

San Miguel Basin
COUNTY
FAIR

2026 Fair Book

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2026 FAIRBOOK UPDATES & HIGHLIGHTS

Junior Livestock Sale Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions must sell in the Junior Livestock Sale. If you choose not to sell your Grand or Reserve Champion, you will not be able to sell any animal of that species that year or the following year.

Judge's Discretion Judges may sift an animal for any reason including, in their opinion, the animal not being market ready. If this happens, the animal will not be placed and will not sell in the Junior Livestock Sale.

Day After Sale Remember to leave a clearly labeled halter for each animal being shipped.

Shipping Alternate Animals Alternate animals may be shipped on the fair trailer if space is available. There is a \$10 fee per alternate animal. Fill out the Alternate Shipping Form in advance to arrange shipping and payment.

Final Weigh-In Animals and ear tags must be clean and clearly readable before entering the scale house. If your animal or tags are not clean and readable, you will be sent to the end of the line to get them cleaned up.

White Flag System A white flag warning will be placed on pens or stalls when animals are not properly cared for or pens are not kept sufficiently clean. If proper care is not immediately resumed, the situation will be reviewed by the Fair Board to determine appropriate next steps.

Fitting and Coloring Animals Products that match an animal's natural color may now be used on the entire animal during the fitting process, not just on legs. Color cannot be used to cover or alter an animal's natural color.

Please take time to read through the complete 2026 Fairbook. Knowing the rules helps you and your animals have a great fair experience. If you have questions, the Fair Board and Extension Office are here to help!

INTRODUCTION & GOVERNANCE

2026 Fair Board

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Welcome to the San Miguel Basin Fairbook! These rules guide the smooth operation of our fair and serve as a resource for Fair Board members, county staff, and all participants.

We've worked to cover common situations, but we recognize that not every circumstance can be anticipated. When questions arise that fall outside these written rules, the Fair Board will use good judgment and common sense to make fair decisions.

If you have concerns during the fair, we have formal processes in place, including complaint and protest procedures and a Fair Board appeals process, which are detailed in the following sections. For situations requiring immediate resolution, the Fair Board President, in consultation with the Parks & Open Space Director, has authority to address the issue.

Thank you for being part of our fair community. We're here to support exhibitors, celebrate achievements, and ensure everyone has a positive experience.

Fair Board Authority

The Fair Board reserves the right to change, adjust, or amend any rules at any time as necessary for the fair's operation and the safety and welfare of all participants and animals. The Fair Board has final authority over all matters and decisions, including any situations not specifically addressed in this Fairbook.

Code Of Conduct

All exhibitors, parents, guardians, and family members are expected to demonstrate respect, sportsmanship, and integrity throughout the fair. This includes treating judges, Fair Board members, volunteers, staff, other exhibitors, animals, and fairgrounds property with courtesy and care. Exhibitors are responsible for their own conduct as well as the conduct of their family members and guests.

All fair rules will be strictly enforced. Failure to comply may result in disqualification as determined by judges, superintendents, or the Fair Board.

Conduct Violations

Conduct violations involve behavior, ethics, and interpersonal interactions. These include unsportsmanlike behavior, disrespect, intimidation, harassment, dishonesty, damage to property, interference with other exhibitors' projects, unauthorized communication with judges, or failure to follow the San Miguel County Fairgrounds User's Guide.

Authority and Enforcement

Judges, superintendents, and the Fair Board have the authority to assess violations and determine appropriate sanctions based on the nature, severity, and context of each situation. In cases requiring immediate action, the Fair Board President, in consultation with the Parks & Open Space Director, is authorized to make decisions that will be reviewed by the full Fair Board.

Progressive Discipline for Conduct Violations

Level 1: Verbal Warning and Immediate Correction

First-time minor infractions such as minor disrespect, leaving stalls messy, or minor rule oversights will result in a verbal warning. The exhibitor must correct the behavior immediately, and the incident will be documented by the Fair Board or superintendent.

Level 2: Corrective Action

Repeated minor infractions or moderate first-time offenses such as continued disrespect, interference with another exhibitor, or damage to property will require the exhibitor to complete assigned corrective actions such as additional chores or community service hours at the fair.

Level 3: Class Disqualification and Forfeiture

Serious infractions or repeated violations, such as dishonesty, harassment, or significant property damage, will result in disqualification from specific classes or events. All awards from affected classes will be forfeited. A formal written warning will be issued with potential impact on future participation, and the incident will be documented and reviewed by the Fair Board.

Level 4: Immediate Removal and Suspension

Severe violations including physical or verbal abuse toward any person will result in the involved party being immediately removed from the fairgrounds. All awards will be forfeited, and a minimum one-year suspension from all market animal showing and the Junior Livestock Sale will be imposed. If physical abuse occurs, local authorities will be notified. The Fair Board may extend the suspension based on severity, and reinstatement requires Fair Board approval.

Show Rule and Sale Violations

Show rule violations involve technical requirements, animal preparation, exhibition procedures, and competition standards. These are distinct from conduct violations and are enforced to maintain fair competition and animal welfare.

Minor Show Rule Violations

Minor violations may include late arrival to show ring, missing or incorrect stall identification, failure to meet animal care requirements resulting in white flag warning, or failure to double-check sale order or class splits. These violations will result in immediate correction, a verbal warning, and documentation of the incident. Repeated minor violations may result in class disqualification.

