

2026 Comment period requested changes/comments:

Species/Area	Comment / Suggestion	Answer
Rabbit	Add single fryer need to weigh 3-5 ½ lbs and be no more than 70 days old. Then add single fryer class. Need to contact superintendent by July 13 th .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change made
	Concern for rule stating “No breeding animals may be shown in Market showmanship”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This was written to cover market showmanship and will be reworded to include all small animal showmanship
General	IAFE Code of Showring Ethics concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These rules have been listed in the Fairbook since 2012. Until this year, there was only a website URL listed for exhibitors to visit to read the rules in their entirety. The rules have been placed in the Fairbook for easier reference. • Any Laramie County Fair rules listed in the general rules or the specie-specific department rules will supersede the IAFE rules (i.e. leasing horses)
	Tagging Timeline concerns that the taggings are taking place before the end of the ownership deadlines. The concern stated that beef tagging took place on January 31 st and February 7 th while the ownership deadline is Feb 15 th .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ownership deadline for Beef is February 1st of each year. With beef tagging, there was the tagging date of Feb 7th offered after that deadline. In the past, the tagging dates were held earlier because the 4-H educators were able to go to homes and tag animals that were purchased after the tagging events. As with beef, we will hold tagging dates for goats, lambs, and pigs both before and after the ownership deadline of June 1st, as the calendar permits.
	Concern about early record keeping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have begun a new process of tag verification this year to keep track of each tag. It is a bit time consuming but seems to have worked well during beef tagging.
	Concern over residency checks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brand inspectors are not responsible for verifying residency, nor are they equipped to do so. There are only 2 species that the brand inspectors are involved in: sheep and beef. They do not check paperwork on goats and pigs. • The residency rules also include checking if an exhibitor is in 4-H or FFA good standing. Fair staff does not have access to that information until it is shared with our team by 4-H and FFA. 4-H and FFA good standing must be determined by July 15th of the current year.
	Concern over inconsistent sale rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This problem will be resolved this year with all the rules falling under the direction of one entity
	Concern over delayed payouts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Similar to what the 4-H Sale committee rules were, funds will be paid to the exhibitors once the sale account has reached 75% of the overall total.

	Concern over uneven rule enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the past, 4-H and FFA have been tasked with enforcement of their own rules with Fair staff only being responsible for open and breeding shows. Going forward, all rules that are not FFA, will be enforced by the Fair staff.
	Concern over judge integrity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unfortunately, there is no way to legislate integrity within judges or producers in the area at all times. All judges are brought in from out-of-state for the market shows and are vetted by speaking with other fairs or shows that have used them. Great time and research go into making sure that the best possible judges are brought in for the youth each year. Maintaining integrity within our judge hires is very important to us, and this is a reason that the judges' names are not released before the shows along with a requirement that the judges do not inform others of their intent to judge our show.
	The change in terminology from 4-H Livestock Sale to Youth Livestock Sale should come with structure and eligibility rules that reflect the broader designation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Youth Show will continue to require eligibility through 4-H, ensuring that established standards for animal quality, education, and exhibitor development are maintained. This partnership allows 4-H to continue its essential role in educating, supporting, and encouraging youth to successfully complete their projects. • While this transition provides exhibitors with an expanded opportunity to showcase and market their projects through the Fair, 4-H will remain responsible for enrollment tracking, verification of eligibility, and completion of required programs such as Youth Quality Assurance (YQA). • Additionally, 4-H will continue to support exhibitors in meeting requirements for participation at the Wyoming State Fair. This collaborative approach maintains program integrity while enhancing opportunities for youth participants.
	Rule changes that affect eligibility and participation should be communicated well in advance of ownership deadlines.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been no additional eligibility or participation changes in the 2026 Fairbook that were not required in 2025.
	Concerns about Checks and Balances with rule decisions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All rules are made with the assistance of superintendents, volunteers, staff, surveys, and recently, the input from the community during the 45-day public comment period. There is not one person tasked with making all rules for the Fair. While the Fair Manager is responsible for putting together the Fair Book utilizing all input. The Fair Manager has a director and a board of Commissioners that provide checks and balances.
	Wording under 4-H Rules & Regulations "No breeding animals may be shown in the Market showmanship classes. Cats and Dogs should refer to individual rules in the appropriate species sections."	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rabbits, Pocket pet, and poultry will be added to the second sentence stating that they refer to individual rules.

	<p>Tagging rules state that “market animals must be tagged with an official Laramie County Fair tag”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change: All Market animals exhibiting in the Laramie County Fair must be brought to a centralized tagging event. During tagging, an official Laramie County Fair RFID tag will be placed in the animal’s ear. Producer issued 840 series RFID tags will also be accepted as an official Laramie County Fair tag.
	<p>Fitting rule does not specifically state that 4-H leaders may help with fitting. Immediate family being able to help other exhibitors.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change: Exhibitors are expected to perform the majority of the care and grooming of their animals at Fair. In the interest of safety and education, a member may be assisted by any Laramie County 4-H/FFA member, immediate family member, or 4-H Educator/FFA Advisor. Immediate family is defined as parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, and any step-parent or legal guardian. Please remember that Fair is an educational experience and youth should be involved in the process. In the event of violation of the above, consequences will include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Violator may be asked to leave the show. 2) Dismissal of Exhibitor from the show. • We are not able to include 4-H screened volunteers as we do not have access to this information, nor do these positions have any standing in the Youth shows.
	<p>Exhibitors not allowed to sell if their sale card is not turned in by the deadline.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For administrative purposes, it is necessary to have a deadline. A “late” period will be offered to exhibitors until Friday at 8 am that will still give them the opportunity to sell with an increased commission fee. If the Beef show runs excessively late, an extension to the deadline will be made to allow for those exhibitors to turn in their consignment cards. Last year at our town hall meetings, there was a request made that we get the sale order out to the superintendents or exhibitors for a review before sending the sale order to print. In order to fulfill that request, we will need the draft sale order ready by 10am on Friday to get the sale order to the printer by 1 pm for sufficient printing time.
<p>Horse</p>	<p>Family horse and Youth/FFA use</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will still be including the option of a Family horse to be used by siblings only. The family horse will not be allowed to cross shows and must be shown as Youth or FFA.

	Exhibitors are only allowed to enter 2 horses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For this year, we will continue to only allow 2 horses be entered per exhibitor. This approach is intended to reduce time spent during the show, as there is a substantial amount of content to cover and each additional horse adds a minimum of 15 minutes. • The horse superintendent and Fair staff will look at increasing this in future years.
	All Around or point horse must be chosen day of check in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will continue as it has. The horse superintendent and volunteers have decided to keep track of entries differently and they would like the opportunity to see if this new system works before making further changes.
	Awards vs Clinic participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinic participation is not a requirement of the Laramie County Fair Youth Horse show. All Fair exhibitors will be eligible for Fair-provided awards. As a supporting program, 4-H may make changes to their requirements to be in good standing with them.