

# 2025

## San Miguel Basin Fair Information and Rules

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# ANNUAL DESSERT CONTEST & TASTING PARTY

See schedule

Contact: Katie Alexander, Superintendent

OPEN TO PUBLIC

1. The Annual Dessert contest is open to all residents of San Miguel and West Montrose Counties, regardless of age. The non-resident contest is open to any non-local Participants.
2. All entries must be **HOMEMADE**. They may be fresh or may have been frozen previously; however, pies and cakes must be fully cooled or thawed at judging time.
3. If pies are not brought in disposable tins, please mark your pie dish so you will be able to take it home following the contest. You are responsible for locating your dish after the tasting.
4. Cakes should be on non-returnable plates or covered cardboard. Ice cream containers should be disposable or clearly marked.
5. Aprons and spoons, sponsored by local businesses will be awarded to the top two places in each category.
6. The youth category is classified as 16 and under as of January 1st of the current year.
7. Professional status will be established by the dessert contest Superintendent.

## PIE CATEGORIES:

PROFESSIONAL – Any Type

NON-PROFESSIONAL - Double Crust Pie (fruit, berry, etc.)

NON-PROFESSIONAL - Single Crust Pie

YOUTH - Any Type

## CAKE CATEGORIES

PROFESSIONAL - Any type

NON-PROFESSIONAL - Frosted

NON-PROFESSIONAL - Unfrosted

YOUTH - Any Type

## COOKIES

PROFESSIONAL – Any type

NON-PROFESSIONAL – Drop

NON-PROFESSIONAL – Rolled

NON-PROFESSIONAL – No Bake

NON-PROFESSIONAL - Bar

YOUTH – Any Type

## ICE CREAM:

PROFESSIONAL - Any Flavor

NON-PROFESSIONAL - Flavored (Vanilla, Chocolate, Etc.)

NON-PROFESSIONAL - Fruit (Peach, Strawberry, Etc.)

YOUTH - Any Type

NON-RESIDENT:

ADULT – Any dessert

YOUTH – Any dessert

MISCELLANEOUS:

ADULT – Any dessert

YOUTH – Any dessert

## **CATCH-A-HEIFER CONTEST**

See schedule

Where: Events Center

Event Superintendent: Hugh Hardman

OPEN to 4-H and FFA Members

### **General Eligibility Requirements**

1. Contestants must enroll in 4-H or FFA by December 31st of current year and must be residents of San Miguel or the West End Montrose County.
2. Applicants must be no younger than 8-years-old and no older than 17-years-old as of December 31 of the current year.
3. The San Miguel Basin Fair board will not be responsible for injury or accidents.
4. Not more than two heifers may be caught during a Participant's career participation of the San Miguel Basin Fair Catch-A-Calf contests.

### **Application Process**

1. Applicants must complete an application to enter the Catch-A-Calf contest.
2. Applications can be found on the San Miguel County Fair website.
3. Applications must be received by the fair board by application date.
4. The Fair Board Catch-A-Calf Committee will screen the applications to select the Participants. The intent of the screening process is to ensure Participants are qualified to care for a heifer.
5. The Fair Board will notify applicants who may move on to become Participants in the Catch-A-Calf Contest.
6. Participants and their parents must agree to the Catch-A-Calf Contest Requirements, sign a contract, liability release waiver and pay the \$50 participation fee by cash or check.

### **Event Execution**

1. Contest divisions will be determined on an annual basis depending on the number of heifers donated and the number of Participants.
2. There will be a maximum of 10 Participants group allowed to compete. If there are more than 10 qualified applicants, Participants will be selected by drawing.
3. The committee will appoint a Catch-A-Calf referee who will oversee contest rules.



4. Participants will be furnished a halter to take into the arena to catch and safely tie the calf to the fence. The halter or rope cannot be used as a lariat. The halter must be placed on the head of the animal in the proper way.
5. The fair board reserves the right to adjust the contest execution rules to help insure Participant and animal safety. For instance, the cattle used may be pre-haltered for the younger kids.
6. The Participant catching the calf must halter and tie the calf to the fence without aid. The first Participant to tie the calf to the fence will be deemed the winner.
7. If a Participant has a hold of a calf, no other member will be allowed to touch or scare the calf until it breaks away. If two or more members catch the same calf, the calf will be turned loose. If a calf breaks away from a member after the halter has been placed on the calf, and some other member catches the calf, the second member will be required to remove the first halter /and put on his/her own halter. A calf must not be caught with the aid of the halter and rope attached to the calf. If a calf breaks loose from a Participant, the Participant may re-grab the lead rope.
8. The Referee will announce the winner of each class.

### **Contest Prize**

1. Participants who catch a calf must enroll in the 4-H breeding heifer project prior to being awarded a weaned heifer calf, donated by a local producer, no later than December 31st.
2. Heifers will be matched to winning Participants by random drawing.
3. Winning Participants will not receive full ownership of the heifer until the contest requirements are met.
4. Winning Participants must show the heifer at the following next year's San Miguel Basin Fair in the breeding heifer class as well as complete a breeding heifer record book, after which the heifer will be fully transferred to the winning Participant.

## **CATCH-A-CHICKEN CONTEST**

See schedule

Where: Events Center

Event Superintendent: Regan Snyder, [reganlisnyder@gmail.co](mailto:reganlisnyder@gmail.co) or (970) 210-3447

OPEN TO YOUTH UNDER 8 YEARS AS OF JANUARY 1 OF CURRENT YEAR

### **General Eligibility Requirements**

1. Applicants must be no younger than 4-years-old and no older than 8-years-old as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
  - a. Classes will be based on two age divisions, 4- to 6-year-olds and 7 to 8 year-olds.
  - b. Multiple classes for each age division will be determined by the superintendent and based on the number of entries.
2. The San Miguel Basin Fair board will not be responsible for injury or accidents.

### **Application Process**

7. At least one day prior to the event, applicants must complete an application to enter the Catch-A-Chicken contest.

8. Applications can be turned in at the CSU Extension Office, completed online or given to a member of the Fair Board.
9. Applications can be found online at [www.smbcountyfair.org](http://www.smbcountyfair.org) or at the CSU Extension Office.
10. Participants and their parents must agree to the Catch-A-Chicken Contest requirements, sign a liability release waiver and pay the \$10 participation fee by cash or check.

### **Event Execution**

9. The superintendent will oversee the event execution.
10. Chickens will be fitted with cloth saddles and a number will be secured to the saddle with Velcro.
11. Contestants will enter the ring with the numbered chickens.
12. The superintendent will indicate to the contestants when they can proceed.
13. Contestants must pull the velcroed number off the back of the chicken without restraining the chicken. The first contestant to do so will be declared the winner by the superintendent.

### **Contest Prize**

1. Winners of the 4- to 6-year-old age group will get to keep the chicken or choose a \$20 cash reward.
2. Winners of the 7- to 8-year-old age group will get to keep the chicken or choose a \$20 cash reward in addition to receiving a \$100 gift certificate to a local hatchery or farm supply store redeemable in the following year. If old enough, the contestant is encouraged to enroll in a 4-H poultry or FFA Supervised Agricultural Experience the following year.

## **PEE-WEE SHOWMANSHIP**

See schedule

Contact: Regan Snyder, [reganlisnyder@gmail.co](mailto:reganlisnyder@gmail.co) or (970) 210-3447

OPEN TO YOUTH UNDER 8 YEARS AS OF JANUARY 1 OF CURRENT YEAR

The pee-wee livestock show is for children under the age of 8 as of January 1st of the current year. The class is non-competitive and designed to be a fun activity contributing to the growth and development of young people. The class will be held at the beginning of each species' show. Animals should arrive and check in at 5:30 p.m. at the show table. The livestock judge will conduct a friendly interview with each Exhibitor to determine their knowledge of the animal and its care. Participation ribbons and/or prizes will be given to all Exhibitors. Exhibitors may show calves, lambs, or goats born in the current year. The animal does not have to be owned by the Exhibitor. A parent may accompany the Exhibitor in the ring. The show Superintendent and/or Fair Board shall have final say in cases where safety is a concern. Exhibitors must notify a member of the Fair Board by July 1 of the current year if they wish to participate at fair. There are no entry fees.

## **OPEN BREEDING LIVESTOCK SHOWS**

All open breeding livestock entries must be submitted to the SMB extension office by the close of business on the second Friday of July of the current year. Late entries are subject to approval by the SMB Fair Board. All open breeding livestock entries will be limited to barn space available. Also, animal numbers will be allocated to

present the best possible breed display for show. After closing entry, the Fair reserves the right to adjust breed divisions to show equity. Animals shown in the junior livestock show shall be allowed to compete in the open breeding show. Proof of ownership Identification requirements will be required for animals. All registration certificates must be submitted to the Fair Board at least two hours before judging and always be available. All Exhibitors MUST abide by the San Miguel County Fairgrounds User's Guide. If there is an indication of any unhealthy animals at the fair, such animals, herds, or flocks will be removed immediately and will not receive cash awards, if awarded. Any vet expenses occurring during Fair time are the responsibility of the Exhibitor. All animals must always be properly cared for, and pen/stalls/tack areas/aisles must be properly cleaned. The Fair Board may refuse entries at the gate without such approval. All reasonable measures will be taken to ensure the safety of animals, Exhibitors, and the public. See also San Miguel County Fairgrounds User's Guide. Exhibitors are responsible for ensuring the livestock facility and activities are safe for themselves and the public. The Fair reserves the right to perform a postmortem exam of any animal that dies at the Fair, at the Exhibitor's expense.

## **INTRODUCTION**

"The San Miguel Basin Fair Rules (Rules) are necessary for the efficient, effective operation of the San Miguel Basin Fair. The Rules are a resource to be used by the San Miguel County Fair Board members (Fair Board or Fair Board member), county staff, and fair participants and may not cover every circumstance that may be encountered. In the event of a situation that is not directly covered by these Rules, the Fair Board is expected to apply good judgment and common sense in their decision-making. The Rules include provisions for complaints and protests, as well as a Fair Board Appeals process. If the situation requires immediate attention, the Fair Board grants authority to the Fair Board President, in consultation with the Parks & Open Space Director, to resolve the issue."

## **COMPLAINTS & PROTESTS**

1. The San Miguel County Fair Board is responsible for enforcing the rules and is not required to consult with any other person before rendering a decision on an issue.
2. All protests and complaints must be filed with a Fair Board member in writing. Complaint must include the following information: date, time, location, involved parties, witnesses and a description of the event in question.
3. Protests and complaints filed before 5 p.m. will be addressed by the next Fair Board meeting; Fair Board meetings will occur daily during the week of the fair. All complaints filed after 5 p.m. will be addressed at the next day's Fair Board meeting.
4. The complaint or protest must state plainly the cause of the issue, and the parties involved.
5. The complaint must be accompanied by a \$100 cash deposit. The full deposit will be refunded if the complaint is sustained. If the complaint is not sustained, as determined by the Fair Board, the Fair Board will deposit the money into the Fair operations account.
6. After the Fair Board has properly received the complaint and listened to the parties involved at the Fair Board meeting, they will have until 10 a.m. the following day to render a decision.
7. The alleged disqualified person(s) or animal may remain on the fairgrounds during the process time.

## **FAIR BOARD APPEALS PROCESS**

In the event the Exhibitor(s), and/or their family, desire to appeal the decision of the Fair Board to the San Miguel County Administrator or other designee appointed by the San Miguel County Administrator. An appeal must be received in writing sixty (60) days following the end of the Fair in which the violation occurred. The Exhibitor will then be notified in writing the San Miguel County Administrators decision.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

Physical and/or verbal abuse by either family members or by Exhibitor(s) towards any other person will not be tolerated on the San Miguel County Fairgrounds facilities. Formal complaints shall be filed with the San Miguel Basin Fair Board. The San Miguel Basin Fair Board shall decide any penalty that may be assessed. Such acts may result in the immediate disqualification and removal of Exhibitor(s) and family from the premises. If physical abuse is involved, the local authorities will be advised, and the offender(s) will be prosecuted under the law. In addition, whether the abuse was physical and/or verbal the Exhibitor/ family will be banned from participating in all market animals showing at the San Miguel Basin Fair and/or San Miguel Basin Junior Livestock Sale for a minimum of one year. The imposed ban may be longer depending on the severity of the action.

## **OPEN FAIR & ART DIVISION GENERAL RULES**

1. Competition is open to all residents of San Miguel and West Montrose Counties. An Exhibitor's permanent residence address must be in San Miguel or West Montrose County.
2. All articles entered to be judged must have been prepared, created, grown or made since the prior year's fair by the Exhibitor. Items made previous to the last fair will be accepted for display only and will not be judged.
3. Exhibitors may choose to exhibit items without being judged.
4. Commercial kits will be grouped and judged in sections on skill, not creativity.
5. All Exhibitors must designate entry as kid, youth, teen, adult or professional.
6. There will be a limit of three entries per section—per Exhibitor.
7. All entry forms will be available at the extension office one week prior to the fair.
8. Entries will be accepted according to the Calendar of Events listed in this book.
9. All exhibits must be picked up by the designated time and date at the close of the fair.
10. Each class will be judged by age group. Age will be determined as of January 1 of current year:
11. KIDS (8 years & under)
12. YOUTH (9 – 14 years)
13. TEEN (15-17 years)
14. ADULT (18 years & over)
15. PROFESSIONAL
16. Anyone selling pictures or artwork for more than \$500 total per year is considered a professional. Sale prices may be posted on artwork and pictures after judging. Open Fair management staff is not responsible for selling the exhibit.
17. Grand champion and reserve champion will be awarded in each department and first through fifth place ribbons will be awarded in each section. All awards will be given at the discretion of the judge. Fair visitors will vote for "People's Choice" awards and ribbons will be placed accordingly.
18. Fair management staff and volunteers will use diligence to ensure safety and security of exhibits, but in no case will the fair management, San Miguel County, Montrose County, San Miguel Basin Fair Board or Norwood Schools be responsible for loss or damage to exhibits.

19. Sections not listed in this book may be added at the discretion of the Open Fair and Art Superintendents.
20. Open Fair Superintendents may choose to break sections into classes based on number of entries.
21. Open Fair donations are greatly appreciated.

## DEPARTMENT 100 - FARM PRODUCTS

### SECTION A - EGGS

One half dozen white chicken eggs in a carton  
One half dozen brown chicken eggs in a carton  
One half dozen green chicken eggs in a carton  
Other non-chicken eggs three each in a carton

### SECTION B - HONEY

### SECTION C - MISCELLANEOUS

## DEPARTMENT 200 - HORTICULTURE

All Fruit and vegetable exhibits will be displayed on a paper plate. Cut flowers and herbs should be in bottles or vases with water. Exhibitors shall name the specimen variety if known. Entries should be of a single variety, freshly harvested, blemish-free and uniformly sized.