Major Show Rule Violations

Major violations may include improper animal preparation not meeting ethical standards, unauthorized removal of livestock from fairgrounds, or not following verbal instructions coming from the judge, fairboard, or superintendents. These violations will result in immediate disqualification from the specific class and written documentation in the exhibitor's record. The exhibitor may continue in other classes at the discretion of the superintendent and Fair Board.

Severe Show Rule Violations

Severe violations include any deliberate acts of deception, fraud, illegal animal

manipulation, falsification of records, or attempts to manipulate competition outcomes or sales. These violations will result in immediate disqualification, forfeiture of all awards and proceeds, and a mandatory one-year suspension from all market classes and the Junior Livestock Sale.

Complaints and Protests

The San Miguel County Fair Board is responsible for enforcing all fair rules and has the authority to make final decisions on complaints and protests.

1. All complaints and protests must be submitted in writing to a Fair Board member and must include:
 - Date and time of incident
 - Location
 - Names of involved parties
 - Names of witnesses
 - Detailed description of what happened
2. The Fair Board meets daily during fair week to address complaints.
 - Complaints filed before 5:00 p.m. are heard at the next meeting
 - Complaints filed after 5:00 p.m. are heard the following day
3. A \$100 cash deposit must accompany each complaint.
 - Refunded in full if the complaint is upheld
 - Deposited into Fair operations account if not upheld
4. The Fair Board will hear from all parties involved and announce their decision by 10:00 a.m. the day after the hearing.
5. Any person or animal involved in a complaint may remain on the fairgrounds while the decision is pending.

Fair Board Appeals Process

Exhibitors and their families have the right to appeal Fair Board decisions to the San Miguel County Administrator or their appointed designee. Appeals must be submitted in writing within 60 days following the end of the fair in which the violation occurred. The San Miguel County Administrator will review the appeal and notify the exhibitor of their decision in writing.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Annual Dessert Contest & Tasting Party

See schedule

Contact: Katie Alexander, Superintendent

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General Rules

1. The Annual Dessert Contest is open to all residents of San Miguel and West Montrose Counties, regardless of age. A separate non-resident contest is open to any non-local participants.
2. All entries must be homemade. Entries may be fresh or previously frozen, but pies and cakes must be fully cooled or thawed at judging time.
3. Pie dishes must be disposable or clearly marked with your name. You are responsible for locating your dish after the tasting.
4. Cakes must be on non-returnable plates or covered cardboard. Ice cream containers must 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. Youth category is defined as 16 years old and under as of January 1st of the current year.
7. Professional status will be determined by the dessert contest Superintendent.

Contest Categories

Pies

- Professional: Any Type
- Non-Professional: Double Crust Pie (fruit, berry, etc.)
- Non-Professional: Single Crust Pie
- Youth: Any Type

Cakes

- 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

- Youth: Any Dessert

International

- Adult: Any Dessert
- Youth: Any Dessert

Non-Resident

- Adult: Any Dessert

Open Breeding Livestock Shows

Entry Requirements

1. All open breeding livestock entries must be submitted to the Fair Board or San Miguel Basin Extension Office by the close of business on the last Friday of June. Late entries are subject to approval by the Fair Board.
2. Open breeding livestock entries will be limited to available barn space. Animal numbers will be allocated to present the best possible breed display for the show. After the entry deadline, the Fair reserves the right to adjust breed divisions to ensure show equity.
3. Animals shown in the Junior Livestock Show are allowed to compete in the open breeding show.

Documentation and Identification

4. Proof of ownership and identification requirements must be provided for all animals. All registration certificates must be submitted to the Fair Board at least two hours before judging and must be available at all times.

Health and Animal Care Requirements

5. All animals must be free from contagious diseases. Any animal showing indication of poor health will be removed immediately from the fair and will not receive cash awards. The Fair Board may refuse entries at the gate.
6. All animals must be properly cared for at all times. Pens, stalls, tack areas, and aisles must be properly cleaned and maintained throughout the fair.
7. Any veterinary expenses occurring during fair time are the responsibility of the exhibitor.
8. If an animal dies at the fair, the Fair reserves the right to perform a postmortem examination at the exhibitor's expense.

Exhibitor Responsibilities

9. All exhibitors must abide by the San Miguel County Fairgrounds User's Guide.
10. Exhibitors are responsible for ensuring the livestock facility and activities are safe for themselves and the public.
11. All reasonable measures will be taken to ensure the safety of animals, exhibitors, and the public.
12. All exhibitors are expected to participate in both Fair Setup and Cleanup.

Special Youth Contests

Catch-A-Heifer Contest

See schedule

Event Superintendent: Hugh Hardman

Open to 4-H and FFA Members

2025 Program Update

The Catch-a-Heifer contest will not be held in 2026. We are grateful for the generous donors and dedicated participants who have made this program a valuable learning experience over the years.

Participants who received a heifer at the 2025 San Miguel Basin Fair are expected to fulfill all requirements outlined in their Catch-a-Heifer contract. Completing your project demonstrates responsibility, commitment, and the valuable skills gained through raising and caring for your animal.

