

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 August 1st 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 of 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.

New this year. All exhibitors may sell one large animal of their choice up to a maximum of 45 sale animals. After 45 exhibitors are reached rules revert back to the original 2022 rules in making the sale.

New

The number of sale slots awarded in each species will be determined by the following method. The number of exhibitors 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). Rabbit and Poultry Sale Slots will be determined by numbers as outlined in the fair book.

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 an honest show for everyone.

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.

Important Dates

Ownership Deadlines

- Steer and Heifer—April 1, 2023
- Swine, Sheep, and Goats—June 1, 2023

Tag-in Days

- Steer and Heifer—March 31, at 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. at the Ag Science Center
- Swine, Lambs and Goats

May 24, from 4 to 6 San Jon Ag Shop

May 25, from 4 to 6 Logan Ag Farm

May 26, from 4 to 6 at Fair Grounds

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

Baker Rabbit and Egg Layer Validation

June 26, 2023 at 7:00—9:00 a.m.

Broiler and Meat Rabbit Validation

July 24, 2023 at 7:00—9:00 a.m.

Fair Entry Deadline: August 1st, 2023—Must be in the Extension office by 5:00 p.m.

Fair Board Contacts

Livestock Superintendent: Dallas Dowell

Entry Secretary: Pam Slater, 799-1691

President: Dallas Dowell, 403-8775

Vice President: Justin Knight, 487-1150

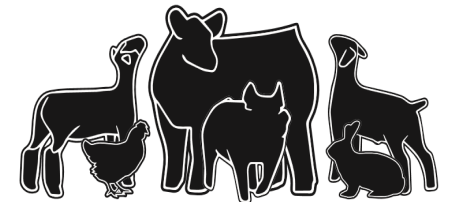
Secretary: Jason Lamb, 461-0562

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Corresponding Sec: Janet Griffiths, 487-1121

QUAY COUNTY
FAIR
AUGUST 9-12, 2023

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, Goats and Egg Layers by June 1. Baker Rabbits by June 26. Broiler and Meat Pen Rabbits by July 24.

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.

Tampering with ear tags will result in not being allowed to show or forfeiture of your sale check.

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.

2023 County Fair Entry Deadline Is August 1st 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. 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.

Youth aged 6-8 can show livestock! Must contact Ag agent, follow all rules, procedures and deadlines.

Important Meetings During The Fair

There are two mandatory and 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.
- ◆ Your family is expected to bring a dessert for your child to serve at 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 his/her appreciation to the buyer by verbally thanking them at the fair.

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

2023 Thank You Note Process

Thank you notes written to each of your buyers must be turned into the Extension Office within 30 days of the sale.

These must be addressed and stamped.

The Extension Office and FFA Teachers will have address lists and buyers lists

Five percent will be deducted from the total sale check if all sale buyer thank you notes are not turned in by September 15th.

Pictures and Add-On lists may be picked up after September 15th.

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

So How Does Your Child Get His/her Sale Money?

- ✓ All Buyer Thank you notes turned into the Extension Office, stamped and addressed, prior to September 15th.
- ✓ Add-On List and buyer pictures picked up by October 1 and pictures delivered to buyers before November 1.
- ✓ Add-On Thank You notes must be written, addressed, stamped and delivered to the Extension Office by October 15th. (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 mailed to those that have completed all thank you notes *around* November 1st.
- ✓ Other checks will be held until thank you notes are completed.

Checks will not be issued until all money is collected from the Buyers. Calling the Extension Office does not speed up getting your check. Being appreciative to your buyers will ensure the buyers donations are received in a timely manner.

Why Can't I Leave the Fair Before 9 p.m.?

There are several paperwork items that must be generated after the sale and before animals are marked for the packers. These items must be accurate so papers can be written for hauling and animals can 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.**