### SECTION A - FRESH FRUITS

- Three large fruits of the same kind such as apples, apricots, pears etc.
- Half cup of small fruits such as cherries, raspberries, chokecherries and etc.
- One bunch of grapes

### SECTION B - FRESH VEGETABLES

- One head of one of the following types: lettuce, cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower etc.
- One melon
- Three vegetables of the same kind such as cucumbers, squash, onions, leeks, ears of corn, potatoes etc.
- One bunch with tops consisting of three of the same kind such as carrots, parsnips, beets, turnips, radishes and etc.
- One bunch consisting of 12 of the same kind such as beans, peas in pods, green onions, bunched greens, mustard greens, collard greens, kale, spinach and etc.

### SECTION C - FRESH HERBS

One bunch of three stems of the same variety, placed in a container with water.

### SECTION D - FRESH FLOWERS

- Fresh-cut, home grown, garden flowers.
- Three stems of the same species and variety placed in a container with water.

## DEPARTMENT 300 - FLORICULTURE

### SECTION A - ARTISTIC FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

Exhibitors need not grow the flowers used in the arrangement; however no artificial flowers are allowed. All accessories are used at the Exhibitor's risk.

#### **Spirit of the West**

A colorful arrangement incorporating fresh flowers and greenery. Arrangement may contain rocks or dried wood, and it can be placed in any container.

#### **Summer Blooms**

Large arrangement using fresh flowers.

#### **Salute to the Red, White, and Blue**

Arrangement with a patriotic theme

#### **Miscellaneous**

#### **Exhibitor's choice**

### SECTION B - DRIED and /or ARTIFICIAL ARRANGEMENTS

NO LIVE FLOWERS MAY BE USED. Candles or rocks may be used. Arrangement must be viewable from all sides.

#### **Colorado Christmas**

All-natural Christmas arrangement in seasonal container.

#### **Autumn in the Rockies**

Fall color arrangement.

#### **Miscellaneous**

#### **Exhibitor's choice**

### SECTION C - POTTED PLANTS

The potted plant must have been in the possession of the Exhibitor three months prior to the Open Fair contest. Containers should be decorated or trimmed.

Potted flowering plant

Potted foliage plant

Dish Garden

May use mix of flowering and foliage plants.

## DEPARTMENT 400 - CULINARY

All baked goods must be removed from pans and placed on an 8-inch paper plate or a piece of cardboard and enclosed in a clear plastic bag. Contestant's name must be written on the bottom of the plate or cardboard. After judging is completed, one piece of each baked good is retained for the exhibit. The remaining portion of the baked goods may be picked up during regular Open Fair hours.

### SECTION A - CAKES

Cakes brought in pans in which they were baked will not be accepted for entry. Cakes must be placed on firm base (no glass or metal) no more than 1 inch wider than the cake. Cakes must be covered with plastic wrap or wax paper. Cakes made from mixes will NOT be accepted.

- Cake, loaf, or tube (Sponge, pound, angel food)
- Cake layered and iced.
- Cupcakes, iced, (can be decorative), 4 on a plate.

### SECTION B - CANDY

Candy should be on a paper plate enclosed in a clear plastic bag, 4 pieces of each.

Fudge  
Hard Candy  
Miscellaneous Candy

#### SECTION C - COOKIES

Cookies must be on a paper plate enclosed in a clear plastic bag, 4 on a plate.

Drop Cookies, not pressed.  
Brownies, 2" X 2" size  
Bar Cookies (not Brownies)  
Decorated Cookies  
No Bake Cookies

#### SECTION D - PIES

All pies must be in throwaway tins. Pie must not need refrigeration. CREAM, PECAN, OR PUMPKIN PIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Double crust fruit pie  
Single crust fruit pie

#### SECTION E - QUICK BREADS

Allow bread to cool before being placed on paper plate and enclosed in a clear plastic bag.

One loaf, any flavor  
Biscuits, baking powder, 4 on a plate  
Muffins, any variety, 4 on a plate

#### SECTION F - YEAST BREADS

Allow bread to cool before being placed on paper plate and enclosed in clear plastic bag.

One loaf, handmade, any shape.  
One loaf, machine made.  
Yeast rolls, 4 on a plate  
Sweet yeast rolls, 4 on a plate  
Miscellaneous yeast specialties

#### SECTION G - BAKING for DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

Allow the item to cool before being placed on paper plate and enclosed in a clear plastic bag.

Diabetic and sugar free  
Gluten free  
Dairy free  
Miscellaneous

#### SECTION H – SOURDOUGH BREADS

Allow bread to cool before being placed on paper plate and enclosed in clear plastic bag.

One loaf, handmade, any shape.  
One loaf, machine made.  
Rolls, 4 on a plate  
Sweet yeast rolls, 4 on a plate  
Miscellaneous sourdough specialties

## DEPARTMENT 500 - PRESERVING AND CANNING

1. All preserved foods MUST follow CSU or USDA recommendations and be canned in standard canning jars. Each entry must consist of two jars of the same kind; one jar for the judge to taste and the other jar for display after the judging. The open jar will be kept refrigerated until it is picked up by the Exhibitor after the judging. All vegetables must be pressure canned. All other entries must be processed in a boiling water bath. Any jars showing leaks or spoilage will not be judged. Canned goods may only be entered one time and MUST have been canned after the prior year San Miguel Basin County Fair.
2. All canned products must include the following information on the label:
3. Name of canned good
4. Method of preparation (type syrup, type pack, any additional ingredients added) applies to product canned.
5. Method of processing (i.e., pressure canner, water bath) and pounds of pressure used if food was pressure canned. Low acid fruits, vegetables, fish, and meats must be pressure canned.
6. Elevation at which processing was done.
7. Exact processing time and date.
8. Include your recipe and/or reference where you got it. It is recommended that only 'tested' recipes be used and some judges will not judge them if this isn't included.

### SECTION A - JELLIES, JAMS/PRESERVES, BUTTERS, AND SYRUPS

- Jelly, any variety, should be a translucent jelled product.
- Jam or Preserves, any variety. Jams are made from crushed or chopped fruits. Preserves are made with small, whole fruits or uniform-size pieces of fruits in clear, jelled syrup.
- Butters
- Syrups
- Flavored honey
- Canning without sugar but with food safe sweeteners. Include a list of ingredients and type of sweetener used.

### SECTION B - CANNED FRUITS, VEGETABLES, AND SAUCES/SALSAS

- Canned fruit, quart jars
- Canned vegetables, pint, or quart jars
- Canned sauce or salsa, pint jars
- Pickles, pint, or quart jars

### SECTION C - CANNED MEATS

- Domestic
- Game

### SECTION D - CANNED FISH/SEAFOOD

- Fresh Water
- Salt Water

### SECTION E - DRIED FOODS

All dried foods MUST include the following information on the label: name of product, type of pretreatment used, list of additional ingredients, method of drying (oven, dehydrator, solar), drying temperature, total drying time, and date dried.

Fruit

Vegetables



Herbs/ Seasonings  
Meat

## DEPARTMENT 600 - FIBER ARTS

### SECTION A - BASKETS

- Baskets made with natural materials.
- Baskets made with non-natural materials.
- Seasonal

### SECTION B - EMBROIDERY

- Counted Cross Stitch, any item except a framed piece.
- Counted Cross Stitch framed piece.
- Stamped Cross Stitch, any item except a framed piece.
- Stamped Cross Stitch framed piece.
- Hand Embroidery
- Machine Embroidery
- Seasonal

### SECTION C - KNITTING AND CROCHETING

- Hand knitted or crocheted Wearing Apparel (infant through adult)
- Hand knitted or crocheted tablecloths, any size.
- Hand knitted or crocheted scarves, runners, doilies.
- Hand knitted or crocheted pillows.
- Seasonal hand knitted items
- Machine knitted items.
- Seasonal machine knitted items.

### SECTION D - LATCH HOOK

- Wall hanging- must have sleeve or hanging hoop.
- Rug, any size.
- Seasonal

### SECTION E - MACRAME

- Wall hanging- must have loop to hang.
- Plant hanger
- Seasonal

### SECTION F – SEWN CLOTHING

Exhibitors must have sewn all items in fabric of their choice. No glue can be used. Items should be clean and in good repair.

Adult wear includes teen and adult clothing.

Infant through pre-teen clothing

Seasonal, adult

Seasonal, infant through pre-teen

### SECTION G – SEWN NON-CLOTHING

- Scarves, runners, doilies, and handkerchiefs

- Kitchen towels, napkins, place mats
- Sheets and pillowcases
- Tablecloths
- Pillows
- Bedspreads
- Wall hangings- Must have sleeves or hanging hoop to be a wall hanging.
- Seasonal

#### SECTION H - SPINNING

- Natural Materials
- Synthetic Materials
- Seasonal

#### SECTION I - QUILTING AND AFGHANS

- Quilt, any design or size, hand quilted.
- Quilt, any design or size, machine quilted.
- Quilt, any design or size, computerized machine quilted.
- Wall hanging, hand quilted- Must have sleeve or hanging hoops.
- Wall hanging, machine quilted- Must have sleeve or hanging hoops.
- Seasonal, hand quilted
- Seasonal, machine quilted.
- Any quilted item not mentioned above.
- Hand knitted or crocheted afghan, any size.
- Seasonal hand knitted or crocheted afghan.
- Machine knitted afghan, any size.
- Seasonal, machine knitted afghan.

#### SECTION J - ITEMS MADE FROM RECYCLED MATERIALS

Natural as well as manmade materials are included in recycled category.

- Clothing item from recycled materials
- Seasonal

#### SECTION K - WEAVING

- Natural Materials
- Synthetic Materials
- Seasonal

### DEPARTMENT 700 -ARTS AND CRAFTS

#### SECTION A - CERAMICS/CLAY

- Functional work
- Sculptural work
- Store bought items glazed by the Participants.
- Seasonal
- Any ceramic or clay item not listed above.

#### SECTION B - FOLK ARTS

- Leather, Tooling and Carving

- Leather, Stamped and Embossed Leather
- Mountain Man Arts
- Horseshoe Arts
- Seasonal
- Any folk-art item not listed above.

#### SECTION C - GLASS

- Stained Glass Items
- Etched Glass Items
- Slumped Glass Items
- Blown and Torched Glass Items
- Seasonal
- Any glass item not listed above.

#### SECTION D - JEWELRY

- Gold, Silver and Copper Jewelry
- Bead Jewelry
- Seasonal
- Any jewelry not listed above.

#### SECTION E - METAL

- Welded Items
- Wire Sculptures
- Forged items
- Seasonal
- Any metal item not listed above.

#### SECTION F - PLASTIC CANVAS

- Single Item
- Set of Items
- Seasonal
- Any item not mentioned above.

#### SECTION G - ITEMS FROM RECYCLED MATERIALS

Natural as well as manmade materials are included in recycled category.

#### SECTION H - TOILE/DECORATIVE PAINTING

- Toile/ Decorative painting
- Seasonal

#### SECTION I - WOOD

- Turned pieces.
- Carved pieces
- Toys
- Furniture
- Seasonal
- Any wood item not listed above.

## SECTION J - OTHER

### DEPARTMENT 800 - FINE ART

All pictures must have a hanger or wire for hanging or will not be allowed to enter.

#### SECTION A - DRAWING

- Drawing, pen, and ink
- Drawing, pencil
- Drawing, charcoal
- Any drawing not listed above.

#### SECTION B - GRAPHIC ARTS

- Etching and engraving
- Screen printing
- Block printing
- Any graphic art not listed above.

#### SECTION C - PAINTING

- Oil
- Acrylic
- Watercolor
- Any painting not listed above.

#### SECTION D – PASTELS

- Oil pastels
- Soft pastels
- Any pastels not listed above.

#### SECTION E – MIXED MEDIA

#### SECTION F – ALCOHOL INK

### DEPARTMENT 900 - COMMUNICATION ARTS

All communication arts must have a hanger or wire for hanging or will not be allowed to enter.

#### SECTION A - CREATIVE WRITING

Any original piece of your choice

#### SECTION B - CALLIGRAPHY

Any item of your choice

#### SECTION C - POETRY

Any original poem of your choice

#### SECTION D – PHOTOGRAPHY

Photos must be framed or mounted and ready for hanging.

- Class 1 – Black & white single picture

- Class 2 – Black & white collection of pictures – each no larger than 5" x 7", no more than five, telling a story, mounted or framed as one unit.
- Class 3 – Color single picture
- Class 4 – Color collection of pictures – each no larger than 5" x 7", no more than five, telling a story, mounted or framed as one unit.

#### SECTION E - SCRAP BOOKING

- One Page, Choose your own theme.
- One Book, Choose your own theme.
- Seasonal
- Any scrapbooking not listed above.

#### SECTION F - STAMPING

- Stationery, item or set of your choice.
- Any item or set of your choice.
- Seasonal
- Any stamped item not listed above.

#### SECTION G - PENCIL

Lead, graphite, charcoal, or colored pencil

### **"The Betty Ragsdale Creative Expressions" DEPARTMENT 1000**

Creative expressions department is dedicated in honor of Betty Ragsdale, a lifetime member of the San Miguel Basin community and dedicated supporter and participant of the creative expressions department of the San Miguel Basin Open Fair. This department is judged by the public.

#### SECTION A – CREATIVE DISPLAY

Create a display to highlight items that begin with the letter "B" and tie them into a theme. For example, an entry might feature apples, ants, autumn etc. Items will be judged by the public for the most creative entry.

#### SECTION B – LEGOS

#### SECTION C – ROBOTICS

## **4-H ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR PROJECT COMPLETION AND FAIR PARTICIPATION**

1. Rules apply to: General Projects, Shooting Sports, Animal and Livestock Projects
2. For a list of all possible 4-H Projects and completion requirements, contact the San Miguel Basin Colorado State University Extension Office at 327-4393 or on the web at <http://sanmiguel.colostate.edu>. Anyone who meets the age requirements of 4-H is welcome to join at any time during the year! However, for a member to complete all their project requirements in time for the Fair, it is recommended that all re-enrollments, all project related forms and 4-H support fees, should be

completed and turned into the Extension Office by April 10 OR by the Friday before the initial weigh-in date for each species for Livestock Projects, whichever comes first.

3. Livestock project fees MUST be paid by Friday before the initial livestock weigh-in. Certain circumstances must be approved by the Extension Office by the Friday before the initial livestock weigh-in or April 15th, whichever comes first. 4-H classes will be divided into three age divisions. Age is determined as of December 31st of the previous year.
  - a. Senior (14-18)
  - b. Intermediate (11-13)
  - c. Junior (8-10)
4. Cloverbuds, 4-H members ages five to seven, are not required to complete record books, are not evaluated the same as older 4-H members, and may not enroll in, participate in, exhibit, or sell 4-H livestock projects.
5. To complete a 4-H project, 4-H Exhibitors must comply with all rules for completion. This includes attendance at six club meetings, a project demonstration, a club community service activity, participation in a showmanship class or project interview and completion of a record book.
6. These rules for completion apply to all 4-H Projects, including General, Livestock, Horse and Dog, etc. All 4-H members should complete a record book, regardless of whether they sell an animal at the fair. Contact the San Miguel Basin Colorado State University Extension Office for more information.
7. To participate in the San Miguel Basin Fair, Exhibitors must be enrolled in a 4-H project and be a member in good standing, including completion of all requirements, in the San Miguel Basin 4-H Program for the current year.