Requirements for 2025 Catch-a-Heifer Recipients

1. Participants must bring their heifer to the 2026 fair and show in the Breeding Heifer class.
2. Participants must complete a breeding heifer record book and submit it by the record book deadline.
3. Heifers may be stabled with the participant's other beef projects in the designated area.
4. All heifers must be vaccinated for Brucellosis in accordance with the State of Colorado law prior to arrival at the fair.
5. Heifers must meet all health and safety requirements for beef projects as outlined in the Livestock General Rules section and 2025 Catch-a-Heifer contract.
6. Upon successful completion of all contract requirements, full ownership of the heifer will be transferred to the participant.

For questions about your Catch-a-Heifer contract requirements, please contact Superintendent Hugh Hardman or the Extension Office

Catch-A-Chicken Contest

See schedule

Where: Events Center

Event Superintendent: Regan Snyder, reganlisnyder@gmail.com or (970) 210-3447

Open to youth under 8 years as of January 1 of current year

General Eligibility Requirements

1. Participants must be between 4 and 8 years old as of January 1st of the current year.
 - Classes will be divided into two age groups: 4 to 6 year-olds and 7 to 8 year-olds
 - Multiple classes per age group may be created based on the number of entries
2. The San Miguel Basin Fair Board is not responsible for injuries or accidents.

Application Process

3. Applications must be completed at least one day prior to the event.
 - Turn in at the CSU Extension Office
 - Complete online at www.smbcountyfair.org
 - Give to a Fair Board member
4. Participants and their parents must:
 - Agree to all Catch-a-Chicken Contest requirements
 - Sign a liability release waiver
 - Pay the \$10 participation fee by cash or check

Event Execution

5. The superintendent will oversee the event.
6. Each chicken will be fitted with a cloth saddle with a Velcro-attached number.
7. Contestants will enter the ring with the numbered chickens.
8. The superintendent will signal when contestants may begin.
9. Contestants must pull the Velcro number off the chicken's back without restraining the chicken. The first contestant to successfully remove a number will be declared the winner.

Contest Prizes

10. Winners in the 4 to 6 year old age group may choose to:
 - Keep the chicken, OR
 - Receive \$20 cash
11. Winners in the 7 to 8 year old age group may choose to:
 - Keep the chicken, OR
 - Receive \$20 cash
 - PLUS receive a \$100 gift certificate to a local hatchery or farm supply store, redeemable the following year

Winners in the older age group are encouraged to enroll in 4-H poultry the following year.

Lamb, Goat and Calf Pee-Wee Showmanship

Contact: Regan Snyder, reganlisnyder@gmail.com or (970) 210-3447
Open to youth under 8 years as of January 1 of current year

The Pee-Wee Livestock Show is a fun, non-competitive activity for children under 8 years old. This class helps young people grow and develop while introducing them to livestock showing.

Event Details

1. The Pee-Wee class is held at the beginning of the beef and lamb/goat shows.
2. Animals should arrive and check in at 5:30 p.m. at the show table.
3. All exhibitors receive participation ribbons and/or prizes.

Participation Requirements

4. Exhibitors may show calves, lambs, or goats born in the current year.
5. The animal does not need to be owned by the exhibitor.
6. A parent or helper may accompany the exhibitor in the show ring.
7. Exhibitors must notify a Fair Board member by July 1st to participate. There are no entry fees.
8. The show Superintendent and Fair Board have final authority on safety concerns.

OPEN FAIR & ART DIVISION

Open Fair & Art Division General Rules

Eligibility

1. Competition is open to all residents of San Miguel and West Montrose Counties. Exhibitors must have a permanent residence address in San Miguel or West Montrose County.
2. All entries must have been prepared, created, grown, or made by the exhibitor since the prior year's fair. Items made before the last fair will be accepted for display only and will not be judged.
3. Exhibitors may choose to display items without being judged.

Entry Requirements

4. Entry forms will be available at the Extension Office one week prior to the fair.
5. Entries will be accepted according to the Calendar of Events listed in this book.
6. Each exhibitor may enter up to three items per section.
7. All exhibits must be picked up by the designated time and date at the close of the fair.

Age Divisions

8. All exhibitors must designate their entry as Kid, Youth, Teen, Adult, or Professional. Age is determined as of January 1 of the current year.
 - Kids: 8 years and under
 - Youth: 9 to 14 years
 - Teen: 15 to 17 years
 - Adult: 18 years and over
 - Professional: Anyone selling pictures or artwork for more than \$500 total per year
9. Sale prices may be posted on artwork and pictures after judging. Open Fair management is not responsible for selling exhibits.

Judging and Awards

10. Commercial kits will be grouped and judged on skill, not creativity.
11. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded in each department. First through fifth place ribbons will be awarded in each section. All awards are given at the discretion of the judge.

12. Fair visitors will vote for "People's Choice" awards, and ribbons will be placed accordingly.

Liability and Administration

13. Fair management staff and volunteers will work diligently to ensure the safety and security of exhibits. However, San Miguel County, Montrose County, San Miguel Basin Fair Board, Norwood Schools, and fair management are not responsible for loss or damage to exhibits.
14. Open Fair Superintendents may add sections not listed in this book or divide sections into classes based on the number of entries.
15. Open Fair donations are greatly appreciated.

OPEN FAIR DEPARTMENTS

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 should 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, 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, 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, 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 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 a 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. Pies 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

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.

