Division fills VERY QUICKLY and due to limited space the shows are closed before the September 1st entry deadline. As each individual show is closed, a waiting list for each division is created. To be placed on the waiting list, please email [livestock@thenile.org](mailto:livestock@thenile.org). As exhibitors in the show scratch from the show, the spaces will be filled from the top of the list down. All communication for the waiting list will be via email, a valid email address will be required. Exhibitors will have three (3) days to respond to the initial email from NILE. If the exhibitor does not respond within the time frame given, the exhibitor will be rolled to the bottom of the waiting list and the next exhibitor will be notified. It is our goal to allow as many youth in the Jr Fed Show as possible, there is a chance that entries of one or two animal(s) per exhibitor may be asked to share a pen to maximize our pen spaces (lambs & goats). To maximize space; Lambs, Goat, & Hogs will be stalled in 5'x5' pens. Hogs exhibitors will need to provide their own divider.

**Fungus:** All livestock will be inspected at check-in for any fungus, sore mouth, or other contagious disease. Presenting animals and animals that traveled with the infected animal(s) will be asked to leave the premise immediately, no entry refunds will be given.

**Pen Sizes:**

- Hogs: Will be penned in 5'x5' pens. Each exhibitor is required to bring their own pen divider to split pens.
- Lambs & Goats: Exhibitors entering one (1) or two (2) entries will be penned in 5'x5' pens. Siblings will be penned together.
- Steers will have 3 1/2 feet of space to tie in the barn.

**Entry Limits:**

Please see next page for individual division limitations.

**No refunds will be given nor will substitutions be made.**

*Example: Should an exhibitor enter 6 lambs and show 3, entry fees for the lambs not showing will not be refunded to the exhibitor.*

**Entry Scratches:**

**Notify the NILE Livestock Office of any/all scratches by 9/15/26**

*Should an exhibitor fail to notify and scratch ALL entries by 9/15/26, the exhibitor **will not be allowed to enter for 1 year.***

**Premiums & Awards:**

Ribbons will be awarded to five places in each class. A portion of the entry fees in the Jr. Fed division will be paid to exhibitors in premiums to be divided in accordance with placing to four places for the number shown in class: 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%

**Payouts to Champion & Reserve Champions:**

Grand Champion Steer : \$2,000

Reserve Champion Steer: \$1,000

Grand Champion Lamb, Goat & Swine: \$500

Reserve Champion Lamb, Goat, & Swine: \$250

\*\*\*Premiums are guaranteed. Added sponsors may provide additional funds. Those Sponsors will be recognized at the NILE this fall.

In addition, Grand Champions will receive a NILE buckle sponsored by Town & Country Supply and Reserve Grand Champions will receive NILE coats. Banners to division champions in the hog, lamb and goat divisions.

**Jr. Fed Sale of Champions:** An exhibitor will be limited to the sale of only one (1) animal, with the exception of Grand & Reserve Champions, which **must sell**.

- Sale limit: 100 total animals will sell. Allotment of species will be determined by the Jr. Fed Committee.
- Animals qualify for sale by ranking in Jr. Fed Show.
- Exhibitors are responsible for "protecting" their animals in the sale, thus there will be no "NO SALES".
- All participants selling animals in the sale or withdrawing animals from the sale, must notify officials by 6 p.m., Sunday- October 11. All animals not selling will be charged a brand inspection fee or vet fee for new health.
- **Any exhibitor who fails to present eligible animal (entry is listed in Jr. Fed sale order) in sale ring will forfeit all premiums and will not be eligible to enter the NILE Jr. livestock show for a period of one (1) year nor any immediate family member of their family.**
- Exhibitor must be present at the show and sale and is responsible for getting animals to the sale arena, and delivery to shipping area.
- Exhibitor must stay in sale order when lined up for sale. Failure to do so will result in the exhibitor selling last.
- Exhibitors selling beef must have a halter on the animal following the sale until they have been shipped to proper destination. All halters should be marked for identification.

- **All animals sold will be assessed a 5% commission.** Any exhibitor that requests that check be reissued due to loss, etc., will have a \$25 stop payment fee deducted from the reissued check.
- **Exhibitors are REQUIRED to write thank you notes to buyers.** Sale checks will not be mailed out until a thank you note to the Livestock Buyer has been written, stamped and delivered to the NILE Office. Checks will be held until thank you is received.
- Complaints/sale disputes are directed to the Jr. Fed committee. In the event complaints or disputes are not resolved at this level, they are to be directed to the livestock superintendent and NILE general manager.
- NILE acts only as an agent for the consignors in the sale and does not assume any responsibility while the animal is on grounds, during loading or transportation, or for the animal's future usefulness. All guarantees are strictly between the buyer and seller.
- Exhibitors **MUST** have one of the following before leaving the grounds: a NEW brand inspection for an unsold animal or the original health certificate turned in at weigh-in. See Division Superintendent to get original back. Fines will be charged to those exhibitors who do not comply.
- **All animals selling are subject to being selected to be used in the Livestock Judging Contest on Monday, October 12, 2025.**

**Sale Order:**

- **All champions and reserve champions MUST SELL**
- Division Champions will follow the overall champions (if selling)
- Sale rotation in 2026 will be beef, lambs, hogs & goats.