## **FFA ELIGIBILITY RULES**

All FFA members are required to turn in a County Fair Eligibility Form instead of turning in a Colorado FFA Record Book. The San Miguel County Fair Board requires the FFA Eligibility Form be turned in at the same time as 4-H Record Books are due. The San Miguel County Fair rule states you must turn in the form to be eligible to show at the next year's San Miguel County Fair. The form must be turned into the county 4-H coordinator at the San Miguel County Extension office, 1120 Summit Street Norwood, CO 81423 by August 1 of the current year. All the requirements below must be met for the FFA Advisor to sign the form. The form must be submitted by the FFA member to the 4-H Agent.

1. FFA member is in good academic standing in all agricultural education courses.
2. FFA Advisor has made an SAE visit to inspect SAE project.
3. FFA member records are up to date as of August 1 of the current year and are in satisfactory condition according to the Colorado FFA Association.

## **LIVESTOCK POLICIES AND RULES**

### **GENERAL RULES**

The San Miguel Basin Fair Board has adopted the following requirements to formulate a wider knowledge base, attempt to prevent problems and provide a greater learning experience for San Miguel Junior Livestock Exhibitors. As changes are recommended, concerns arise, and needs of our Junior Livestock Exhibitors change;

the San Miguel Basin Fair Board holds a great responsibility to inform Junior Livestock Exhibitors of rules/amendments. The San Miguel Basin Fair Board will be responsible for determining rules and regulations for the county Fair (in cooperation with CSU Extension rules for 4-H and FFA Rules) and will have final jurisdiction in case of disputes regarding exhibiting at the Fair, except for 4-H eligibility and 4-H General Projects. A copy of all current CSU Extension 4-H Policies and San Miguel Basin Fair Rules will be given to each member annually. This acknowledgement Form should be signed by each member and their parent or guardian and returned to the Extension Office one month prior to the beginning of the Fair. This is to ensure that these Policies and Rules have been read, understood and agreed upon by each member and their parent or guardian. The term Exhibitor refers to the enrolled 4-H member who raised the animal as a 4-H Market project, tagged at initial weigh in and makes the first sale of the market livestock animal at the San Miguel Basin Fair Jr. Livestock Sale.

## **4-H LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS**

1. Colorado State University Extension and San Miguel/West Montrose Counties State and County Requirements for Livestock Participants (Contact the Extension Office for complete list of livestock projects)
2. Compliance with all Colorado laws prohibiting tampering with or drugging of livestock and/or sale of adulterated meat is mandatory for any 4-H member enrolled in a market animal project. If legal or substantiated charges are brought against any 4-H member/family, the member/ family will be suspended from participation in all 4-H market livestock activities pending resolution of those charges. If found guilty, or the 4-H member/family voluntarily agrees to sanctions imposed by another livestock governing group, the 4-H member/family will be banned from all market animal projects by Colorado State University Extension 4-H Youth Development for a minimum of one year. The ban imposed may be longer depending on the severity of the illegal action.
3. 4-H members enrolled in market and/or breeding livestock project must be current on their county requirements for the Youth Meat Quality Assurance Program (MQA). A Meat Quality Assurance Program is required for all 4-H members enrolled in a market and/or breeding livestock project: Once, as a first-year member who is a Junior or Intermediate member (between the ages of 8 and 13) and again when a member becomes a Senior (14 years old). The only exception to being required to take it twice would be for a first-time member who is 14 or older. In that case it would only be required once. Those members not required to attend an MQA Program are encouraged to complete a Quality Assurance Checklist yearly.
4. 4-H members enrolled in market and/or breeding livestock projects will sign a statement (in the Record Book) indicating their understanding and compliance with the Wholesome Meat Act <http://www.fda.gov/opacom/laws/meat.htm> and that they have complied with the Ten Good Production Practices taught in MQA. Additionally, consequences for failing to comply with the Wholesome Meat Act/Rules of Competition/4-H Code of Conduct may result in removal from all 4-H livestock projects for the member/ family. The statement must be signed every time the member signs up for a market livestock project. The MQA program suggests that these records be kept on file for twelve months following the sale of the livestock.
5. 4-H Humane Animal Care Guidelines will be signed, placed on file, reviewed and practiced by every person enrolled in or participating in 4-H livestock projects. Checks or home visits will be performed randomly by members of CSU Extension, the presiding 4-H Agent, and 4-H club leader throughout the

active and current San Miguel Basin Fair year. The 4-H Humane Animal Care Guidelines publication is available from the CSU Extension Resource Center or from local Extension Agents.

6. All market animals that are 4-H projects must be individually identified i.e. ear tags, leg band, permanent ear tattoos or other identification as required for each species.
7. If an Exhibitor is going to the State Fair, a premises Identification number will be required for all 4-H Livestock / Small Animals Exhibitors (Rabbits are exempt), this number must appear on the original Colorado State Fair Entry Form.
8. All 4-H members who participate in a livestock project, either for meat or show, or horse or dog showmanship, must complete or turn in a record book(s), including all species, to the Extension Office by the second Friday in August. Record books turned in after this date will not be eligible for Achievement Awards, such as Top Record Book and will lose points for Outstanding Livestock Exhibitor, etc. Record books will be reviewed using CSU guidelines. Members must score 70% or better on their record books. If a member receives a score of less than 70%, that member will not be allowed to re-enroll in that specific project for one 4-H project year. An exception will be made if any member scoring less than 70% on their record book comes into the Extension Office for individual help from CSU Extension staff within three weeks after receiving their graded record book back. They will then be given a single opportunity to make changes to their record book and raise their score to above 70%.
9. Proven violation of any of these requirements listed above shall result in disqualification of all livestock projects for that year. A written documentation of the violation of any of these requirements must be submitted within 24 hours to the Extension Office and any other appropriate persons, including, but not limited to the Fair Superintendent and Fair Board members.

## **WEIGH INS**

1. Attendance at the Initial weigh-in is required for all large animal market species and Exhibitors. There will be NO late weigh-ins of livestock projects. Members who must be absent during the initial or final weigh-in must present a letter to the Fair Board and the Extension Office prior to the scheduled event stating their reason and request to be excused. The Fair Board must approve of the absence and members must make arrangements to have their animals brought to the weigh in.
2. An Exhibitor can weigh-in three (3) animals of one species at the first weigh-in. Immediate members of the same household may share alternates.
3. Exhibitors can only weigh in (2) market animals or (2) market pens of a species at the final weigh-in. Exhibitors must designate a primary animal and declare ownership of each family alternate after the final weigh in and before market classes can be created.
4. During initial and final weigh-ins, it is NOT the responsibility of any Fair Board member or Extension staff to unload or load an Exhibitor's animal. Make sure you have someone present to help you with your animal. Junior Livestock Exhibitors must be present at the weigh-in.
5. All market animals must be dry at final weigh in.
6. At final weigh in, all lambs must be "clean shorn", sheared at least once between initial and final weigh in.
7. The Market Animal weight requirements at the final weigh-in for entry in the fair are as follows:
  - a. Lamb minimum weight of 100 pounds
  - b. Goat minimum weight of 50 pounds
  - c. Market Steer minimum weight of 1,050 pounds and Market Heifers minimum weight of 1,000 pounds



- d. Swine minimum weight of 220 pounds and maximum weight of 300 pounds
- 8. Market beef, lambs, and goats must meet the minimum average daily gain requirements calculated between the initial and final weigh-in to be eligible for the market show competition:
  - a. Lambs .25 pounds per day (initial weigh in is in May)
  - b. Goats .10 pounds per day (initial weigh in is in May)
  - c. Beef 1.25 pounds per day (initial weigh in is in January)
- 9. The fair board may implement a sifting process at the final weigh-in for all market species to help ensure livestock animals are ready for market.
- 10. NO re-weighing will be allowed. Sale weights will be taken from the final weigh-in list.
- 11. All livestock animals MUST be properly castrated prior to initial weigh-in dates. At weigh-in, if these animals are not properly castrated, they WILL BE disqualified - Properly castrated is defined as removal of both testicles from the body. A removal band can be present on the animal at the initial weigh-in.
- 12. Market Beef must be halter broken and a market beef not manageable at final weigh-in will be disqualified.
- 13. All market lambs and goats are required to have a scrapie ID Tag at initial and final weigh-in. Lambs and goats will not be weighed or sold without a tag present. This is federal law.
- 14. Exhibitors should make sure county identification tags are clean and clearly readable at final weigh in.**

### **GENERAL FAIR OPERATIONS**

- 1. All entries must be free from any contagious diseases: Livestock not meeting the following requirements will not be allowed to exhibit at the fair. All animals will be inspected at the final weigh-in by the Fair Board, Extension Staff, Superintendent, or Veterinary. All stall areas will be inspected as well.
- 2. Swine: 1. Swine fed raw garbage will not be allowed on the grounds. 2. Swine showing evidence/symptoms of the following disease conditions (but not limited to) will not be allowed on grounds: A. Lice B. Scabies C. Atrophic Rhinitis D. Jowl Abscesses E. Mange F. Any other infectious or contagious disease, sign of malnutrition or any other animal welfare concern.
- 3. Sheep: 1. Any sheep showing evidence of or symptoms of the following disease conditions (but not limited to) will not be allowed on grounds: A. Sore Mouth B. Epididymitis C. Ringworm D. Scabies E. Any other infectious or contagious disease, sign of malnutrition or any other animal welfare concern. F. Scrapies ID (Flock ID) tags are required for all.
- 4. Cattle: 1. Any cattle showing evidence/symptoms of the following disease conditions (but not limited to) will not be accepted on the grounds: A. Respiratory Infections, B. Ring Worm (unless under treatment by directions of veterinarian – proof required), C. Scabies, D. Any other infectious or contagious disease, sign of malnutrition or any other animal welfare concern.
- 5. Goats: 1. Any goat showing evidence/ symptoms of any of the following disease conditions (but not limited to) will not be allowed on grounds: A. Sore mouth B. Ringworm C. Scrapies (Flock ID) tags are required for all D. Caseous lymphadenitis (CL) E. Pink eye F. Lice G. Any other infectious or contagious disease, sign of malnutrition or any other animal welfare concern.
- 6. Poultry and Rabbits: Poultry and Rabbits will be inspected upon arrival. Any animal showing evidence/symptoms of the following disease conditions (but not limited to) will not be allowed on the grounds: A. Lice B. Mites C. Any other infectious or contagious disease, sign of malnutrition, or any other animal welfare concern
- 7. Junior Livestock Exhibitors must post identification on their stalls including their name, species, and tag number immediately upon placement of livestock in a stall.

8. Care of the livestock is the responsibility of the Junior Livestock Exhibitor. Members are responsible for their livestock until they are shipped. All livestock must have water available and must be fed in a timely manner twice each day. Animal stalls and aisle areas should be clean and presentable throughout the day. All water must be secured to fences and every effort must be taken to keep moisture off the ground. Any animal not properly cared for will be dismissed from the fair at the discretion of the Fair Board.
9. Unethical practices will not be tolerated. Exhibitors acting in an unethical manner will be asked to leave the Fairgrounds and will not be permitted to show or sell. All Exhibitors must comply with the USDA Wholesome Meat Act.
10. Market livestock will be left on the premises during the Fair unless excused by the Superintendent. **NO LIVESTOCK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE FAIRGROUNDS DURING A LIVESTOCK SHOW.**
11. Exhibitors must show and parade their animals in the ring provided at the discretion of the Superintendent. No feeding of livestock in the show ring permitted. Violations will result in immediate disqualification. Exhibitors at all times must give their exhibits necessary personal attention while located on the San Miguel County Fairgrounds. The Superintendent shall exclude stock from competition if Exhibitor is not present when called to the show ring. Violations of this rule may exclude Exhibitors from any competition, bar them from the grounds during the Fair and forfeit any prizes that may have been awarded as decided by the Fair Board.
12. Exhibitors must show his/her own animal in all classes unless: 1) the Exhibitor's animal died, and the Exhibitor doesn't own an alternate animal. If the Exhibitor doesn't have an alternate, they may ask to borrow an animal from another Exhibitor to show in the showmanship class. 2) If an Exhibitor has two animals in one class or grand championship drive, they may ask another Exhibitor to show one of their animals. If an animal is deemed by the San Miguel Basin Fair Board unsafe to be shown, the Exhibitor may complete his/her project by participating in a project interview.
13. Exhibitors of livestock must exercise due discretion regarding the animals they are exhibiting, whether in the ring, stall or pen and must assume all responsibility for any damage caused by or to their animals. The Exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or by, any animal exhibited by him/her. The Exhibitor is solely responsible for all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as any damage or injury to any other person or property, caused by the Exhibitor or any of the animals exhibited with such exhibition or any of the animals exhibited.
14. Any unmanageable, dangerous, or uncontrollable animal may be excused from the show ring by the Superintendents or Judge. Health and safety of Exhibitors is of the utmost importance.
15. There will be no verbal or physical abuse of any of the volunteers, leaders, Fair Board members, Superintendents or judges.
16. Except for emergencies, no person shall enter a pen and handle animals unless the member and/or parent are present.
17. Parents and leaders will only be responsible for their children's or their club's animals and displays. There will be no interfering with another club or another child's project.
18. Leaders, 4-H members and parents will be responsible for following all the rules in the current Fair Rule Book.
19. There will be no communication with any of the judges (small animal, livestock, ultra-sound, round robin, and general) prior to the shows.
20. There will be no overnight parking or camping on the north side of the Event Center between the Grandstands and the Event Center.

## **FITTING OF LIVESTOCK**

1. No doctoring, doping, tubing or injecting show animals for body “fill ins” or the alteration, changing, defacing or any modification of the markings of show animals and the anatomical structure of an animal is allowed.
2. The removal, alteration, changing or purposely damaging ear tags is not allowed.
3. The use of: tranquilizers and/or anesthetics without a veterinarian’s prescription; The use of injectable steroid substance to enhance muscle development; The use of diuretics to reduce water content of animals; The use of back pour insecticides as “hair set” for beef cattle; The use of ice packs or other refrigerants (rubbing alcohol) to alter the quality of the finish of an animal. Icing animals will not be allowed. Wet towels only will be acceptable. Towels immersed in ice water will not be allowed.
4. Drenching animals is only allowed with the consent of a veterinarian; in the event a veterinarian is not present, two members of the fair board or a fair board member along with the show Superintendent may authorize the drenching process. When possible, the drenching process will be supervised by a fair board member and/or show Superintendent.
5. No animal shall be decorated with any unnecessary trappings, etc., during the judging. The natural body color of an animal cannot be altered using any artificial coloring. However, products that match the animal’s natural color may be used in the fitting process from the knees and hocks down and on the switch only. For example, black products may be used on a black-legged animal, red on red-legged animal and white on white legged animal. But under no circumstance can color be used to cover an animal’s natural leg color.
6. No altering the structure of hair or wool coat except for trimming and blocking will be allowed. Any entry adding an artificial tail head or tail fin, artificial poll, or adding any hair or hair-like substance will be disqualified.
7. The showing of livestock of any ineligible age or showing unethically fitted livestock is prohibited. Any Exhibitor found to be in violation of any of the above listed unethical practices, or any other practice deemed unethical by the San Miguel Basin Fair Board or specie Superintendent will forfeit all premium monies and the owner of the animal may be barred from future participation until such time as reinstatement is made by the Fair Board.
8. All Exhibitors named as owners 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. Animals must be handled, fitted, dressed, washed, groomed, and shown exclusively by the exhibitor, with help allowed only from another 4-H or FFA member, a 4-H leader, an FFA advisor, 4h or FFA volunteer, or a member of the exhibitor’s immediate family. Assistance from other 4-H or FFA members, including those from other counties or fairs, is allowed Professional fitters are not permitted. The Fair Board strongly encourages exhibitors, especially younger or less experienced participants, to first seek help from fellow club members, club leaders, or local 4-H members before reaching out to others. Exhibitors are responsible for the custody, care, and feeding of their animals and are expected to actively participate in preparing their project animals for exhibition. Exhibitors must be present and actively involved during the preparation of their animals. Failure to comply with these rules may result in the exhibitor being prohibited from showing their animal. The purpose of this rule is to ensure exhibitors take an active role in the preparation process while fostering collaboration and skill-building within the 4-H and FFA communities.