All canned products must include the following information on the label:

- Name of canned good
- Method of preparation (type syrup, type pack, any additional ingredients added) applies to product canned
- Method of processing (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
- Elevation at which processing was done
- Exact processing time and date
- 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

- Adult wear
- Seasonal, infant through pre-teen
- Seasonal, adult

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 - Scrapbooking

- 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

Department 1000 - "The Betty Ragsdale Creative Expressions"

This 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 "C" and tie them into a theme. For example, an entry might feature cats, cookies, candles, etc. Items will be judged by the public for the most creative entry.

Section B - Legos

4-H & FFA ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

4-H Member Eligibility

Age & Enrollment Requirements

Age Divisions (determined as of December 31st of the previous year):

1. **Junior:** 8 to 10 years old
2. **Intermediate:** 11 to 13 years old
3. **Senior:** 14 to 18 years old
4. **Cloverbuds:** 5 to 7 years old (may not participate in livestock projects or sale)

Enrollment Deadlines:

5. Livestock/Animal projects: Enroll by February 1
6. General projects: Enroll by April 1
7. Project drops allowed until April 1
8. Exceptions must be approved by the Extension Office by the deadline

Requirements to Be Eligible for Fair

To show at the San Miguel Basin Fair, a 4-H member must:

9. Be enrolled in a project for the current year
10. Attend six (6) club meetings
11. Complete a demonstration or public presentation
12. Participate in a club community service project
13. Participate in showmanship or a project interview
14. For returning members, have completed a record book with a score or 70% or higher the previous year
15. Be a member in good standing

Record Book Deadline: Second Friday in August to the Extension Office

4-H Livestock Eligibility

Youth Meat Quality Assurance (MQA)

All 4-H members enrolled in market and/or breeding livestock projects must complete MQA:

1. **Junior/Intermediate (ages 8-13):** Complete MQA once as a first-year livestock member
2. **Senior (ages 14-18):** Complete MQA again when they turn 14 years old
3. **First-time members 14+:** Complete MQA only once

Animal Ownership & Identification

4. Members must own animals by species-specific weigh-in dates
5. Each animal must be individually identified (ear tags, tattoos, etc.)
6. Siblings cannot share or swap animals after final weigh-in

Compliance Requirements

7. Sign Wholesome Meat Act statement in record book
8. Sign and follow 4-H Humane Animal Care Guidelines
9. Comply with all Colorado anti-tampering and drugging laws
10. Records must be kept on file for 12 months after livestock sale

FFA Member Eligibility

FFA Membership Requirements

To exhibit at the San Miguel Basin Fair, FFA members must:

1. Be enrolled in at least one agricultural education course during the school year
2. Be in good academic standing in all agricultural education courses
3. Be in good standing with their local FFA chapter
4. Show interest in the organization through meetings and activities

Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE)

All FFA exhibitors must have an active SAE project:

SAE must include one of the following:

1. **Ownership/Entrepreneurship:** Own and operate an agricultural business
2. **Placement/Internship:** Job or internship on a farm, ranch, or ag business
3. **Research:** Plan and conduct a scientific experiment
4. **School-Based Enterprise:** Student-led business operated from school
5. **Service Learning:** Project providing service to community

SAE Supervision Requirements:

1. FFA Advisor must complete at least one SAE visit to inspect the project
2. Visit must be documented
3. Records must be current and satisfactory as of June 1

County Fair Eligibility Form

Deadline: June 1

1. FFA members must complete the County Fair Eligibility Form (NOT the Colorado FFA Record Book)
2. Form must be signed by FFA Advisor
3. Form must be submitted by FFA member to the San Miguel Basin Fair Board by June 1st

FFA Livestock Eligibility

Quality Assurance Training

All FFA members showing livestock must complete:

1. Youth Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) or Youth for Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)
2. Training must be current for the fair year
3. Certificate must be on file with Extension Office

Animal Project Requirements

Ownership & Identification:

4. Animals must be owned by species-specific weigh-in dates
5. Each animal must be individually identified (ear tags, tattoos, etc.)
6. Animals must be documented as part of member's SAE project

SAE Integration:

7. All livestock must be part of documented SAE program
8. Records must include acquisition costs, feeding costs, and time invested
9. FFA Advisor must conduct at least one on-site visit to inspect animal projects
10. Visit must verify proper housing, nutrition, health care, and handling

Compliance Requirements

11. Sign and follow 4-H/FFA Humane Animal Care Guidelines
12. Comply with Wholesome Meat Act
13. Follow IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics
14. Comply with all Colorado anti-tampering and drugging laws
15. Maintain financial and production records for animals

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LIVESTOCK GENERAL RULES

General Rules

The San Miguel Basin Fair Board has established the following livestock requirements to provide a safe, educational experience for junior livestock exhibitors and to ensure fair competition.

The Fair Board is responsible for determining all rules and regulations for the county fair in cooperation with CSU Extension rules for 4-H and FFA. The Fair Board has final jurisdiction in disputes regarding exhibiting at the fair, except for matters related to 4-H and FFA eligibility.

Acknowledgement of Rules

1. All current CSU Extension 4-H Policies, FFA Policies, and San Miguel Basin Fair Rules will be distributed to each member annually.
2. The acknowledgement form must 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.
3. This ensures that all policies and rules have been read, understood, and agreed upon by each member and their parent or guardian.

General Conduct Rules

1. Except for emergencies, no person shall enter a pen and handle animals unless the member and/or parent are present.
2. Parents and leaders are only responsible for their child's or their club's animals and displays. There will be no interference with another club or another child's project.
3. Leaders, 4-H members, FFA advisors, exhibitors, and parents are responsible for following all the rules in the current Fair Rule Book.