4 p.m.  
Monday, October 12  
Montana Pavilion

Join Us  
Monday, Oct 12 from 6:30 - 8:00am  
**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
Expo Center | Free to All  
Provided by  
**BILLINGS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
**AG COMMITTEE**

# Junior Fed Market Show Information

## JUNIOR MARKET BEEF

Department: Jr. Fed • Division Code: 1

Entry Fee: \$50 Class 1: Jr. Fed Market Beef

Open to market steers & heifers. After weigh-in the animals will be divided into classes by Jr. Fed Superintendents by weight. Minimum weight for market beef will be 1100 lbs. (No re-weighs). Sale weight is 1450lbs. Beef over 1600 lbs will be sifted. Animal's color may be enhanced, but cannot be changed.

**Each exhibitor can enter as many beef as they choose, but can show a maximum of 2 (two) market beef.**

- Market Heifers: There must be five (5) market heifers entered and weighed in in order to have a class. If there are less than five head, the heifers will show with the steers. Heifers must be possess a pregnancy check of "OPEN" within 10 days of weigh-in.
- EID number **MUST** appear on health certificate.
- **Divider Panels:** Due to limited space, divider panels will not be permitted in the Jr Fed Steer stalling area. All steers **MUST** stall in their designated stall space or face the possibility of losing their premium checks.

## JUNIOR MARKET LAMB

Department: Jr. Fed • Division Code: 2

Entry Fee: \$50 Class 1: Jr. Fed Market Lambs

Open to Market Lambs only (wethers & ewes). After weigh-in the animals will be divided into classes by Jr. Fed Superintendents. Minimum weight for market lambs will be 110 lbs. Maximum sale weight of 165 lbs. Underweight lambs will be sifted. Ewes and wethers of all breeds will be shown together.

**Each exhibitor is limited to enter 6 (six) & show 3 (three) lambs total.**

- All lambs will be shown by weight and split into divisions (light, medium & heavy).
- All wethers must be fully castrated.
- All lambs must be completely slick shorn within 1/4 inch **PRIOR** to weigh in at the show. Wool may be left on the legs only below the knees and hocks. **There will be NO CLIPPING IN THE BARN!** If you clip outside, you will be required to clean up your mess or face losing premium dollars. Permits must be purchased from clipping stands.
- Lambs front feet must remain on the ground while shown.
- Animal's color can be enhanced, but cannot be changed.
- All lambs must have EID & Scrapies tag (Flock Number and Individual Number). Lambs with **EID & Scrapie Tags not matching the original entry will result in disqualification.**
- EID & Scrapie Tag **MUST** appear on health certificate.

## JUNIOR MARKET GOAT

Department: Jr. Fed • Division Code: 3

Entry Fee: \$50 Class 1: Jr. Fed Market Goat

Open to Market Goats only. After weigh-in the animals will be divided into classes by Jr. Fed Superintendents. Minimum weight for market goats will be 50 lbs. Maximum sale weight of 110 lbs. Underweight goats will be sifted. Market Goats may be does or wethers. All breeds and sexes will show together.

**Each exhibitor is limited to enter 8 (eight) & show 4 (four) market goats. (includes market & breeding entries).**

- All goats will be shown by weight and split into divisions (light, medium & heavy).
- Horns: if horned, **ALL Goats must have horns tipped.** Tipped is defined as: the end of the horn must be squared off at least 1/2" in diameter or larger. Tipping of horns is not allowed on the grounds. This rule will be strictly enforced.
- Market Goats must be slick shorn, with no indication of blocking, to 3/8 inch or less above the knees and hock joints to include the head but excluding the tail switch. All shearing of Market Goats must be done prior to processing. **There will be NO CLIPPING IN THE BARN!** If you clip outside, you will be required to clean up your mess or face losing premium dollars.
- Permits must be purchased from clipping stands
- Bracing is allowed. However, ALL four feet **MUST** stay on the ground at all times. Exhibitors will receive one warning, the second offense will result in disqualification from the show.
- All goats must have EID & Scrapies tag (Flock Number and Individual Number). **EID & Scrapie Tags not matching the original entry will result in disqualification.**
- EID & Scrapie Tag **MUST** appear on health certificate.

## JUNIOR MARKET SWINE

Department: Jr. Fed • Division Code: 4

Entry Fee: \$50 Class: 1 - Jr. Fed Market Swine

Open to market barrows and gilts. After weigh in the animals will be divided into classes by Jr. Fed Superintendents. Minimum weight for market swine will be 225 lbs. Maximum sale weight of 300 lbs. Underweight hogs will be sifted.

