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2020 Market Swine Project Information

Attention: Market Swine Members and Leaders
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This letter contains the highlights of the 2020 Market Swine Project guidelines. Once the premium book is posted online, each member and leader is responsible for reading, understanding and abiding by all rules and regulations.

Please read this letter in its entirety, as many project adjustments have been made for 2020.

Impacts of COVID-19 on the 2020 Market Goat Project

We are aware that the cancellation of 4-H events due to COVID-19 may have, and continue to, significantly impact the 4-H Market Goat Project this year. The Larimer County Extension office is working to come up with ways to assist you virtually throughout these cancellations. There are some specific things that we do believe are relevant to this project area that we would like to share at this time.

Project Completion Requirements

Participating at the county fair **IS NOT** a requirement for you to participate in any 4-H project. **Project completion requirements for Larimer 4-H are as follows:**

1. Participate in a demonstration or other speech-arts presentation
2. Participate in a community service activity
3. Exhibit your project (This does not say **where** this must occur. We have pursued other ways to exhibit that project without county fair attendance in the past and members were still able to complete their projects.)
4. Complete a record book for each project the member is enrolled and receive a score of 70% or above

We know that there will be a strain to do all four of these requirements this year and we will be making decisions as an office as to what alterations might look like. Please know that we recognize that numbers 3 and 4 above may be very difficult for animal projects if a family decides to not purchase an animal or if exhibition and sale areas are limited.



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Animal Purchases

Purchasing of any animal for a 4-H project is, as always, up to the family's discretion. There is no guarantee that there will be a place for that animal to be shown or sold. Whether that be at the Larimer County Fair, Larimer County Junior Livestock Sale, or otherwise. This is **always** the case, as it can never be guaranteed these types of events will happen. We recommend that you evaluate current market prices and cost of animal when you are making this decision. A Market Animal Budgeting worksheet has been sent out from the Larimer County Extension office to help you with making your animal purchasing decisions.

Larimer County Fair

At this time, we do not have any updates on how the Larimer County Fair will be affected or if it will be cancelled. This decision is made by numerous individuals and any definitive decisions have not been made yet. As we know more, we will let you all know.

Animal and Exhibitor Requirements

1. Premises ID

Same as 2019: All MARKET Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat, Rabbit and Poultry youth are REQUIRED to have a valid Premises ID prior to the fair entry date, in order to show at the 2020 Larimer County Fair. This does NOT apply to breeding animals. Just like last year, there will be a place on the Larimer County Fair 4-H Entry Form to put your Premises ID number.

Did you show a market animal at the 2019 Larimer County Fair? If so, you obtained a Premises ID and entered your number on the 2019 Fair Entry Form. This means that you already have a Premises ID number and do not need to reapply for one. If you don't remember your number, you can call the number below and they can provide it to you or you can contact Pam at the

Extension Office for your number. If you did not show a market animal last year, you will need to obtain a Premises ID. It's easy (and free) to obtain a Premises ID. You can register by calling 303-869-9130 or go to: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/aganimals/colorado-location-identification-lid-registration-premises> .

2. Meat Quality Assurance Program (MQA)

All 4-H members must have completed the Meat Quality Assurance Program requirements to exhibit at the 2020 County Fair and participate in the Jr. Livestock Sale. MQA requirements are listed on our website. **Larimer County 4-H's second offering of MQA, scheduled for May 15, 2020, has been cancelled. Please be on the lookout for an email regarding alternative ways this will be offered.**



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3. Wholesome Meat Animal Assurance Program

All market animals consigned to the Junior Livestock Sale may be screened for illegal use of drugs or chemicals. Anyone found guilty of illegal drug or chemical use will be barred from future Larimer County Fairs. All 4-H members with meat animals are required, along with a parent/guardian, to sign a "Certificate and Statement of Disclosure" assuring the animals have not received illegal drugs or chemicals. The statements must be turned in at County Fair weigh in. (purple sheet)

We encourage you to keep your animals as free as possible of any and all drugs. If you use any drugs or feed containing antibiotics, be sure to follow the correct withdrawal times. If your animal becomes sick prior to the Fair and you must use antibiotics, please notify the Sale Committee or the Extension Office. Be sure to put this information on the "Certificate and Statement of Disclosure" form. Also, be sure to list all vaccines, antibiotics, insecticides, and feed additives given to your project animal and date administered.