General Fair Operations

Health Inspections and Disease Control

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.
2. All animals will be inspected at the final weigh-in by the Fair Board, Extension Staff, Superintendent, or veterinarian. All stall areas will be inspected as well.

Species-Specific Health Requirements

3. **Swine:** Swine fed raw garbage will not be allowed on the grounds. Swine showing evidence or symptoms of the following disease conditions (but not limited to) will not be allowed on grounds:
 - Lice
 - Scabies
 - Atrophic Rhinitis
 - Jowl Abscesses
 - Mange
 - Any other infectious or contagious disease, sign of malnutrition, or any other animal welfare concern
4. **Sheep:** Scrapies ID (Flock ID) tags are required for all sheep Any sheep showing evidence or symptoms of the following disease conditions (but not limited to) will not be allowed on grounds:
 - Sore Mouth
 - Epididymitis
 - Ringworm
 - Scabies
 - Any other infectious or contagious disease, sign of malnutrition, or any other animal welfare concern
5. **Cattle:** Any cattle showing evidence or symptoms of the following disease conditions (but not limited to) will not be accepted on the grounds:
 - Respiratory Infections
 - Ringworm (unless under treatment by directions of veterinarian with proof required)
 - Scabies
 - Any other infectious or contagious disease, sign of malnutrition, or any other animal welfare concern
6. **Goats:** Scrapies (Flock ID) tags are required for all goats Any goat showing evidence or symptoms of any of the following disease conditions (but not limited to) will not be allowed on grounds:
 - Sore mouth
 - Ringworm
 - Caseous lymphadenitis (CL)
 - Pink eye
 - Lice
 - Any other infectious or contagious disease, sign of malnutrition, or any other animal welfare concern
7. **Poultry and Rabbits:** Poultry and rabbits will be inspected upon arrival. Any animal showing evidence or symptoms of the following disease conditions (but not limited to) will not be allowed on the grounds:
 - Lice

- Mites
- Any other infectious or contagious disease, sign of malnutrition, or any other animal welfare concern

Weigh-In Requirements

1. Attendance at the initial and final weigh-in is required for all large and small animal market species and exhibitors. There will be no late weigh-ins of livestock projects.
2. Members who must be absent during 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 **requesting** to be excused. The Fair Board must approve the absence, and members must make arrangements to have their animals brought to the weigh-in.
3. 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. Ensure you have someone present to help with your animal. Junior livestock exhibitors must be present at the weigh-in.
4. An exhibitor can weigh in three animals of one species or three pens of small animals at the first weigh-in. Immediate members of the same household may share alternates.
5. Exhibitors can only weigh in two market animals or two market pens of a species at the final weigh-in. Exhibitors must designate a primary animal and declare ownership of each family alternate at the final weigh-in and before market classes can be created.

Preparation Requirements

6. All market animals must be dry at final weigh-in.
7. At final weigh-in, all lambs must be clean shorn, sheared at least once between initial and final weigh-in.
8. All livestock animals must be properly castrated and lambs docked prior to initial weigh-in dates. At weigh-in, if these animals are not properly castrated or docked, 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.
9. Market beef must be halter broken. A market beef not manageable at final weigh-in will be disqualified and sent home.

Weight Requirements

10. The market animal weight requirements at final weigh-in for entry in the fair are as follows:

- Lamb: minimum weight of 100 pounds
- Goat: minimum weight of 50 pounds
- Market steers: minimum weight of 1,050 pounds
- Market heifers: minimum weight of 1,000 pounds
- Swine: minimum weight of 220 pounds and maximum weight of 300 pounds

Average Daily Gain Requirements

11. 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:
 - Lambs: 0.25 pounds per day (initial weigh-in is in May)
 - Goats: 0.10 pounds per day (initial weigh-in is in May)
 - Beef: 1.25 pounds per day (initial weigh-in is in January)

Sifting

1. The Fair Board may implement a sifting process at final weigh-in for all market species to help ensure livestock animals are ready for market. During sifting, animals are evaluated to confirm they meet the market readiness standards before being allowed to proceed through weigh-in and show.
2. Judges have the ability to sift animals at any time during the fair if they determine an animal does not meet market standards or is unfit for show.
3. Animals that do not pass the sifting process will not be permitted to show or sell in the Junior Livestock Sale.

Identification and Tags

1. All market lambs and goats must comply with federal scrapie regulations and must have a scrapie ID tag at initial and final weigh-in. Lambs and goats will not be weighed or sold without a tag present. Breeding animals must have a scrapies tag in order to show.
2. If a market animal loses a county or federal identification tag, the exhibitor must notify the fair board immediately. The Fair Board will make arrangements to retag the animal with a new tag.
3. Exhibitors must make sure county identification tags are clean and clearly readable at final weigh-in.

Re-Weighing Policy

1. No re-weighing will be allowed. Sale weights will be taken from the final weigh-in list.

Stall Requirements and Animal Care

1. Junior livestock exhibitors must post identification on their stalls immediately upon placement of livestock. Identification must include the exhibitor's name, species, and tag number.
2. Care of livestock is the sole responsibility of the junior livestock exhibitor.
3. All livestock must have water available and must be fed in a timely manner at least twice each day.
4. Animal stalls and aisle areas must be kept clean and presentable throughout the day.
5. All water containers must be secured to fences, and every effort must be taken to keep moisture off the ground.
6. Exhibitors whose animals are not properly cared for or pens are not kept sufficiently clean will receive a white flag warning on their pen. If proper care is not resumed, the animal will be dismissed from the fair at the discretion of the Fair Board.