## **FAIR SET UP AND FAIR CLEAN UP**

1. All fair livestock Exhibitors must participate in both fair set up and fair clean-up.

2. Fair set up will take place before the first livestock show and fair clean-up will occur after the junior livestock sale.
3. If a livestock Exhibitor does not participate in either event, he/she will not be allowed to participate in next year's fair.
4. If a livestock Exhibitor has extenuating circumstances that prevent him or her from participating in the set up or clean up, he or she must request in writing permission from the board to be excused from the event(s).
5. All Participants must check in and out with a person designated by the fair board.

## **LARGE ANIMAL ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP**

### **CONTEST**

1. Entries will be limited to the first-place showman from the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior divisions in the following species: horse, beef, sheep, swine and goat. Depending upon the number of entries, not all species may be shown. The Fair Board reserves the right to divide the Round Robin Showmanship Contest into small and large animal species.
2. If for any reason the first-place showman cannot compete, the second-place showman will advance to the Round Robin.
3. Contestants will show the same animal with which they won their respective showmanship division. Each Exhibitor must furnish an assistant to hold the animal between rounds of competition.
4. Contestants will start the contest by rotating clockwise one species. They will end up showing his/her own animal in the last go round. Seniors will show senior entries, intermediates will show intermediate entries, and juniors will show junior entries.
5. Contestants will have 5 minutes with each species to show the animal. Judges will turn in their scorecards at the end of each go-round.
6. The contest will be coordinated by a timekeeper who signals "start" and "stop" for each species.
7. Contestants must show all species of animals.
8. The highest cumulative score determines the winner.
9. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded in Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions.

## **SMALL ANIMAL ROUND ROBIN**

1. A Small/Companion Animal Round Robin Showmanship will be conducted only if there are at least 3 species shown as described. Entries will be limited to the first-place showman from the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior divisions in the following species: poultry, rabbits, pygmy goats, dog, cat. Depending upon the number of entries, not all species may be shown. The Fair Board reserves the right to divide the Round Robin Showmanship Contest into small and large animal species.
2. Entries will be limited to the highest placing showman for each specie from each age division: Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions.
3. If for any reason the first-place showman cannot compete, the second-place showman will advance to the Round Robin.
4. Contestants will show the same animal with which they won their respective showmanship division. Each Exhibitor must furnish an assistant to hold the animal between rounds of competition.
5. Contestants will have 2 minutes with each species.

## **JUNIOR LIVESTOCK BREEDING CLASSES**

1. Animals exhibited in market classes are not allowed to compete in breeding classes and vice versa.
2. All junior livestock breeding animals must have been owned by the Exhibitor since at least May 1st of the current year.
3. All female breeding cattle should be vaccinated for Brucellosis in accordance with the Federal Brucellosis Program.
4. All breeding sheep and goats must be tagged with a USDA official scrapie ID.
5. Breeding swine should be vaccinated against leptospirosis (6-way) including bratislava and erysipelas. Also, breeding swine should be vaccinated with at least one booster for swine influenza.
6. Classes may be divided, added and/or combined at the discretion of the Superintendent.

### **Breeding Beef Classes**

Yearling Heifers

Cow and Calf Pair

### **Breeding Sheep Classes**

Junior Ewe Lamb Meat (born in current year)

Junior Ewe Lamb Wool (born in current year)

Senior Ewe Lamb Meat (born prior to current year)

Senior Ewe Lamb Wool (born prior to current year)

### **Breeding Goat Classes**

Meat Doe Kids (born in current year)

Milk Doe Kids (born in current year)

Meat Doe (born prior to current year)

Milk Doe (born prior to current year)

Breeding Swine Classes

Breeding Gilt (Not older than one year of age at time of show.)

## **JUNIOR MARKET LIVESTOCK RATE OF GAIN CONTEST**

Exhibitors must participate in the initial species weigh in to obtain a beginning weight to be eligible for the rate of gain contest. Pounds gained per day are computed for all market beef, swine, lambs and goats. Each Exhibitor may enter a primary animal and one alternate per species. The calculation subtracts the animals' beginning weight from the final weight and divides the pounds gained by the number of days between the two events. The fair board will set the official beginning weigh in and ending weigh in dates at the beginning of the year. Exhibitors are encouraged to feed their animals to have a high rate of gain, to use feed efficiently and produce a good quality meat product. The animal must meet final minimum and/or maximum weight requirements to be deemed eligible for the contest. A prize will be given to the Exhibitor of the highest gaining animal of each species.

## **CARCASS CONTEST**

A carcass contest will be conducted for market beef, lambs, goats and pigs. Animals that qualify for the market classes and meet the final weight and gain requirements are eligible for the contest. First place will receive a cash prize. Exhibitors may be required to pay a nominal entry fee.

## **COUNTY BRED AND FED CONTEST**

1. The animal being shown MUST have been born in San Miguel or West Montrose County (school districts R-1, RE2 and R2J).
2. The dam of the animal being shown MUST be a “resident” of San Miguel or West Montrose County 30 days prior to the conception of the animal being shown. The definition of “resident” shall be: The dam of the animal being shown shall either be incorporated into an established San Miguel or West Montrose County herd or owned by an individual who resides in San Miguel or West Montrose County. The sire of the animal being shown must have physically been in San Miguel or West Montrose County at the time of conception or AI must be used. The dam cannot have been taken out of the county to be bred.
3. Artificial insemination (AI) and embryo transfer are recognized methods of herd improvement. Rules 1 and 2 still apply. Embryo needs to be flushed from a resident dam of the San Miguel or West Montrose County breeder and implanted in one of their herd recipient dams.
4. All San Miguel and West Montrose County bred and fed animals must be branded with only a San Miguel or West Montrose County brand, if applicable to the specie.
5. Exhibitors must turn in a County Bred and Fed form at the initial weigh in or deadline indicated on form in order to be eligible to compete in the class at fair. The form will be made available through the county extension office.
6. The class will take place after the grand champion market drive.
7. The Champion County Bred and Fed award will automatically be given to the Grand Champion Market animal, if the animal meets county bred and fed requirements. If the Grand Champion Market animal is not a county bred and fed animal and the Reserve Champion Market animal is a county bred and fed animal, it will receive the Champion County Bred and Fed award. If neither the Grand Champion nor Reserve Champion Market animals meet the county bred and fed criteria, the top county bred and fed animal from each market classes will be brought back into the show ring to compete for the grand champion county bred and fed title.
8. A prize will be awarded to the grand champion bred and fed animal of each species.
9. If the Champion County Bred and Fed animals are not Grand or Reserve Champion Market animals, they will have the honor of selling third of the species in the Junior Livestock Sale.

## **STOCKMAN AWARD**

The Stockman award will be given to the top Exhibitor of each of the following livestock: Beef, Sheep, Goat, Swine, Rabbit and Poultry. Judging criteria will be based on livestock pen quality, presentation, representation and organization. Judging will be based on 75% from a judge and 25% peer review. Voting ends by the end of the beef show. Each livestock participant will receive 5 voting cards handed out to each participant.

Exhibitors will be judged on the following criteria:

1. Practice basic animal husbandry skills by ensuring animals are fed and watered on a routine and timely basis.
2. Stall areas are kept clean and well-bedded. Path areas near pens or stalls are kept tidy.
3. Animals are exercised daily during the fair.

4. The exhibitor cleans up after his or her animal after using wash racks, show rings or areas outside of the stalling area.
5. Exhibitor shows respect, consideration for others, good attitude and compassion for animals.
6. Provide proper stall signage for animals being exhibited.
7. Exhibitor is ready to show and on time.
8. Observes all rules and regulations and exhibits good sportsmanship.
9. Exhibitor is helpful to other exhibitors, the public, fairgrounds staff and Superintendents.

The Stockmanship awards will be presented to the winners prior to the Junior Livestock Sale.

### **SMALL ANIMAL GENERAL RULES**

1. Please refer to general livestock rules.
2. Final Weigh in Participants may weigh a total of 2 animals for single animal entries, and 2 pens of trios for each project.
3. All small animals are subject to a health inspection at the fair and any small animal showing evidence of disease will be immediately dismissed from the fairgrounds.
4. All small animal Exhibitors must compete in showmanship.
5. Permanent ear mark identification must be present on all rabbits and all poultry must be leg-banded before final weigh in.
6. A trio means three animals of the same breed, age and variety.
7. Roasters and fryers will compete together for the overall-grand and reserve champion market title of each species.
8. Ownership dates:
  - a. Breeding Poultry – all birds shall be owned and possessed by the member by May 1 of the current year.
  - b. Market Turkeys – Earliest Hatch date is the last week of January of the current year, and must be owned and possessed by the member by May 1 of the current year in order for poults to be of appropriate market age (24 weeks max.)
  - c. Cornish Market chickens – Earliest hatch date is the last week of April of the current year and should be no later than the first week of June of the current year.
  - d. Dual Purpose Market chickens – Earliest hatch date is the first week of February and no later than the last week of March.
  - e. Market ducks must have been hatched after the first of the current year and should be between 7 to 10 weeks old at fair and weigh between 5 to 8 pounds.
  - f. Market geese must have been hatched after the first of the current year and should be between 8 to 22 pounds.
  - g. Breeding Rabbits – all breeding rabbits shall be owned and possessed by the member by May 1 of the current year.
  - h. Market Rabbits - Must be born within the current year and no later than the first week of June.
9. Entries may be shown in either breeding or market classes, but not both.
10. Entries may only be shown by their owners.
11. Market Exhibitors may enter no more than (2) pens per class.
12. Breeding Exhibitors may enter no more than two (2) pens per class.
13. PRIVATE TREATY SALES OF SMALL BREEDING ANIMALS

14. Exhibited small animals can be posted "For Sale" after judging is complete. Leave Exhibitor contact information with the Superintendent. Please do not put contact information on the pens. The Superintendent will have the "for sale" signs on hand. All small animals must be checked out by the Superintendent before leaving the barn.

## **Small Animal Showmanship**

Each class of species will be divided into separate classes for each age division.

Division: Rabbit Showmanship

Class 1 Rabbits

Overall Grand Showman for each age division

Overall Reserve Showman for each age division

Division: Poultry Showmanship

Class 2 Chickens

Class 3 Turkeys

Class 4 Ducks

Class 5 Geese

Class 6 Peafowl

Class 7 Gamebirds

Overall Grand Showman for each age division

Overall Reserve Showman for each age division

## **MARKET RABBITS**

1. A trio meat pen of rabbits will consist of 3 rabbits of the same breed and variety.
2. Recognized meat breeds are preferred over mixed, but mixed breeds will be accepted only in the meat classes.
3. Meat rabbits are suggested to be between 8 and 12 weeks old, but not to be older than 16 weeks.
4. The combined weight of the 3 rabbits in a pen of fryers should be between 9 and 15 pounds and be between 8 and 12 weeks of age.
5. The combined weight of the 3 rabbits in a pen of roasters should be between 15 and 24 pounds and be between 8 and 12 weeks of age.

Division: Market Rabbits

Class 1 Trio of Roaster Market Rabbits

Class 2 Trio of Fryer Market Rabbits

\*An Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Champion will be awarded.

## **BREEDING RABBITS**

1. American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) standards shall be used by the judge.
2. No mixed breeds are allowed to be shown in breeding rabbit classes.
3. Rabbits will be shown in the breed, sex and age classes recorded by Exhibitor on entry forms.
4. Classes may be added deleted or combined at the discretion of the Superintendent. If 5 or more rabbits in a particular breed are entered, new classes will be formed to accommodate them.



5. Other classes of rabbits may be created at the discretion of the show Superintendent and/or judge.
6. An Exhibitor may not enter more than two entries per class.

#### Division: Breeding Rabbit

Class 1 Junior Doe, under 6 months of age

Class 2 Junior Buck, under 6 months of age

Class 3 Senior Doe, over 6 months of age

Class 4 Senior Buck, over 6 months of age

Awards for:

Grand Champion Best of Show

Reserve Grand Champion Best of Show

## **POULTRY**

1. All entries must be recognized breeds according to their purpose, i.e. meat breeds, egg production breeds, dual-purpose breeds and fancy show breeds.
2. Young Tom, Cockerel (male) or Pullet (female) are birds hatched within the current year.
3. Old Tom, Cock (male) or Hen (female) are birds hatched prior to January 1st of the current year.
4. A crossbred or hybrid trio for egg production shall consist of 3 pullets only, no cockerels.
5. A crossbred or hybrid trio for meat production shall consist of 3 pullets or 3 cockerels.
6. For all divisions of chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese and pigeons, all birds must be identified by leg bands.
7. Other class designations may be established by Superintendent if entries warrant.

## **BREEDING POULTRY CLASSES**

Classes will be organized in order by large fowl type, breed type, sex and then age.

If there are 3 or more poultry of the same breed, sex and age, they will compete in one class together.

#### Large Fowl Breeds

American Class (Rhode Island Reds, Plymouth Rocks and etc.)

Asiatic Class (Cochins, Langshins etc.)

English Class (Orpingtons, Australorps and etc.)

Mediterranean Class (Leghorns, Minorcas etc.)

Continental Class (Hamburgs, Polish and etc.)

Polish Class

French Class - Crevecoeur, Faverolle, Houdan

Miscellaneous Class - American, Frizzle, Sultan, Turken

All other Standard Breeds (Ameraucanas, Old English and etc.)

#### Bantam Breeds

Game Bantams (Old English, BB Reds and etc.)

Clean Legged Bantams (Dutch, Japanese and etc.)

Feather Legged Bantams (Cochins, Silkies etc.)