**Each exhibitor is limited to enter 4 (four) & show 2 (two) swine total. (includes market & breeding entries).**

- All hogs will be shown by weight and split into divisions (light, medium & heavy).
- All barrows must be fully healed from castration with no scabbing present at the incision site(s).
- **There will be NO CLIPPING IN THE BARN!** Hogs must be clipped prior to unloading.
- EID & ear notch **MUST** appear on health certificate

**PLAN AHEAD & ENTER EARLY SPACE IS LIMITED!**

*Exhibitors will have 1 hour after classes are posted to notify of any questions/concerns.*

# 2024 GRAND CHAMPIONS



**2024 GRAND CHAMPION MARKET STEER**  
CHAEL ROBERTS - ABSAROCKE, MONTANA



**2024 RESERVE CHAMPION MARKET STEER**  
TARYN MILLER - DOUGLAS, WYOMING

# Junior Fed Breeding Show & Showmanship Information

## JUNIOR BREEDING EWE LAMBS

Department: Jr. Fed • Division Code: 2

Entry Fee: \$50 Class 5: Jr. Breeding Ewe Lambs

**Each exhibitor is limited to enter 6 (six) & show 3 (three) lambs total (includes market & breeding entries).**

- Open to ewe lambs. Lambs must still have their lamb teeth with no exposure of yearling teeth and may be mouthed to verify age at the discretion of the NILE at any time. If a fall or spring ewe lamb has lost a temporary incisor or has visible signs of permanent incisors, they are ineligible to show. No Exceptions!
- Entries may cross enter in the market & breeding show
- All breeds will show together, classes will be divided by weight.
- Buckles and banners to the Grand & Reserve Breeding Ewe Lambs.
- Payout to the top 5 (five) Breeding Ewe Lambs.

## JUNIOR WETHER DOES

Department: Jr. Fed • Division Code: 3

Entry Fee: \$50 Class 5: Jr. Wether Does

**Each exhibitor is limited to enter 8 (eight) & show 4 (four) goats total (includes market & breeding entries).**

- Open to does. Does must still have their milk teeth with no exposure of yearling teeth and may be mouthed to verify age at the discretion of the NILE at any time. If a fall or spring ewe doe has lost a temporary incisor or has visible signs of permanent incisors, they are ineligible to show. No Exceptions!
- Entries may not cross enter in the market & breeding show
- Does should be clipped to AGBA standards
- All breeds will show together
- Buckles and banners to the Grand & Reserve Wether Does.
- Payout to the top 5 (five) wether does.

## JUNIOR BREEDING GILTS

Department: Jr. Fed • Division Code: 4

Entry Fee: \$50 Class 5 - Jr. Breeding Swine

**Each exhibitor is limited to enter 4 (four) & show 2 (two) swine total (includes market & breeding entries).**

- Open to gilts born 1/1/2026 and after.
- Entries may cross enter in the market & breeding show
- Minimum weight for breeding gilts will be 225 lbs. Underweight hogs will be sifted. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Purebred & crossbred gilts will show together.
- Buckles and banners to the Grand & Reserve Breeding Gilts.
- Payout to the top 5 (five) gilts.

## JR. LIVESTOCK SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

The purpose of this contest is to give junior exhibitors the opportunity to demonstrate their skill in fitting, training and showing their animals. Personal appearance and behavior will be considered. Jr. Fed rules above apply.

- Exhibitors must show their own animals in the contest
- Animals used for showmanship **MUST** make weight for the market show. If the exhibitor only has one animal and it does not make weight, the exhibitor will be withdrawn from showmanship.
- No premium payout for Jr. Fed Showmanship Contest
- Showmanship Champions will receive buckles, Reserve Champions will receive jackets.
- **\$10 for Showmanship**

**Please use the Division# for your specie & the following class #'s.**

Class 2: Senior Showmanship: 15-18 years old as of Jan. 1, 2026

Class 3: Junior Showmanship: 11-14 years old as of Jan. 1, 2026

Class 4: Beginner Showmanship: 8-10 years old as of Jan. 1, 2026

**Exhibitors MUST be entered in Showmanship on original entry form. No write-in's accepted! No Exceptions!**

# 2024 GRAND CHAMPIONS



**2024 GRAND CHAMPION MARKET GOAT**  
JANA STEARNS - EDMONTON, SOUTH DAKOTA



**2024 GRAND CHAMPION MARKET HOG**  
SPENCER BRAATEN - TOWNSEND, MONTANA



**2024 GRAND CHAMPION MARKET LAMB**  
CHARLEIGH FENDER - WELLS, NEVADA



**2024 SUPREME BREEDING DOE**  
ZANE DOWNEY - WHITEHALL, MONTANA



**2024 SUPREME BREEDING GILT**  
STETSON WESTMORELAND - TREMONTON, UTAH



**2024 SUPREME BREEDING EWES**  
HAYES JOHNSON - BENJAMIN, UTAH

*See you in Billings!*