Drenching

1. Drenching for hydration purposes is permitted using drench guns that allow voluntary swallowing by the animal. Exhibitors must receive approval from the Fair Board before drenching and must perform drenching only in the stabling/grooming area.
2. Drenching for any other purpose requires the consent of a veterinarian. If a veterinarian is not present, two Fair Board members or one Fair Board member along with the show superintendent must authorize and supervise the drenching process.
3. Stomach pumps, tubing or any invasive hydration methods are only allowed under the advice or practice of a veterinarian.

Ethical Practices and Conduct

1. 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.
2. There will be no verbal or physical abuse of any volunteers, leaders, Fair Board members, superintendents, or judges.
3. There will be no communication with any judges (small animal, livestock, ultrasound, round robin, or general) prior to or during the shows.

Show Ring Rules

1. Market livestock must remain on the premises during the fair unless excused by the superintendent. No livestock will be removed from the fairgrounds during a livestock show.
2. Exhibitors must show and parade their animals in the ring provided at the discretion of the superintendent or judge. No feeding of livestock in the show ring is permitted. Violations will result in immediate disqualification.
3. 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 the 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.
4. Exhibitors must show their own animal in all classes unless:
 - The exhibitor's animal died and the exhibitor does not own an alternate animal. If the exhibitor does not have an alternate, they may ask to borrow an animal from another exhibitor to show in the showmanship class only.
 - An exhibitor has two animals in one class or grand championship drive and may ask another exhibitor to show one of their animals
 - An exhibitor is injured or unable to show. With approval of the Fair Board, another exhibitor may show the animal
5. If an animal is deemed by the San Miguel Basin Fair Board unsafe to be shown, the exhibitor may complete their project by participating in a project interview.
6. 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.

Liability and Responsibility

1. 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.
2. The exhibitor is solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury, or damage done to or by any animal exhibited by them, as well as any damage or injury to any other person or property.

Fitting Of Livestock

Prohibited Practices

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 following substances and methods are prohibited:
 - Tranquilizers and/or anesthetics without a veterinarian's prescription
 - Injectable steroid substances to enhance muscle development
 - Diuretics to reduce water content of animals
 - Back pour insecticides as "hair set" for beef cattle
 - Ice packs or other refrigerants (including rubbing alcohol) to alter the quality of the finish of an animal
 - Icing of animals is not allowed. Wet towels only will be acceptable. Towels immersed in ice water will not be allowed.

Coloring and Appearance

1. No animal shall be decorated with any unnecessary trappings during judging.
2. 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. For example, black products may be used on a black-hided animal, red on a red-hided animal, and white on a white-hided animal. Under no circumstance can color be used to alter an animal's natural color.
3. 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.

Exhibitor Responsibilities

1. 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 species superintendent, will forfeit all prizes and the owner of the animal may be barred from future participation until such time as reinstatement is made by the Fair Board.
2. All exhibitors named as owners will accept and acknowledge responsibility for the custody, care, and feeding of their animals.

3. 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 or FFA advisor
 - A 4-H or FFA volunteer
 - 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
4. Professional fitters are not permitted.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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. All participants must check in and out with a person designated by the Fair Board.
3. If a livestock exhibitor does not participate in either event, they will not be allowed to participate in the following year's fair.
4. If a livestock exhibitor has extenuating circumstances that prevent them from participating in set up or clean-up, they must submit a written request to the Fair Board for permission to be excused from the event.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK BREEDING CLASSES

General Breeding Class Rules

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. Breeding animals are not eligible for slaughter. Animals shown in breeding classes will not be shipped for processing with market animals at the conclusion of the fair.

4. Classes may be divided, added, or combined at the discretion of the superintendent or Fair Board.

Species-Specific Health Requirements

Cattle: All female breeding cattle must be vaccinated for Brucellosis in accordance with the Federal Brucellosis Program.

Sheep and Goats: All breeding sheep and goats must be tagged with a USDA official scrapie ID tag.

Swine: All breeding swine must be vaccinated against leptospirosis (6-way) including bratislava and erysipelas, and must receive at least one booster for swine influenza.

Breeding Beef Classes

- Yearling Heifers
- Cow and Calf Pair
- Bulls (less than 1 year old)

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)
- Buck (born in 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)
- Buckling (born in current year)

Breeding Swine Classes

- Breeding Gilt (not older than one year of age at time of show)
- No mature boars or sows will be allowed

SMALL ANIMAL SHOWS

General Small Animal Rules

Please refer to the general livestock rules. The following rules are specific to small animals.

Weigh-In Requirements

1. Market small animals must attend the initial weigh-in prior to fair at the date and time established by the San Miguel Basin Fair Board. An exhibitor may weigh in three animals or three pens at the initial weigh-in.
2. At final weigh-in, exhibitors may weigh a total of two animals for single animal entries and two pens of trios for each project.

Health and Identification

1. All small animals are subject to a health inspection at the fair. Any small animal showing evidence of disease will be immediately dismissed from the fairgrounds.
2. Permanent ear mark identification must be present on all rabbits and all poultry must be leg-banded before final weigh-in.