#### Waterfowl

Ducks - Lightweight drake

Ducks - Medium weight drake

Ducks - Heavy weight drake

Ducks - Lightweight hen

Ducks - Medium weight hen

Ducks - Heavy weight hen

Geese – Gander

Geese – Goose

Turkeys

Young breeding tom born in the current year.

Old breeding tom born prior to current year.

Young breeding hen born in current year.

Old breeding hen born prior to the current year.

### **MARKET CHICKENS CLASSES**

1. A single market chicken entry will consist of three birds of the same breed, variety and age.
2. Market chickens must be from a breed or hybrid of breeds recognized for meat purpose.
3. Processing of market poultry will be the responsibility of the Exhibitor under the Colorado Cottage Foods Act.

Class: Cornish and Cornish Cross Meat Chickens

Young Meat Trio of Roasters

The combined weight of a pen of 3 roasters should be between 18 and 27 pounds and be between 8 and 12 weeks old.

Young Meat Trio of Fryers

The combined weight of a pen of 3 fryers should be between 12 and 18 pounds. They should be less than 10 weeks old.

Class: Slow Growing Hybrid Meat Chickens

Young Meat Trio of Roasters

The combined weight of a pen of 3 roasters should be between 18 and 27 pounds and be between 8 and 12 weeks old.

Young Meat Trio of Fryers

The combined weight of a pen of 3 fryers should be between 12 and 18 pounds. They should be less than 10 weeks old.

Class: Dual-Purpose Chickens

Young Trio

Entries will consist of a pen of three, all of the same age and breed.

Dual-Purpose breeds are defined by the American Standard.

Each bird should weigh between 3 - 8 pounds.

Pens exhibited in the Dual-Purpose Class will be eligible for the Junior Livestock Sale.

\*An Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Champion will be awarded

## **MARKET TURKEYS**

1. Market turkeys should be at least 14 lbs. and no more than 40 lbs.
2. Market turkeys must be from a breed or hybrid of breeds recognized for meat purposes.

(1) Young Tom Turkey

(1) Young Hen Turkey

\*An Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Champion will be awarded.

## **MARKET DUCKS**

Market ducks must be from a breed or hybrid of breeds recognized for meat purposes.

(1) Young Drake Duck

(1) Young Hen Duck

\*An Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Champion will be awarded

## **MARKET GOOSE**

(1) Young Goose

\*An Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Champion will be awarded

## **EGG PRODUCTION CLASSES**

1. Birds must be at least 16 weeks old.
2. A copy of the egg production record is required if hens are laying.
3. Birds will be judged on health, vigor, uniformity in type, weight and production.
4. Egg Production Trio
5. Eggs – Eggs exhibited must have been produced by hens owned by and cared for by the Exhibitor. A single entry will consist of a dozen eggs with a limit of two entries per Exhibitor per breed. Eggs cannot be sold at the Junior Livestock Sale.
  - White – one dozen
  - Brown – one dozen
  - Colored – one dozen
  - Any other – one dozen

Top Egg Layer Contest – The youth with the most eggs laid by check out time will receive the Top Egg Layer Award.

## **JR. LIVESTOCK SALE RULES**

1. Exhibitors will be allowed to sell an animal of each species, but no more than 5 species, with the exception of grand champion market, reserve champion market and bred and fed champion. If both of the Exhibitor's animals of the same species wins any combination of grand champion market *and* reserve champion market or bred and fed champion, he/she will be able to sale both animals.
2. Clubs and individual Junior Livestock Exhibitors working with the Fair Board Marketing Committee are responsible for contacting and providing appropriate information for potential buyers.
3. Please contact the Sale Committee at the show table immediately following your species' show with your animal's tag # to designate the animal you wish to sell. If Exhibitor fails to notify the sale committee about which animal the Exhibitor intends to sale, the committee will select the highest placing animal and then the heaviest.
4. The allowance of market animals not sold through the Junior Livestock sale to be shipped with sale animals to the designated packing facilities following the sale shall be reviewed annually by the Fair Board.
5. Shipping additional animals from home that were not brought or shown at the county fair is not allowed.
6. A brand inspection certificate will be required for all market cattle.
7. All animals auctioned at the Junior Livestock Sale must meet market requirements established by the judge.
8. The Fair Board will receive a 2 percent commission from the sale of each animal for marketing expenses.
9. Floor prices may be established for all animals selling in each species.
10. Payment will not be delivered to an Exhibitor until the animal clears inspection and testing at the processing plant and all payments have been received from the purchasers.
11. If any animal is condemned at slaughter for any reason, the Exhibitor is solely responsible for replacement with a comparable animal and must accept the consequences without recourse against the San Miguel Basin Fair Board, State of Colorado, County of San Miguel, County of Montrose or Colorado State University Extension.
12. If an animal is deemed condemned at the time of slaughter the following procedure will be followed:
13. The processing plant will notify the Fair Board.
14. The Fair Board will notify the Exhibitor and ask for a comparable replacement animal.
15. If the Exhibitor CANNOT provide a comparable replacement animal or is not willing to replace the animal, the full replacement cost will be deducted from the Exhibitor's sale proceeds.
16. The San Miguel Basin Fair Board warrants live delivery of animals transported by the authorized transportation of the San Miguel Basin Fair Board to the predetermined processing plant(s). A buyer may choose alternative arrangements but he or she assumes full responsibility of the animal and will no longer be the responsibility of the San Miguel Basin Fair Board and no recourse may be taken against the San Miguel Basin Fair Board, State of Colorado, County of San Miguel, County of Montrose or Colorado State University Extension.
17. Processing poultry and rabbits is the responsibility of the seller and arrangements need to be made with the buyer.

# 4-H Horse Show Rules

## General Rules

1. The San Miguel Basin Youth Horse Show is open to all youth between 8 and 18 years old as of December 31 of the previous year who have met the requirements of the San Miguel Basin 4-H Horse Club schedule. Non-4-H members are eligible to compete only if they have completed the required 4-H Horse Club meetings and activities.
2. There will be no entry fee for San Miguel Basin 4-H participants. Open entry participants (non-4-H) will be charged \$5 per class to enter.
3. All participants will show together in each class. There will be only one set of placings per class.
4. Any horse show rules not addressed in these rules shall be at the discretion of the Horse Show Judge.
5. 4-H participants must designate their equine project animal(s) by May 1 of the current year on the Horse Identification Certificate on 4honline.com.
6. Participants may only show one horse for the entire event. No horse may be shared between riders.
7. Stallions of any age and wet (nursing) mares are not allowed in any class.
8. The Horse Show Superintendents and the appointed Horse Show Committee will manage the show. They reserve the right to combine or eliminate classes and will handle all questions or complaints. Their decisions are final.
9. Any contestant displaying unsafe behavior, unsportsmanlike conduct, or abusive actions toward horses or livestock will be disqualified and excused from the grounds at the discretion of the Superintendents and Horse Show Committee.
10. All tack must follow the Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rulebook. While participants are not restricted to Level 1 tack, all equipment must be safe, discipline-appropriate, and legal per 4-H rules. If illegal tack is used, the rider will be excused from that class and may return once it is corrected. That class's fees and awards will be forfeited.
11. Participants must follow the USEF drug and medication guidelines. See [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org) for current regulations.
12. Participants must wear their assigned back number during each class. Riders without visible numbers will be disqualified from that class.
13. The use of helmets will be to the discretion of the participants and legal guardians. If a participant chooses not to wear a helmet, a completed helmet waiver form must be on file with San Miguel County.
14. Riders must wear attire appropriate to their discipline. Western attire includes jeans, boots with a heel, a button-up or collared shirt, and a cowboy hat, which is required unless the rider is wearing a helmet. Chaps and spurs are optional. English tack is not permitted for this show.
15. There will be one Showmanship class. Western tack and apparel only. Showmanship is required for all participants.
16. All classes and patterns will be set at Colorado 4-H Level 1.
17. The High Point All-Around Award will be based on the cumulative scores from Showmanship, Horsemanship, Ranch Riding, Barrels, Poles, and Flags. Placings: 1st – 10 pts, 2nd – 8 pts, 3rd – 6 pts, 4th – 4 pts. Ties will be broken based on Horsemanship placing.
18. The Horsemanship Award will be judged outside the arena based on grooming, stall/trailer area cleanliness, sportsmanship, horsemanship, and overall presentation throughout the day.
19. Judges will post score sheets as soon as possible after each class.
20. All participants are responsible for cleaning their stalls and hauling waste into the designated area.
21. Classes may be judged individually or on the rail. Once the show order is posted, participants must be ready at the gate within 2 minutes of their class call or will be disqualified from that class.
22. Horse Show patterns will be released by June 15.
23. Entries must be submitted to the Horse Show Committee by July 1.
24. Exhibitors, parents, or spectators may not harass or argue with judges, show staff, or volunteers. Violations will result in removal from the grounds and forfeiture of awards.
25. Obvious lameness will be penalized or excused at the judge's discretion for the safety of the rider and welfare of the horse.
26. Horses that are not under control or present danger to others will be excused.

27. Riders may request a 7-minute time-out for tack failure or lost shoes. Time-out requests must be acknowledged by the judge. If time is exceeded, the rider will be excused.
28. Classes: Showmanship, horsemanship, Ranch Trail

## **CATCH-A-HEIFER CONTEST**

See schedule

Where: Events Center

Event Superintendent: Hugh Hardman

OPEN to 4-H and FFA Members

### **General Eligibility Requirements**

1. Contestants must enroll in 4-H or FFA by December 31st of current year and must be residents of San Miguel or the West End Montrose County.
2. Applicants must be no younger than 8-years-old and no older than 17-years-old as of December 31 of the current year.
3. The San Miguel Basin Fair board will not be responsible for injury or accidents.
4. Not more than two heifers may be caught during a Participant's career participation of the San Miguel Basin Fair Catch-A-Calf contests.

### **Application Process**

1. Applicants must complete an application to enter the Catch-A-Calf contest.
2. Applications can be found on the San Miguel County Fair website.
3. Applications must be received by the fair board by application date.
4. The Fair Board Catch-A-Calf Committee will screen the applications to select the Participants. The intent of the screening process is to ensure Participants are qualified to care for a heifer.
5. The Fair Board will notify applicants who may move on to become Participants in the Catch-A-Calf Contest.
6. Participants and their parents must agree to the Catch-A-Calf Contest Requirements, sign a contract, liability release waiver and pay the \$50 participation fee by cash or check.

### **Event Execution**

1. Contest divisions will be determined on an annual basis depending on the number of heifers donated and the number of Participants.
2. There will be a maximum of 10 Participants group allowed to compete. If there are more than 10 qualified applicants, Participants will be selected by drawing.
3. The committee will appoint a Catch-A-Calf referee who will oversee contest rules.
4. Participants will be furnished a halter to take into the arena to catch and safely tie the calf to the fence. The halter or rope cannot be used as a lariat. The halter must be placed on the head of the animal in the proper way.
5. The fair board reserves the right to adjust the contest execution rules to help insure Participant and animal safety. For instance, the cattle used may be pre-haltered for the younger kids.

6. The Participant catching the calf must halter and tie the calf to the fence without aid. The first Participant to tie the calf to the fence will be deemed the winner.
7. If a Participant has hold of a calf, no other member will be allowed to touch or scare the calf until it breaks away. If two or more members catch the same calf, the calf will be turned loose. If a calf breaks away from a member after the halter has been placed on the calf, and some other member catches the calf, the second member will be required to remove the first halter /and put on his/her own halter. A calf must not be caught with the aid of the halter and rope attached to the calf. If a calf breaks loose from a Participant, the Participant may re-grab the lead rope.
8. The Referee will announce the winner of each class.

### **Contest Prize**

1. Participants who catch a calf must enroll in the 4-H breeding heifer project prior to being awarded a weaned heifer calf, donated by a local producer, no later than December 31st.
2. Heifers will be matched to winning Participants by random drawing.
3. Winning Participants will not receive full ownership of the heifer until the contest requirements are met.
4. Winning Participants must show the heifer at the following next year's San Miguel Basin Fair in the breeding heifer class as well as complete a breeding heifer record book, after which the heifer will be fully transferred to the winning Participant.

## **CATCH-A-CHICKEN CONTEST**

See schedule

Where: Events Center

Event Superintendent: Regan Snyder, [reganlisnyder@gmail.co](mailto:reganlisnyder@gmail.co) or (970) 210-3447

OPEN TO YOUTH UNDER 8 YEARS AS OF JANUARY 1 OF CURRENT YEAR

### **General Eligibility Requirements**

1. Applicants must be no younger than 4 years old and no older than 8-years-old as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
  - a. Classes will be based on two age divisions, 4- to 6-year-olds and 7 to 8 year-olds.
  - b. Multiple classes for each age division will be determined by the superintendent and based on the number of entries.
2. The San Miguel Basin Fair board will not be responsible for injury or accidents.

### **Application Process**

7. At least one day prior to the event, applicants must complete an application to enter the Catch-A-Chicken contest.
8. Applications can be turned in at the CSU Extension Office, completed online or given to a member of the Fair Board.
9. Applications can be found online at [www.smbcountyfair.org](http://www.smbcountyfair.org) or at the CSU Extension Office.
10. Participants and their parents must agree to the Catch-A-Chicken Contest requirements, sign a liability release waiver and pay the \$10 participation fee by cash or check.

### **Event Execution**

9. The superintendent will oversee the event execution.
10. Chickens will be fitted with cloth saddles and a number will be secured to the saddle with Velcro.
11. Contestants will enter the ring with the numbered chickens.
12. The superintendent will indicate to the contestants when they can proceed.
13. Contestants must pull the velcroed number off the back of the chicken without restraining the chicken.  
The first contestant to do so will be declared the winner by the superintendent.

### **Contest Prize**

1. Winners of the 4- to 6-year-old age group will get to keep the chicken or choose a \$20 cash reward.
2. Winners of the 7- to 8-year-old age group will get to keep the chicken or choose a \$20 cash reward in addition to receiving a \$100 gift certificate to a local hatchery or farm supply store redeemable in the following year. If old enough, the contestant is encouraged to enroll in a 4-H poultry or FFA Supervised Agricultural Experience the following year.

## **PEE-WEE SHOWMANSHIP**

See schedule

Contact: Regan Snyder, reganlisnyder@gmail.co or (970) 210-3447

OPEN TO YOUTH UNDER 8 YEARS AS OF JANUARY 1 OF CURRENT YEAR

The pee-wee livestock show is for children under the age of 8 as of January 1st of the current year. The class is non-competitive and designed to be a fun activity contributing to the growth and development of young people. The class will be held at the beginning of each species' show. Animals should arrive and check in at 5:30 p.m. at the show table. The livestock judge will conduct a friendly interview with each Exhibitor to determine their knowledge of the animal and its care. Participation ribbons and/or prizes will be given to all Exhibitors. Exhibitors may show calves, lambs, or goats born in the current year. The animal does not have to be owned by the Exhibitor. A parent may accompany the Exhibitor in the ring. The show Superintendent and/or Fair Board shall have final say in cases where safety is a concern. Exhibitors must notify a member of the Fair Board by July 1 of the current year if they wish to participate at fair. There are no entry fees.

