

## DO YOUR HOMEWORK!

FFA Advisors and 4-H Agents are wonderful helpful people, but they have many people to help and other responsibilities.

### **It is your responsibility to know the deadlines and rules for what your child is showing.**

Be sure to get a fair book and read up on everything pertaining to your fair entry. Fair books are usually out by July 1.

County Fair entries are due 2 1/2 weeks before the fair begins. Forms are available by July 1st and must be in the Extension Office on July 30th by 5:00 p.m. Late entries will be accepted for an additional \$50/animal for up to 3 days following the entry deadline.

**At the fair, it is your responsibility to have the correct paperwork, to check in your animals and to read and follow all the NM Livestock Board Rules and the Quay County Fair Rules. These rules may change based on recommendations from the State Veterinarian Office. This information is e-mailed to 4-H families and sent to the FFA advisors as soon as it is presented to the public.**

**Beginning in 2016** the number of sale slots awarded in each species will be determined by the following method. The number of exhibitor's in each of the 4 sale species (steer, swine, goat, and sheep) will be totaled. The number of exhibitors in a species will be divided by the total exhibitors and that percentage multiplied by 45 (which is the total number of slots in the sale).

The Extension Office serves as the headquarters for the Quay County Fair Board. Forms and Fair Books will be available at the Extension Office and on the webpage at <http://quayextension.nmsu.edu>. Click on County Fair in the left column.

The Fair Board is a group of dedicated volunteers who work hard each year to make sure that there is a fair. In addition to the funds provided by the county, the Board conducts fundraisers to be able to provide premiums for class winners, buckles for species winners, and pay for quality judges. The rules they make help to ensure a fair show for everyone.

## Important Dates

### Ownership Deadlines

- Steer and Heifer—April 1, 2018
- Swine, Sheep, and Goats—June 1, 2018

### Tag-in Days

- Steer and Heifer—March 30 at 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. at the Ag Science Center
- Swine, Lambs and Goats—June 7 from 4:00—7:00 pm and June 8 from 8:00—10:00 am at the Fairgrounds. June 5th from 8:00 —10:00 am at the Ag Farm.

At Tag-in Day, everyone will receive a Form 1 Inspection which will allow you to transport your animals to shows, jackpots, and fairs.

### Rabbit Validation:

- July 30, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Chicken Banding will be prior to July 30

Fair Entry Deadline: July 30, 2017

- Must be in the Extension office by 5:00

### *Fair Board Contacts*

*Livestock Superintendent: Russell Bowe*  
*Entry Secretary: Sandra Bowe, 456-8792*  
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*Vice President: Dallas Dowell, 403-8775*  
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QUAY COUNTY  
FAIR  
AUGUST 15-18, 2018

Congratulations!  
Your Child Has Decided  
to Show an Animal At  
the County Fair



*Important  
Information That  
You Must Know To  
Make This A  
Positive Experience!*

## STEP BY STEP

4-Hers must be enrolled in their projects by March 31st. FFA members must communicate with their advisors prior to purchasing an animal.

Steers and Heifers need to be owned and in the care of the project participant by April 1. Swine, Sheep, and Goats by June 1. Rabbits and Poultry by validation day, July 30.

The New Mexico Livestock Board is responsible for inspections of animals and verifying ownership with ear tags. "Tag-in" days will be set up for everyone to bring their animals and get their inspection papers. Bring with you to tag-in day, your bill of sale, a check to pay the livestock board, a check to pay for your tags.

State Fair will require some type of documentation of ownership and that information will be available at the "tag-in" day as well. The same tag will be used for all fairs in NM including Quay County. It is your responsibility to get the required documentation to the respective fairs.

"Tag-in" days require a lot of coordination between the Board, brand inspectors, agents, and FFA advisors and may not happen at your personal best time, but it is important that you get your animals there and you will receive the latest up-to-date information.

### 2018 County Fair Entry Deadline Is July 30 at 5:00 p.m. In the Extension Office

To complete your entry you will need: Your tag numbers, name of any county breeder, and a check to pay entry fees. Forms will be available July 1 and you may enter at any time during the month. Do not mail entries in as they may get lost or arrive after the deadline.

**Remember this is your responsibility, not your FFA advisor's or 4-H Agent's.** Exhibitor, Parent and Advisor/Agent must sign the form stating compliance with the Wholesome meat act.

#### Important Meetings During The Fair

There are two very important meetings held during the fair that the youth participant and at least one parent will need to attend.

The first is the livestock exhibitors meeting on the first afternoon. This is where any changes to the rules or schedule will be shared and reminders given about various rules or shows.

The second is the sale meeting on Friday evening. This is where you learn if your child was fortunate enough to make the sale.

Members of the community attend the fairs in the evening and often take time after the show to view the animals and exhibits. Please leave your animals in the building until the listed time.

#### If Your Child Makes The Sale:

- ◆ They will need to help with the sale set up and picking up of the area Saturday morning.
- ◆ They will need to turn in pre-written thank you notes at 2:30 pm or write on site.
- ◆ They will need to have their picture taken prior to the sale at 3:00 pm for the slide show.
- ◆ Your family is expected to bring a dessert and attend the buyers dinner at 4:00 p.m. the day of the sale.

#### After Your Child's Animal Sells:

Proceed to the picture area where his/her picture is taken with the buyer or representative.

Be sure to show your appreciation and your child shows appreciation to the buyer by verbally thanking them at the fair.

If you do not know the businesses or names on your paper, take time after the sale to look up the person that was in the picture and ask questions.

**Your child will proceed to the thank you note table and write the buyers a thank you note at that time. These notes will be sent by the fair board. You may come prepared with a rough draft of the note.**

Getting a spot in the sale is a wonderful opportunity for your child. But the sale would not be a sale without buyers, so you need to do your part to keep buyers coming back.

**Be appreciative and acknowledge your buyer throughout the year with a special thank-you and maybe a Christmas card.**

#### Why Can't I Leave the Fair Before 9 pm?

There are several paperwork things that must be generated after the sale and before animals are tagged for the packers. These lists must be accurate, so papers can be written for hauling in the morning. Then animals need to be sorted for the packers. To speed up check-out, make sure you have paid for your bedding before the sale. **Do Not Load Your Animals Until You Have Permission From the Department Superintendent.**

#### So How Does Your Child Get Their Sale Money?

- ✓ After taking picture with buyer, your child should report to a table to complete thank-you notes for everyone listed as a buyer. This is required before you leave the fairgrounds. Fair Board will provide additional notes, stamps, and addresses and someone will be there to assist.
- ✓ Add-on list picked up by the 1st of October and additional thank-you notes written to those who supported your child with additional money. These thank-you notes must be shown to your Extension agent or FFA advisor and mailed. Addresses will be provided for most add-ons. (Even if your child does not make the sale, they may have add-ons.)
- ✓ Provided the above is completed and funds are available, checks will be ready by November 1st.

***Checks will not be issued until all money is collected from the Buyers.***