Showmanship Requirement

1. All small animal exhibitors must compete in showmanship.

Ownership Requirements

- **Breeding Poultry:** All birds must be owned and possessed by the exhibitor by May 1 of the current year.
- **Market Turkeys, Ducks and Geese:** Must be owned and possessed by the exhibitor by May 1 of the current year.
- **Market Chickens:** All market chickens must be owned and possessed by the exhibitor by June 1 of the current year.
- **Breeding Rabbits:** All breeding rabbits must be owned and possessed by the exhibitor by May 1 of the current year.
- **Market Rabbits:** All market rabbits must be owned and possessed by the exhibitor by June 15 of the current year.

Entry Restrictions

1. Entries may be shown in either breeding or market classes, but not both.
2. Entries may only be shown by their owners.
3. Market exhibitors may enter no more than two pens per class.
4. Breeding exhibitors may enter no more than two pens per class.
5. A trio means three animals of the same breed, age, and variety.

Competition Structure

Roasters and fryers will compete together for the overall grand and reserve champion market title of each species.

Private Treaty Sales of Small Breeding Animals

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 "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
 - Grand Showman for each age division
 - Reserve Showman for each age division

Division: Poultry & Fowl Showmanship

- Class 2: Chickens
- Class 3: Turkeys
- Class 4: Ducks
- Class 5: Geese
- Class 6: Peafowl
- Class 7: Gamebirds
- Overall Grand Poultry & Fowl Showman for each age division
- Overall Reserve Poultry & Fowl Showman for each age division

Market Rabbits

1. Market rabbit pens will be judged according to the latest ARBA Standard of Perfection (2021-2026).
2. Meat pens shall consist of three rabbits of the same breed and variety.
3. Recognized meat breeds are preferred over mixed, but mixed breeds will be accepted only in the meat classes.
4. If a pen is from a breed having a broken color variety, the entire pen must be of the same color variety.
5. Meat rabbits must be less than 10 weeks old at time of show.
6. The minimum weight for each rabbit is 3.5 pounds and the maximum weight is 5.5 pounds.
7. A meat pen does not necessarily have to come from the same litter.
8. Only market rabbits are eligible for the Junior Livestock Sale.

Market Rabbit Classes

- 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 five 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.

Breeding Rabbit Classes

- 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:

- Grand Champion Best of Show
- Reserve Grand Champion Best of Show

Poultry General Rules

1. All entries must be recognized breeds according to their purpose: 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 1 of the current year.
4. A crossbred or hybrid trio for egg production shall consist of three pullets only, no cockerels.
5. A crossbred or hybrid trio for meat production shall consist of three pullets or three 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 the superintendent if entries warrant.

Breeding Poultry Classes

1. Classes will be organized in order by large fowl type, breed type, sex, and then age.
2. If there are three 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, etc.)
- Asiatic Class (Cochins, Langshans, etc.)
- English Class (Orpingtons, Australorps, etc.)
- Mediterranean Class (Leghorns, Minorcas, etc.)
- Continental Class (Hamburgs, Polish, etc.)
- French Class (Crevecoeur, Faverolle, Houdan)
- Miscellaneous Class (Ameraucana, Frizzle, Sultan, Turken)
- All Other Standard Breeds (Old English, etc.)

Bantam Breeds

- Game Bantams (Old English, BB Reds, etc.)
- Clean Legged Bantams (Dutch, Japanese, etc.)
- Feather Legged Bantams (Cochins, Silkies, etc.)

Waterfowl - Ducks

- Lightweight Drake
- Medium Weight Drake
- Heavy Weight Drake
- Lightweight Hen
- Medium Weight Hen
- Heavy Weight Hen

Waterfowl - Geese

- Gander
- Goose

Turkeys

- Young Breeding Tom (born in current year)
- Old Breeding Tom (born prior to current year)
- Young Breeding Hen (born in current year)
- Old Breeding Hen (born prior to current year)

Market Chicken 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.

Cornish and Cornish Cross Meat Chickens

1. Young Meat Trio of Roasters: Combined weight must be between 18 and 27 pounds and be less than 12 weeks old.
2. Young Meat Trio of Fryers: Combined weight must be between 12 and 18 pounds and be less than 8 weeks old.

Slow Growing Hybrid Meat Chickens

1. Young Meat Trio of Roasters: Combined weight must be between 18 and 27 pounds and be less than 14 weeks old.
2. Young Meat Trio of Fryers: Combined weight must be between 12 and 18 pounds and be less than 10 weeks old.

Dual-Purpose Chickens

1. 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 shall weigh between 3 and 8 pounds and be less than 8 months old.
2. 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

Market turkeys must be from a breed or hybrid of breeds recognized for meat purposes, weigh between 14 and 40 pounds, and be no more than 24 weeks old.

Market Turkey Classes

- Young Tom Turkey (one bird)
- Young Hen Turkey (one bird)

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, weigh between 5 and 16 pounds, and be between 7 to 12 weeks old.

Market Duck Classes

- Young Drake Duck (one bird)
- Young Hen Duck (one bird)

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

Market Geese

Market geese must be from a breed or hybrid of breeds recognized for meat purposes, weigh between 10 and 26 pounds, and be no more than 14 weeks old.

Market Goose Class

- Young Goose (one bird)

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.

Egg Production Trio

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 checkout time will receive the Top Egg Layer Award.