## **OPEN BREEDING LIVESTOCK SHOWS**

All open breeding livestock entries must be submitted to the SMB extension office by the close of business on the second Friday of July of the current year. Late entries are subject to approval by the SMB Fair Board. All open breeding livestock entries will be limited to barn space available. Also, animal numbers will be allocated to present the best possible breed display for show. After closing entry, the Fair reserves the right to adjust breed divisions to show equity. Animals shown in the junior livestock show shall be allowed to compete in the open breeding show. Proof of ownership Identification requirements will be required for animals. All registration certificates must be submitted to the Fair Board at least two hours before judging and always be available. All Exhibitors MUST abide by the San Miguel County Fairgrounds User's Guide. If there is an indication of any



unhealthy animals at the fair, such animals, herds, or flocks will be removed immediately and will not receive cash awards, if awarded. Any vet expenses occurring during Fair time are the responsibility of the Exhibitor. All animals must always be properly cared for, and pen/stalls/tack areas/aisles must be properly cleaned. The Fair Board may refuse entries at the gate without such approval. All reasonable measures will be taken to ensure the safety of animals, Exhibitors, and the public. See also San Miguel County Fairgrounds User's Guide. Exhibitors are responsible for ensuring the livestock facility and activities are safe for themselves and the public. The Fair reserves the right to perform a postmortem exam of any animal that dies at the Fair, at the Exhibitor's expense.

## **INTRODUCTION**

"The San Miguel Basin Fair Rules (Rules) are necessary for the efficient, effective operation of the San Miguel Basin Fair. The Rules are a resource to be used by the San Miguel County Fair Board members (Fair Board or Fair Board member), county staff, and fair participants and may not cover every circumstance that may be encountered. In the event of a situation that is not directly covered by these Rules, the Fair Board is expected to apply good judgment and common sense in their decision-making. The Rules include provisions for complaints and protests, as well as a Fair Board Appeals process. If the situation requires immediate attention, the Fair Board grants authority to the Fair Board President, in consultation with the Parks & Open Space Director, to resolve the issue."

## **COMPLAINTS & PROTESTS**

1. The San Miguel County Fair Board is responsible for enforcing the rules and is not required to consult with any other person before rendering a decision on an issue.
2. All protests and complaints must be filed with a Fair Board member in writing. Complaint must include the following information: date, time, location, involved parties, witnesses and a description of the event in question.
3. Protests and complaints filed before 5 p.m. will be addressed by the next Fair Board meeting; Fair Board meetings will occur daily during the week of the fair. All complaints filed after 5 p.m. will be addressed at the next day's Fair Board meeting.
4. The complaint or protest must state plainly the cause of the issue, and the parties involved.
5. The complaint must be accompanied by a \$100 cash deposit. The full deposit will be refunded if the complaint is sustained. If the complaint is not sustained, as determined by the Fair Board, the Fair Board will deposit the money into the Fair operations account.
6. After the Fair Board has properly received the complaint and listened to the parties involved at the Fair Board meeting, they will have until 10 a.m. the following day to render a decision.
7. The alleged disqualified person(s) or animal may remain on the fairgrounds during the process time.

## **FAIR BOARD APPEALS PROCESS**

In the event the Exhibitor(s), and/or their family, desire to appeal the decision of the Fair Board to the San Miguel County Administrator or other designee appointed by the San Miguel County Administrator. An appeal must be received in writing sixty (60) days following the end of the Fair in which the violation occurred. The Exhibitor will then be notified in writing the San Miguel County Administrator's decision.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

Physical and/or verbal abuse by either family members or by Exhibitor(s) towards any other person will not be tolerated on the San Miguel County Fairgrounds facilities. Formal complaints shall be filed with the San Miguel Basin Fair Board. The San Miguel Basin Fair Board shall decide any penalty that may be assessed. Such acts may result in the immediate disqualification and removal of Exhibitor(s) and family from the premises. If physical abuse is involved, the local authorities will be advised, and the offender(s) will be prosecuted under the law. In addition, whether the abuse was physical and/or verbal the Exhibitor/ family will be banned from participating in all market animals showing at the San Miguel Basin Fair and/or San Miguel Basin Junior Livestock Sale for a minimum of one year. The imposed ban may be longer depending on the severity of the action.

## **4-H ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR PROJECT**

### **COMPLETION AND FAIR PARTICIPATION**

1. Rules apply to: General Projects, Shooting Sports, Animal and Livestock Projects
2. For a list of all possible 4-H Projects and completion requirements, contact the San Miguel Basin Colorado State University Extension Office at 327-4393 or on the web at <http://sanmiguel.colostate.edu>. Anyone who meets the age requirements of 4-H is welcome to join at any time during the year! However, for a member to complete all their project requirements in time for the Fair, it is recommended that all re-enrollments, all project related forms and 4-H support fees, should be completed and turned into the Extension Office by April 10 OR by the Friday before the initial weigh-in date for each species for Livestock Projects, whichever comes first.
3. Livestock project fees MUST be paid by Friday before the initial livestock weigh-in. Certain circumstances must be approved by the Extension Office by the Friday before the initial livestock weigh-in or April 15th, whichever comes first. 4-H classes will be divided into three age divisions. Age is determined as of December 31st of the previous year.
  - a. Senior (14-18)
  - b. Intermediate (11-13)
  - c. Junior (8-10)
4. Cloverbuds, 4-H members ages five to seven, are not required to complete record books, are not evaluated the same as older 4-H members, and may not enroll in, participate in, exhibit, or sell 4-H livestock projects.
5. To complete a 4-H project, 4-H Exhibitors must comply with all rules for completion. This includes attendance at six club meetings, a project demonstration, a club community service activity, participation in a showmanship class or project interview and completion of a record book.
6. These rules for completion apply to all 4-H Projects, including General, Livestock, Horse and Dog, etc. All 4-H members should complete a record book, regardless of whether they sell an animal at the fair. Contact the San Miguel Basin Colorado State University Extension Office for more information.
7. To participate in the San Miguel Basin Fair, Exhibitors must be enrolled in a 4-H project and be a member in good standing, including completion of all requirements, in the San Miguel Basin 4-H Program for the current year.

## **FFA ELIGIBILITY RULES**

All FFA members are required to turn in a County Fair Eligibility Form instead of turning in a Colorado FFA Record Book. The San Miguel County Fair Board requires the FFA Eligibility Form be turned in at the same time as 4-H Record Books are due. The San Miguel County Fair rule states you must turn in the form to be eligible to show at the next year's San Miguel County Fair. The form must be turned into the county 4-H coordinator at the San Miguel County Extension office, 1120 Summit Street Norwood, CO 81423 by August 1 of the current year. All the requirements below must be met for the FFA Advisor to sign the form. The form must be submitted by the FFA member to the 4-H Agent.

1. FFA member is in good academic standing in all agricultural education courses.
2. FFA Advisor has made an SAE visit to inspect SAE project.
3. FFA member records are up to date as of August 1 of the current year and are in satisfactory condition according to the Colorado FFA Association.

## **LIVESTOCK POLICIES AND RULES**

### **GENERAL RULES**

The San Miguel Basin Fair Board has adopted the following requirements to formulate a wider knowledge base, attempt to prevent problems and provide a greater learning experience for San Miguel Junior Livestock Exhibitors. As changes are recommended, concerns arise, and needs of our Junior Livestock Exhibitors change; the San Miguel Basin Fair Board holds a great responsibility to inform Junior Livestock Exhibitors of rules/amendments. The San Miguel Basin Fair Board will be responsible for determining rules and regulations for the county Fair (in cooperation with CSU Extension rules for 4-H and FFA Rules) and will have final jurisdiction in case of disputes regarding exhibiting at the Fair, except for 4-H eligibility and 4-H General Projects. A copy of all current CSU Extension 4-H Policies and San Miguel Basin Fair Rules will be given to each member annually. This acknowledgement Form should be signed by each member and their parent or guardian and returned to the Extension Office one month prior to the beginning of the Fair. This is to ensure that these Policies and Rules have been read, understood and agreed upon by each member and their parent or guardian. The term Exhibitor refers to the enrolled 4-H member who raised the animal as a 4-H Market project, tagged at initial weigh in and makes the first sale of the market livestock animal at the San Miguel Basin Fair Jr. Livestock Sale.

## **4-H LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS**

1. Colorado State University Extension and San Miguel/West Montrose Counties State and County Requirements for Livestock Participants (Contact the Extension Office for complete list of livestock projects)
2. Compliance with all Colorado laws prohibiting tampering with or drugging of livestock and/or sale of adulterated meat is mandatory for any 4-H member enrolled in a market animal project. If legal or substantiated charges are brought against any 4-H member/family, the member/ family will be suspended from participation in all 4-H market livestock activities pending resolution of those charges. If found guilty, or the 4-H member/family voluntarily agrees to sanctions imposed by another livestock

governing group, the 4-H member/family will be banned from all market animal projects by Colorado State University Extension 4-H Youth Development for a minimum of one year. The ban imposed may be longer depending on the severity of the illegal action.

3. 4-H members enrolled in market and/or breeding livestock project must be current on their county requirements for the Youth Meat Quality Assurance Program (MQA). A Meat Quality Assurance Program is required for all 4-H members enrolled in a market and/or breeding livestock project: Once, as a first-year member who is a Junior or Intermediate member (between the ages of 8 and 13) and again when a member becomes a Senior (14 years old). The only exception to being required to take it twice would be for a first-time member who is 14 or older. In that case it would only be required once. Those members not required to attend an MQA Program are encouraged to complete a Quality Assurance Checklist yearly.
4. 4-H members enrolled in market and/or breeding livestock projects will sign a statement (in the Record Book) indicating their understanding and compliance with the Wholesome Meat Act <http://www.fda.gov/opacom/laws/meat.htm> and that they have complied with the Ten Good Production Practices taught in MQA. Additionally, consequences for failing to comply with the Wholesome Meat Act/Rules of Competition/4-H Code of Conduct may result in removal from all 4-H livestock projects for the member/ family. The statement must be signed every time the member signs up for a market livestock project. The MQA program suggests that these records be kept on file for twelve months following the sale of the livestock.
5. 4-H Humane Animal Care Guidelines will be signed, placed on file, reviewed and practiced by every person enrolled in or participating in 4-H livestock projects. Checks or home visits will be performed randomly by members of CSU Extension, the presiding 4-H Agent, and 4-H club leader throughout the active and current San Miguel Basin Fair year. The 4-H Humane Animal Care Guidelines publication is available from the CSU Extension Resource Center or from local Extension Agents.
6. All market animals that are 4-H projects must be individually identified i.e. ear tags, leg band, permanent ear tattoos or other identification as required for each species.
7. If an Exhibitor is going to the State Fair, a premises Identification number will be required for all 4-H Livestock / Small Animals Exhibitors (Rabbits are exempt), this number must appear on the original Colorado State Fair Entry Form.
8. All 4-H members who participate in a livestock project, either for meat or show, or horse or dog showmanship, must complete or turn in a record book(s), including all species, to the Extension Office by the second Friday in August. Record books turned in after this date will not be eligible for Achievement Awards, such as Top Record Book and will lose points for Outstanding Livestock Exhibitor, etc. Record books will be reviewed using CSU guidelines. Members must score 70% or better on their record books. If a member receives a score of less than 70%, that member will not be allowed to re-enroll in that specific project for one 4-H project year. An exception will be made if any member scoring less than 70% on their record book comes into the Extension Office for individual help from CSU Extension staff within three weeks after receiving their graded record book back. They will then be given a single opportunity to make changes to their record book and raise their score to above 70%.
9. Proven violation of any of these requirements listed above shall result in disqualification of all livestock projects for that year. A written documentation of the violation of any of these requirements must be submitted within 24 hours to the Extension Office and any other appropriate persons, including, but not limited to the Fair Superintendent and Fair Board members.

## WEIGH INS

1. Attendance at the Initial weigh-in is required for all large animal market species and Exhibitors. There will be NO late weigh-ins of livestock projects. Members who must be absent during the initial or final weigh-in must present a letter to the Fair Board and the Extension Office prior to the scheduled event stating their reason and request to be excused. The Fair Board must approve of the absence and members must make arrangements to have their animals brought to the weigh in.
2. An Exhibitor can weigh-in three (3) animals of one species at the first weigh-in. Immediate members of the same household may share alternates.
3. Exhibitors can only weigh in (2) market animals or (2) market pens of a species at the final weigh-in. Exhibitors must designate a primary animal and declare ownership of each family alternate after the final weigh in and before market classes can be created.
4. During initial and final weigh-ins, it is NOT the responsibility of any Fair Board member or Extension staff to unload or load an Exhibitor's animal. Make sure you have someone present to help you with your animal. Junior Livestock Exhibitors must be present at the weigh-in.
5. All market animals must be dry at final weigh in.
6. At final weigh in, all lambs must be "clean shorn", sheared at least once between initial and final weigh in.
7. The Market Animal weight requirements at the final weigh-in for entry in the fair are as follows:
  - a. Lamb minimum weight of 100 pounds
  - b. Goat minimum weight of 50 pounds
  - c. Market Steers minimum weight of 1,050 pounds and Market Heifers minimum weight of 1,000 pounds
  - d. Swine minimum weight of 220 pounds and maximum weight of 300 pounds
8. Market beef, lambs, and goats must meet the minimum average daily gain requirements calculated between the initial and final weigh-in to be eligible for the market show competition:
  - a. Lambs .25 pounds per day (initial weigh in is in May)
  - b. Goats .10 pounds per day (initial weigh in is in May)
  - c. Beef 1.25 pounds per day (initial weigh in is in January)
9. The fair board may implement a sifting process at the final weigh-in for all market species to help ensure livestock animals are ready for market.
10. NO re-weighing will be allowed. Sale weights will be taken from the final weigh-in list.
11. All livestock animals MUST be properly castrated prior to initial weigh-in dates. At weigh-in, if these animals are not properly castrated, they WILL BE disqualified - Properly castrated is defined as removal of both testicles from the body. A removal band can be present on the animal at the initial weigh-in.
12. Market Beef must be halter broken and a market beef not manageable at final weigh-in will be disqualified.
13. All market lambs and goats are required to have a scrapie ID Tag at initial and final weigh-in. Lambs and goats will not be weighed or sold without a tag present. This is federal law.
- 14. Exhibitors should make sure county identification tags are clean and clearly readable at final weigh in.**

## GENERAL FAIR OPERATIONS

1. All entries must be free from any contagious diseases: Livestock not meeting the following requirements will not be allowed to exhibit at the fair. All animals will be inspected at the final weigh-in by the Fair Board, Extension Staff, Superintendent, or Veterinary. All stall areas will be inspected as well.