SPECIAL COMPETITIONS & AWARDS

Junior Market Livestock Rate Of Gain Contest

1. Exhibitors must participate in the initial species weigh-in to obtain a beginning weight to be eligible for the rate of gain contest.
2. 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.
3. The calculation subtracts the animal's 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.

4. 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.
5. The animal must meet final minimum and/or maximum weight requirements to be eligible for the rate of gain contest.
6. A prize will be given to the exhibitor of the highest gaining animal of each species.

Carcass Contest

1. A carcass contest will be conducted for market beef, lambs, goats, and pigs.
2. Animals that qualify for the market classes are eligible for the contest. Animals must have met the final minimum and/or maximum weight requirements and gain requirements to be eligible for the carcass contest.
3. First place will receive a cash prize.
4. Exhibitors may be required to pay a nominal entry fee.

County Bred And Fed Contest

Eligibility Requirements

1. Contest will be made available to market beef, lambs, goats and pigs.
2. The animal being shown must have been born in San Miguel or West Montrose County (school districts R-1, RE2, and R2J).
3. Artificial insemination (AI) and embryo transfer are recognized methods of herd improvement.
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 species.

Entry Requirements

5. Exhibitors must turn in a County Bred and Fed form at the initial weigh-in or by the deadline indicated on the form in order to be eligible to compete in the class at fair. The form will be made available through the county Extension Office.

Competition Structure

6. The class will occur 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 class 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.

Stockmanship Award

1. The Stockmanship award will be given to the top exhibitor of each of the following livestock: Beef, Sheep, Goat, Swine, Rabbit, and Poultry and Fowl.
2. Judging criteria will be based on livestock pen quality, presentation, representation, and organization.
3. Judging will be based on 75% from a judge and 25% peer review.
4. Voting ends by the end of the beef show. Each livestock participant will receive five voting cards.

Judging Criteria

Exhibitors will be judged on the following criteria:

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

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 must show the same animal with which they won their respective showmanship division unless the exhibitor receives permission from the Fair Board to substitute a different animal due to safety concerns or difficulty showing the original animal. 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 or 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 2-5 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. 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 three 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 species 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 2-3 minutes with each species.
6. Contestants will start the contest by rotating clockwise one species. They will end up showing his or her own animal in the last go round. Seniors will show senior entries, intermediates will show intermediate entries, and juniors will show junior entries.
7. Contestants must show all species of animals.
8. The highest cumulative score determines the winner.
9. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded in Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE RULES

Sale Eligibility and Limits

1. Exhibitors will be allowed to sell an animal of each species, but no more than five species, with the exception of Grand Champion Market, Reserve Champion Market, and Bred and Fed Champion. If both of an exhibitor's animals of the same species wins any combination of Grand Champion Market and Reserve Champion Market or Bred and Fed Champion, he or she will be able to sell both animals.
2. Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions must sell in the Junior Livestock Sale. If you choose not to sell your Grand or Reserve Champion, you will not be able to sell any animal of that species that year or the following year.
3. If an exhibitor or consignee withdraws an animal from the sale without Fair Board approval, they will be banned from participating in market classes for one year.

Marketing and Sale Designation

4. Clubs and individual junior livestock exhibitors working with the Fair Board Marketing Committee are responsible for contacting and providing appropriate information to potential buyers.
5. Exhibitors must contact the Sale Committee at the show table immediately following their species' show with their animal's tag number to designate the animal they wish to sell. If an exhibitor fails to notify the sale committee about which animal they intend to sell, the committee will select the highest placing animal and then the heaviest.
6. The sale committee will set the sale order the night before the Junior Livestock Sale. Exhibitors are responsible for double-checking the sale order and class

splits to ensure accuracy. Any discrepancies must be reported to the fair office before the sale begins.

7. Once an animal is designated for sale, no substitutions are permitted.

Documentation and Requirements

8. A brand inspection certificate will be required for all market cattle.
9. All animals auctioned at the Junior Livestock Sale must meet market requirements established by the judge.
10. All market goats and market lambs must be tagged with proper scrapies tag identification.

Financial Terms

11. The Fair Board will receive a 2 percent commission from the sale of each animal for marketing expenses.
12. Floor prices may be established for all animals selling in each species.
13. 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.

Condemned Animals

14. 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.
15. If an animal is deemed condemned at time of slaughter, the following procedure will be followed:
 - a. The processing plant will notify the Fair Board.
 - b. The Fair Board will notify the exhibitor and ask for a comparable replacement animal.
 - c. 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.

Transportation and Processing

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.

Shipping and Additional Animals

18. 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.
19. Shipping additional animals from home that were not brought or shown at the county fair is not allowed.
20. Alternate animals may be shipped on the fair trailer if space is available. There is a \$10 fee per alternate animal. Exhibitors must notify the Fair Board in advance of their intent to ship alternate animals and provide proper identification and payment before loading day.

Day After Sale Procedures

21. Parents and exhibitors are not permitted to be at the fairgrounds before 8:30 AM on clean up day. During this time, the load out committee will be loading and shipping animals without interruption. This rule will be strictly enforced with no exceptions.
22. Exhibitors must leave a clearly labeled halter for each animal being shipped.
23. All animals being shipped must be properly secured in their stalls or pens with halters accessible to Fair Board members conducting the loading.
24. Any exhibitor or parent who arrives before 8:30 AM or interferes with the loading process will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the Code of Conduct.