2. Swine: 1. Swine fed raw garbage will not be allowed on the grounds. 2. Swine showing evidence/symptoms of the following disease conditions (but not limited to) will not be allowed on grounds: A. Lice B. Scabies C. Atrophic Rhinitis D. Jowl Abscesses E. Mange F. Any other infectious or contagious disease, sign of malnutrition or any other animal welfare concern.
3. Sheep: 1. Any sheep showing evidence of or symptoms of the following disease conditions (but not limited to) will not be allowed on grounds: A. Sore Mouth B. Epididymitis C. Ringworm D. Scabies E. Any other infectious or contagious disease, sign of malnutrition or any other animal welfare concern. F. Scrapies ID (Flock ID) tags are required for all.
4. Cattle: 1. Any cattle showing evidence/symptoms of the following disease conditions (but not limited to) will not be accepted on the grounds: A. Respiratory Infections, B. Ring Worm (unless under treatment by directions of veterinarian – proof required), C. Scabies, D. Any other infectious or contagious disease, sign of malnutrition or any other animal welfare concern.
5. Goats: 1. Any goat showing evidence/ symptoms of any of the following disease conditions (but not limited to) will not be allowed on grounds: A. Sore mouth B. Ringworm C. Scrapies (Flock ID) tags are required for all D. Caseous lymphadenitis (CL) E. Pink eye F. Lice G. Any other infectious or contagious disease, sign of malnutrition or any other animal welfare concern.
6. Poultry and Rabbits: Poultry and Rabbits will be inspected upon arrival. Any animal showing evidence/symptoms of the following disease conditions (but not limited to) will not be allowed on the grounds: A. Lice B. Mites C. Any other infectious or contagious disease, sign of malnutrition, or any other animal welfare concern
7. Junior Livestock Exhibitors must post identification on their stalls including their name, species, and tag number immediately upon placement of livestock in a stall.
8. Care of the livestock is the responsibility of the Junior Livestock Exhibitor. Members are responsible for their livestock until they are shipped. All livestock must have water available and must be fed in a timely manner twice each day. Animal stalls and aisle areas should be clean and presentable throughout the day. All water must be secured to fences and every effort must be taken to keep moisture off the ground. Any animal not properly cared for will be dismissed from the fair at the discretion of the Fair Board.
9. Unethical practices will not be tolerated. Exhibitors acting in an unethical manner will be asked to leave the Fairgrounds and will not be permitted to show or sell. All Exhibitors must comply with the USDA Wholesome Meat Act.
10. Market livestock will be left on the premises during the Fair unless excused by the Superintendent. NO LIVESTOCK WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE FAIRGROUNDS DURING A LIVESTOCK SHOW.
11. Exhibitors must show and parade their animals in the ring provided at the discretion of the Superintendent. No feeding of livestock in the show ring permitted. Violations will result in immediate disqualification. Exhibitors at all times must give their exhibits necessary personal attention while located on the San Miguel County Fairgrounds. The Superintendent shall exclude stock from competition if Exhibitor is not present when called to the show ring. Violations of this rule may exclude Exhibitors from any competition, bar them from the grounds during the Fair and forfeit any prizes that may have been awarded as decided by the Fair Board.
12. Exhibitors must show his/her own animal in all classes unless: 1) the Exhibitor's animal died, and the Exhibitor doesn't own an alternate animal. If the Exhibitor doesn't have an alternate, they may ask to borrow an animal from another Exhibitor to show in the showmanship class. 2) If an Exhibitor has two animals in one class or grand championship drive, they may ask another Exhibitor to show one of their animals. If an animal is deemed by the San Miguel Basin Fair Board unsafe to be shown, the Exhibitor may complete his/her project by participating in a project interview.

13. Exhibitors of livestock must exercise due discretion regarding the animals they are exhibiting, whether in the ring, stall or pen and must assume all responsibility for any damage caused by or to their animals. The Exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or by, any animal exhibited by him/her. The Exhibitor is solely responsible for all legal or other proceedings in regard there to, as well as any damage or injury to any other person or property, caused by the Exhibitor or any of the animals exhibited with such exhibition or any of the animals so exhibited.
14. Any unmanageable, dangerous, or uncontrollable animal may be excused from the show ring by the Superintendents or Judge. Health and safety of Exhibitors is of the utmost importance.
15. There will be no verbal or physical abuse of any of the volunteers, leaders, Fair Board members, Superintendents or judges.
16. Except for emergencies, no person shall enter a pen and handle animals unless the member and/or parent are present.
17. Parents and leaders will only be responsible for their children's or their club's animals and displays. There will be no interfering with another club or another child's project.
18. Leaders, 4-H members and parents will be responsible for following all the rules in the current Fair Rule Book.
19. There will be no communication with any of the judges (small animal, livestock, ultra-sound, round robin, and general) prior to the shows.
20. There will be no overnight parking or camping on the north side of the Event Center between the Grandstands and the Event Center.

### **FITTING OF LIVESTOCK**

1. No doctoring, doping, tubing or injecting show animals for body "fill ins" or the alteration, changing, defacing or any modification of the markings of show animals and the anatomical structure of an animal is allowed.
2. The removal, alteration, changing or purposely damaging ear tags is not allowed.
3. The use of: tranquilizers and/or anesthetics without a veterinarian's prescription; The use of injectable steroid substance to enhance muscle development; The use of diuretics to reduce water content of animals; The use of back pour insecticides as "hair set" for beef cattle; The use of ice packs or other refrigerants (rubbing alcohol) to alter the quality of the finish of an animal. Icing of animals will not be allowed. Wet towels only will be acceptable. Towels immersed in ice water will not be allowed.
4. Drenching of animals is only allowed with the consent of a veterinarian; in the event a veterinarian is not present, two members of the fair board or a fair board member along with the show Superintendent may authorize the drenching process. When possible, the drenching process will be supervised by a fair board member and/or show Superintendent.
5. No animal shall be decorated with any unnecessary trappings, etc., during the judging. The natural body color of an animal cannot be altered using any artificial coloring. However, products that match the animal's natural color may be used in the fitting process from the knees and hocks down and on the switch only. For example, black products may be used on a black-legged animal, red on red-legged animal and white on white legged animal. But under no circumstance can color be used to cover an animal's natural leg color.
6. No altering structure of hair or wool coat except for trimming and blocking will be allowed. Any entry adding an artificial tail head or tail fin, artificial poll, or adding any hair or hair-like substance will be disqualified.

7. The showing of livestock of any ineligible age or showing unethically fitted livestock is prohibited. Any Exhibitor found to be in violation of any of the above listed unethical practices, or any other practice deemed unethical by the San Miguel Basin Fair Board or specie Superintendent will forfeit all premium monies and the owner of the animal may be barred from future participation until such time as reinstatement is made by the Fair Board.
8. All Exhibitors named as owners 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. Animals must be handled, fitted, dressed, washed, groomed, and shown exclusively by the exhibitor, with help allowed only from another 4-H or FFA member, a 4-H leader, an FFA advisor, 4h or FFA volunteer, or a member of the exhibitor's immediate family. Assistance from other 4-H or FFA members, including those from other counties or fairs, is allowed Professional fitters are not permitted. The Fair Board strongly encourages exhibitors, especially younger or less experienced participants, to first seek help from fellow club members, club leaders, or local 4-H members before reaching out to others. Exhibitors are responsible for the custody, care, and feeding of their animals and are expected to actively participate in preparing their project animals for exhibition. Exhibitors must be present and actively involved during the preparation of their animals. Failure to comply with these rules may result in the exhibitor being prohibited from showing their animal. The purpose of this rule is to ensure exhibitors take an active role in the preparation process while fostering collaboration and skill-building within the 4-H and FFA communities.

### **FAIR SET UP AND FAIR CLEAN UP**

1. All fair livestock Exhibitors must participate in both fair set up and fair clean-up.
2. Fair set up will take place before the first livestock show and fair clean-up will occur after the junior livestock sale.
3. If a livestock Exhibitor does not participate in either event, he/she will not be allowed to participate in next year's fair.
4. If a livestock Exhibitor has extenuating circumstances that prevent him or her from participating in the set up or clean up, he or she must request in writing permission from the board to be excused from the event(s).
5. All Participants must check in and out with a person designated by the fair board.

### **LARGE ANIMAL ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP**

#### **CONTEST**

1. Entries will be limited to the first-place showman from the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior divisions in the following species: horse, beef, sheep, swine and goat. Depending upon the number of entries, not all species may be shown. The Fair Board reserves the right to divide the Round Robin Showmanship Contest into small and large animal species.
2. If for any reason the first-place showman cannot compete, the second-place showman will advance to the Round Robin.
3. Contestants will show the same animal with which they won their respective showmanship division. Each Exhibitor must furnish an assistant to hold the animal between rounds of competition.



4. Contestants will start the contest by rotating clockwise one species. They will end up showing his/her own animal in the last go round. Seniors will show senior entries, intermediates will show intermediate entries, and juniors will show junior entries.
5. Contestants will have 5 minutes with each species to show the animal. Judges will turn in their scorecards at the end of each go-round.
6. The contest will be coordinated by a timekeeper who signals "start" and "stop" for each species.
7. Contestants must show all species of animals.
8. The highest cumulative score determines the winner.
9. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded in Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions.

### **SMALL ANIMAL ROUND ROBIN**

1. A Small/Companion Animal Round Robin Showmanship will be conducted only if there are at least 3 species shown as described. Entries will be limited to the first-place showman from the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior divisions in the following species: poultry, rabbits, pygmy goats, dog, cat. Depending upon the number of entries, not all species may be shown. The Fair Board reserves the right to divide the Round Robin Showmanship Contest into small and large animal species.
2. Entries will be limited to the highest placing showman for each specie from each age division: Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions.
3. If for any reason the first-place showman cannot compete, the second-place showman will advance to the Round Robin.
4. Contestants will show the same animal with which they won their respective showmanship division. Each Exhibitor must furnish an assistant to hold the animal between rounds of competition.
5. Contestants will have 2 minutes with each species.

### **JUNIOR LIVESTOCK BREEDING CLASSES**

1. Animals exhibited in market classes are not allowed to compete in breeding classes and vice versa.
2. All junior livestock breeding animals must have been owned by the Exhibitor since at least May 1st of the current year.
3. All female breeding cattle should be vaccinated for Brucellosis in accordance with the Federal Brucellosis Program.
4. All breeding sheep and goats must be tagged with a USDA official scrapie ID.
5. Breeding swine should be vaccinated against leptospirosis (6-way) including bratislava and erysipelas. Also, breeding swine should be vaccinated with at least one booster for swine influenza.
6. Classes may be divided, added and/or combined at the discretion of the Superintendent.

#### **Breeding Beef Classes**

Yearling Heifers  
Cow and Calf Pair

#### **Breeding Sheep Classes**

Junior Ewe Lamb Meat (born in current year)  
Junior Ewe Lamb Wool (born in current year)  
Senior Ewe Lamb Meat (born prior to current year)

Senior Ewe Lamb Wool (born prior to current year)

### **Breeding Goat Classes**

Meat Doe Kids (born in current year)

Milk Doe Kids (born in current year)

Meat Doe (born prior to current year)

Milk Doe (born prior to current year)

Breeding Swine Classes

Breeding Gilt (Not older than one year of age at time of show.)

## **JUNIOR MARKET LIVESTOCK RATE OF GAIN CONTEST**

Exhibitors must participate in the initial species weigh in to obtain a beginning weight to be eligible for the rate of gain contest. Pounds gained per day are computed for all market beef, swine, lambs and goats. Each Exhibitor may enter a primary animal and one alternate per species. The calculation subtracts the animals' beginning weight from the final weight and divides the pounds gained by the number of days between the two events. The fair board will set the official beginning weigh in and ending weigh in dates at the beginning of the year. Exhibitors are encouraged to feed their animals to have a high rate of gain, to use feed efficiently and produce a good quality meat product. The animal must meet final minimum and/or maximum weight requirements to be deemed eligible for the contest. A prize will be given to the Exhibitor of the highest gaining animal of each species.

## **CARCASS CONTEST**

A carcass contest will be conducted for market beef, lambs, goats and pigs. Animals that qualify for the market classes and meet the final weight and gain requirements are eligible for the contest. First place will receive a cash prize. Exhibitors may be required to pay a nominal entry fee.

## **COUNTY BRED AND FED CONTEST**

1. The animal being shown MUST have been born in San Miguel or West Montrose County (school districts R-1, RE2 and R2J).
2. The dam of the animal being shown MUST be a "resident" of San Miguel or West Montrose County 30 days prior to the conception of the animal being shown. The definition of "resident" shall be: The dam of the animal being shown shall either be incorporated into an established San Miguel or West Montrose County herd or owned by an individual who resides in San Miguel or West Montrose County. The sire of the animal being shown must have physically been in San Miguel or West Montrose County at the time of conception or AI must be used. The dam cannot have been taken out of the county to be bred.
3. Artificial insemination (AI) and embryo transfer are recognized methods of herd improvement. Rules 1 and 2 still apply. Embryo needs to be flushed from a resident dam of the San Miguel or West Montrose County breeder and implanted in one of their herd recipient dams.
4. All San Miguel and West Montrose County bred and fed animals must be branded with only a San Miguel or West Montrose County brand, if applicable to the specie.
5. Exhibitors must turn in a County Bred and Fed form at the initial weigh in or deadline indicated on form in order to be eligible to compete in the class at fair. The form will be made available through the county extension office.
6. The class will take place after the grand champion market drive.
7. The Champion County Bred and Fed award will automatically be given to the Grand Champion Market animal, if the animal meets county bred and fed requirements. If the Grand Champion Market animal is

not a county bred and fed animal and the Reserve Champion Market animal is a county bred and fed animal, it will receive the Champion County Bred and Fed award. If neither the Grand Champion nor Reserve Champion Market animals meet the county bred and fed criteria, the top county bred and fed animal from each market classes will be brought back into the show ring to compete for the grand champion county bred and fed title.

8. A prize will be awarded to the grand champion bred and fed animal of each species.
9. If the Champion County Bred and Fed animals are not Grand or Reserve Champion Market animals, they will have the honor of selling third of the species in the Junior Livestock Sale.

### **STOCKMAN AWARD**

The Stockman award will be given to the top Exhibitor of each of the following livestock: Beef, Sheep, Goat, Swine, Rabbit and Poultry. Judging criteria will be based on livestock pen quality, presentation, representation and organization. Judging will be based on 75% from a judge and 25% peer review. Voting ends by the end of the beef show. Each livestock participant will receive 5 voting cards handed out to each participant.

Exhibitors will be judged on the following criteria:

1. Practice basic animal husbandry skills by ensuring animals are fed and watered on a routine and timely basis.
2. Stall areas are kept clean and well-bedded. Path areas near pens or stalls are kept tidy.
3. Animals are exercised daily during the fair.
4. The exhibitor cleans up after his or her animal after using wash racks, show rings or areas outside of the stalling area.
5. Exhibitor shows respect, consideration for others, good attitude and compassion for animals.
6. Provide proper stall signage for animals being exhibited.
7. Exhibitor is ready to show and on time.
8. Observes all rules and regulations and exhibits good sportsmanship.
9. Exhibitor is helpful to other exhibitors, the public, fairgrounds staff and Superintendents.

The Stockmanship awards will be presented to the winners prior to the Junior Livestock Sale.

### **SMALL ANIMAL GENERAL RULES**

1. Please refer to general livestock rules.
2. Final Weigh in Participants may weigh a total of 2 animals for single animal entries, and 2 pens of trios for each project.
3. All small animals are subject to a health inspection at the fair and any small animal showing evidence of disease will be immediately dismissed from the fairgrounds.
4. All small animal Exhibitors must compete in showmanship.
5. Permanent ear mark identification must be present on all rabbits and all poultry must be leg-banded before final weigh in.
6. A trio means three animals of the same breed, age and variety.
7. Roasters and fryers will compete together for the overall-grand and reserve champion market title of each species.
8. Ownership dates:

- a. Breeding Poultry – all birds shall be owned and possessed by the member by May 1 of the current year.
  - b. Market Turkeys – Earliest Hatch date is the last week of January of the current year, and must be owned and possessed by the member by May 1 of the current year in order for poults to be of appropriate market age (24 weeks max.)
  - c. Cornish Market chickens – Earliest hatch date is the last week of April of the current year and should be no later than the first week of June of the current year.
  - d. Dual Purpose Market chickens – Earliest hatch date is the first week of February and no later than the last week of March.
  - e. Market ducks must have been hatched after the first of the current year and should be between 7 to 10 weeks old at fair and weigh between 5 to 8 pounds.
  - f. Market geese must have been hatched after the first of the current year and should be between 8 to 22 pounds.
  - g. Breeding Rabbits – all breeding rabbits shall be owned and possessed by the member by May 1 of the current year.
  - h. Market Rabbits - Must be born within the current year and no later than the first week of June.
9. Entries may be shown in either breeding or market classes, but not both.
10. Entries may only be shown by their owners.
11. Market Exhibitors may enter no more than (2) pens per class.
12. Breeding Exhibitors may enter no more than two (2) pens per class.
13. PRIVATE TREATY SALES OF SMALL BREEDING ANIMALS
14. Exhibited small animals can be posted “For Sale” after judging is complete. Leave Exhibitor contact information with the Superintendent. Please do not put contact information on the pens. The Superintendent will have the “for sale” signs on hand. All small animals must be checked out by the Superintendent before leaving the barn.

## Small Animal Showmanship

Each class of species will be divided into separate classes for each age division.

Division: Rabbit Showmanship

Class 1 Rabbits

Overall Grand Showman for each age division

Overall Reserve Showman for each age division

Division: Poultry Showmanship

Class 2 Chickens

Class 3 Turkeys

Class 4 Ducks

Class 5 Geese

Class 6 Peafowl

Class 7 Gamebirds

Overall Grand Showman for each age division

Overall Reserve Showman for each age division

## **MARKET RABBITS**

1. A trio meat pen of rabbits will consist of 3 rabbits of the same breed and variety.
2. Recognized meat breeds are preferred over mixed, but mixed breeds will be accepted only in the meat classes.
3. Meat rabbits are suggested to be between 8 and 12 weeks old, but not to be older than 16 weeks.
4. The combined weight of the 3 rabbits in a pen of fryers should be between 9 and 15 pounds and be between 8 and 12 weeks of age.
5. The combined weight of the 3 rabbits in a pen of roasters should be between 15 and 24 pounds and be between 8 and 12 weeks of age.

Division: Market Rabbits

Class 1 Trio of Roaster Market Rabbits

Class 2 Trio of Fryer Market Rabbits

\*An Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Champion will be awarded.

## **BREEDING RABBITS**

1. American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) standards shall be used by the judge.
2. No mixed breeds are allowed to be shown in breeding rabbit classes.
3. Rabbits will be shown in the breed, sex and age classes recorded by Exhibitor on entry forms.
4. Classes may be added deleted or combined at the discretion of the Superintendent. If 5 or more rabbits in a particular breed are entered, new classes will be formed to accommodate them.
5. Other classes of rabbits may be created at the discretion of the show Superintendent and/or judge.
6. An Exhibitor may not enter more than two entries per class.

Division: Breeding Rabbit

Class 1 Junior Doe, under 6 months of age

Class 2 Junior Buck, under 6 months of age

Class 3 Senior Doe, over 6 months of age

Class 4 Senior Buck, over 6 months of age

Awards for:

Grand Champion Best of Show

Reserve Grand Champion Best of Show

## **POULTRY**

1. All entries must be recognized breeds according to their purpose i.e. meat breeds, egg production breeds, dual-purpose breeds and fancy show breeds.
2. Young Tom, Cockerel (male) or Pullet (female) are birds hatched within the current year.
3. Old Tom, Cock (male) or Hen (female) are birds hatched prior to January 1st of the current year.
4. A crossbred or hybrid trio for egg production shall consist of 3 pullets only, no cockerels.
5. A crossbred or hybrid trio for meat production shall consist of 3 pullets or 3 cockerels.
6. For all divisions of chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese and pigeons, all birds must be identified by leg bands.
7. Other class designations may be established by Superintendent if entries warrant.

## **BREEDING POULTRY CLASSES**

Classes will be organized in order by large fowl type, breed type, sex and then age.

If there are 3 or more poultry of the same breed, sex and age, they will compete in one class together.

### **Large Fowl Breeds**

American Class (Rhode Island Reds, Plymouth Rocks and etc.)

Asiatic Class (Cochins, Langshins etc.)

English Class (Orpingtons, Australorps and etc.)

Mediterranean Class (Leghorns, Minorcas etc.)

Continental Class (Hamburgs, Polish and etc.)

Polish Class

French Class - Crevecoeur, Faverolle, Houdan

Miscellaneous Class - American, Frizzle, Sultan, Turken

All other Standard Breeds (Ameraucanas, Old English and etc.)

### **Bantam Breeds**

Game Bantams (Old English, BB Reds and etc.)

Clean Legged Bantams (Dutch, Japanese and etc.)

Feather Legged Bantams (Cochins, Silkies etc.)

### **Waterfowl**

Ducks - Lightweight drake

Ducks - Medium weight drake

Ducks - Heavy weight drake

Ducks - Lightweight hen

Ducks - Medium weight hen

Ducks - Heavy weight hen

Geese – Gander

Geese – Goose

### **Turkeys**

Young breeding tom born in the current year.

Old breeding tom born prior to current year.

Young breeding hen born in current year.

Old breeding hen born prior to the current year.

## **MARKET CHICKENS CLASSES**

1. A single market chicken entry will consist of three birds of the same breed, variety and age.
2. Market chickens must be from a breed or hybrid of breeds recognized for meat purpose.
3. Processing of market poultry will be the responsibility of the Exhibitor under the Colorado Cottage Foods Act.

Class: Cornish and Cornish Cross Meat Chickens

#### Young Meat Trio of Roasters

The combined weight of a pen of 3 roasters should be between 18 and 27 pounds and be between 8 and 12 weeks old.

#### Young Meat Trio of Fryers

The combined weight of a pen of 3 fryers should be between 12 and 18 pounds. They should be less than 10 weeks old.

#### Class: Slow Growing Hybrid Meat Chickens

##### Young Meat Trio of Roasters

The combined weight of a pen of 3 roasters should be between 18 and 27 pounds and be between 8 and 12 weeks old.

##### Young Meat Trio of Fryers

The combined weight of a pen of 3 fryers should be between 12 and 18 pounds. They should be less than 10 weeks old.

#### Class: Dual-Purpose Chickens

##### Young Trio

Entries will consist of a pen of three, all of the same age and breed.

Dual-Purpose breeds are defined by the American Standard.

Each bird should weigh between 3 - 8 pounds.

Pens exhibited in the Dual-Purpose Class will be eligible for the Junior Livestock Sale.

\*An Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Champion will be awarded

## **MARKET TURKEYS**

1. Market turkeys should be at least 14 lbs. and no more than 40 lbs.
2. Market turkeys must be from a breed or hybrid of breeds recognized for meat purposes.

(1) Young Tom Turkey

(1) Young Hen Turkey

\*An Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Champion will be awarded.

## **MARKET DUCKS**

Market ducks must be from a breed or hybrid of breeds recognized for meat purposes.

(1) Young Drake Duck

(1) Young Hen Duck

\*An Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Champion will be awarded

## **MARKET GOOSE**

(1) Young Goose

\*An Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Champion will be awarded

## EGG PRODUCTION CLASSES

1. Birds must be at least 16 weeks old.
2. A copy of the egg production record is required if hens are laying.
3. Birds will be judged on health, vigor, uniformity in type, weight and production.
4. Egg Production Trio
5. Eggs – Eggs exhibited must have been produced by hens owned by and cared for by the Exhibitor. A single entry will consist of a dozen eggs with a limit of two entries per Exhibitor per breed. Eggs cannot be sold at the Junior Livestock Sale.
  - White – one dozen
  - Brown – one dozen
  - Colored – one dozen
  - Any other – one dozen

Top Egg Layer Contest – The youth with the most eggs laid by check out time will receive the Top Egg Layer Award.

## JR. LIVESTOCK SALE RULES

1. Exhibitors will be allowed to sell an animal of each species, but no more than 5 species, with the exception of grand champion market, reserve champion market and bred and fed champion. If both of the Exhibitor's animals of the same species wins any combination of grand champion market *and* reserve champion market or bred and fed champion, he/she will be able to sale both animals.
2. Clubs and individual Junior Livestock Exhibitors working with the Fair Board Marketing Committee are responsible for contacting and providing appropriate information for potential buyers.
3. Please contact the Sale Committee at the show table immediately following your species' show with your animal's tag # to designate the animal you wish to sell. If Exhibitor fails to notify the sale committee about which animal the Exhibitor intends to sale, the committee will select the highest placing animal and then the heaviest.
4. The allowance of market animals not sold through the Junior Livestock sale to be shipped with sale animals to the designated packing facilities following the sale shall be reviewed annually by the Fair Board.
5. Shipping additional animals from home that were not brought or shown at the county fair is not allowed.
6. A brand inspection certificate will be required for all market cattle.
7. All animals auctioned at the Junior Livestock Sale must meet market requirements established by the judge.
8. The Fair Board will receive a 2 percent commission from the sale of each animal for marketing expenses.
9. Floor prices may be established for all animals selling in each species.
10. Payment will not be delivered to an Exhibitor until animal clears inspection and testing at the processing plant and all payments have been received from the purchasers.
11. If any animal is condemned at slaughter for any reason, the Exhibitor is solely responsible for replacement with a comparable animal and must accept the consequences without recourse against the San Miguel Basin Fair Board, State of Colorado, County of San Miguel, County of Montrose or Colorado State University Extension.



12. If an animal is deemed condemned at time of slaughter the following procedure will be followed:
13. The processing plant will notify the Fair Board.
14. The Fair Board will notify the Exhibitor and ask for a comparable replacement animal.
15. If the Exhibitor CANNOT provide a comparable replacement animal or is not willing to replace the animal, the full replacement cost will be deducted from the Exhibitor's sale proceeds.
16. The San Miguel Basin Fair Board warrants live delivery of animals transported by the authorized transportation of the San Miguel Basin Fair Board to the predetermined processing plant(s). A buyer may choose alternative arrangements but he or she assumes full responsibility of the animal and will no longer be the responsibility of the San Miguel Basin Fair Board and no recourse may be taken against the San Miguel Basin Fair Board, State of Colorado, County of San Miguel, County of Montrose or Colorado State University Extension.
17. Processing poultry and rabbits is the responsibility of the seller and arrangements need to be made with the buyer.

## **4-H Horse Show Rules**

### **General Rules**

1. The San Miguel Basin Youth Horse Show is open to all youth between 8 and 18 years old as of December 31 of the previous year who have met the requirements of the San Miguel Basin 4-H Horse Club schedule. Non-4-H members are eligible to compete only if they have completed the required 4-H Horse Club meetings and activities.
2. There will be no entry fee for San Miguel Basin 4-H participants. Open entry participants (non-4-H) will be charged \$5 per class to enter.
3. All participants will show together in each class. There will be only one set of placings per class.
4. Any horse show rules not addressed in these rules shall be at the discretion of the Horse Show Judge.
5. 4-H participants must designate their equine project animal(s) by May 1 of the current year on the Horse Identification Certificate on 4honline.com.
6. Participants may only show one horse for the entire event. No horse may be shared between riders.
7. Stallions of any age and wet (nursing) mares are not allowed in any class.
8. The Horse Show Superintendents and the appointed Horse Show Committee will manage the show. They reserve the right to combine or eliminate classes and will handle all questions or complaints. Their decisions are final.
9. Any contestant displaying unsafe behavior, unsportsmanlike conduct, or abusive actions toward horses or livestock will be disqualified and excused from the grounds at the discretion of the Superintendents and Horse Show Committee.
10. All tack must follow the Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rulebook. While participants are not restricted to Level 1 tack, all equipment must be safe, discipline-appropriate, and legal per 4-H rules. If illegal tack is used, the rider will be excused from that class and may return once it is corrected. That class's fees and awards will be forfeited.
11. Participants must follow the USEF drug and medication guidelines. See [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org) for current regulations.
12. Participants must wear their assigned back number during each class. Riders without visible numbers will be disqualified from that class.
13. The use of helmets will be to the discretion of the participants and legal guardians. If a participant chooses not to wear a helmet, a completed helmet waiver form must be on file with San Miguel County.
14. Riders must wear attire appropriate to their discipline. Western attire includes jeans, boots with a heel, a button-up or collared shirt, and a cowboy hat, which is required unless the rider is wearing a helmet. Chaps and spurs are optional. English tack is not permitted for this show.
15. There will be one Showmanship class. Western tack and apparel only. Showmanship is required for all participants.
16. All classes and patterns will be set at Colorado 4-H Level 1.

17. The High Point All-Around Award will be based on the cumulative scores from Showmanship, Horsemanship, Ranch Riding, Barrels, Poles, and Flags. Placings: 1st – 10 pts, 2nd – 8 pts, 3rd – 6 pts, 4th – 4 pts. Ties will be broken based on Horsemanship placing.
18. The Horsemanship Award will be judged outside the arena based on grooming, stall/trailer area cleanliness, sportsmanship, horsemanship, and overall presentation throughout the day.
19. Judges will post score sheets as soon as possible after each class.
20. All participants are responsible for cleaning their stalls and hauling waste to the designated area.
21. Classes may be judged individually or on the rail. Once the show order is posted, participants must be ready at the gate within 2 minutes of their class call or will be disqualified from that class.
22. Horse Show patterns will be released by June 15.
23. Entries must be submitted to the Horse Show Committee by July 1.
24. Exhibitors, parents, or spectators may not harass or argue with judges, show staff, or volunteers. Violations will result in removal from the grounds and forfeiture of awards.
25. Obvious lameness will be penalized or excused at the judge's discretion for the safety of the rider and welfare of the horse.
26. Horses that are not under control or present danger to others will be excused.
27. Riders may request a 7-minute time-out for tack failure or lost shoes. Time-out requests must be acknowledged by the judge. If time is exceeded, the rider will be excused.
28. Classes: Showmanship, horsemanship, Ranch Trail

### **Horse Show Classes:**

- Showmanship
- Horsemanship
- Ranch Trail