4. Additional Information for the Junior Livestock Sale Requirements

Refer to the "Jr. Livestock Sale" section of the premium book for details regarding who is eligible to sell (premium book will be posted online again this year, later this spring). You must have an official picture taken with your market animal at the designated time at the Fair to be eligible to sell in the Junior Livestock Sale.

Changes to Swine ID Protocol

Please read the following information carefully for adjustments:

- **We plan to give county fair tags out to members via a check out system at a later date.**
 - This is barring no additional cancellations affecting this. At this time, we do not know when that exactly will be due to the rapidly changing measures taken to reduce the spread of COVID-19.
 - County tags are \$5/tag
- **All members will be required to upload the following images into 4-H online by May 5th of their project animals:**
 - Left side body image – this will be uploaded under the "Swine Market - Left Side Image" in 4Honline
 - Right side body image – this will be uploaded under the "Swine Market – Right Side Image" in 4Honline
 - Front side image – this will be uploaded under the "Swine Market – Tag Image" in 4Honline
 - **Note - Please try to have a clear picture of any existing notching or tags**
 - Rear side image – this will be uploaded under the "Swine Market – Registration Papers" in 4Honline
 - Back image – this will be uploaded under the "Swine Market – Image w/Animal" in 4Honline
- Animals for the **2020 State Fair** will have additional requirements. **Please read the State Fair Section of this letter for more specific information and instructions.**



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Larimer County Fair and Junior Livestock Sale Information

At this time, we do not have any updates on how the Larimer County Fair or Junior Livestock Sale will be affected or if it will be cancelled. This decision is made by numerous individuals and no definitive decisions have not been made yet. As we know more, we will let you all know.

The 2020 Larimer County Fair will not offer a Breeding Swine Show.

Use caution trailering to Fair. If a pig is considered a health risk during the vet check and sent home, all pigs in that same trailer will also be sent home.

Market Show and Sale Weights

Swine: Minimum weight – 225 pounds; Maximum weight – 285 pounds

*There will be feeder and overweight market swine classes.

Carcass Ultrasound Contest

We will once again have a carcass contest at the 2020 Larimer County Fair. Plans are to use ultrasound on Market Swine. This will be an optional contest, which will cost \$6/animal to enter (in addition to traditional fair entry fees). Entry is due at same time as Fair entry deadline (July 13). You are responsible for making your animal available for ultrasound at time of County Fair check-in/weigh-in.

Swine Royalty

The Swine Superintendent will be selecting a youth royalty to represent their specie at the 2020 Fair. He/she (royalty) will help hand out ribbons and trophies at the respective show. If interested, applications will be available at the Extension Office and on-line. Applications are due July 13 at the Fairgrounds Extension Office. Selection will be made after that date and announced prior to the show.

Livestock Sale Pictures

All members wanting to sell an animal in the Larimer County Junior Livestock Sale must have an official photograph taken with their animal. Members who do not have pictures taken will not be allowed to sell an animal. Pictures will be taken during and following the market classes. For members who have more than one livestock species, the last picture taken will be the species that is sold. For example, John has a market lamb, pig and steer. If he has a picture taken with each animal, the steer would be sold, because that was the last picture taken. If Susan has a market lamb and pig and has a picture taken of both animals, the pig will be sold. Also, the Champion and Reserve Champion market animals are required to sell in the Junior Livestock Sale.



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County Fair Swine Show Schedule

Thursday, July 30

4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Check in/Weigh in
Swine Carcass Ultrasound

Sunday, August 2

9:00 a.m. Market Swine Show; followed by
Feeder Class and Over Weight Class Judging;
followed by Club Pen of Three Market Swine
Judging

Saturday, August 1

4:00 p.m. Swine Showmanship

State Fair Information

At this time, we do not have any updates on how or if the Colorado State Fair will be affected by COVID-19 cancellations. We will let you know as we learn more details.

If you want to show market swine at the State Fair, you need to email bkirkland@larimer.org with the name of the exhibitor and the number of pigs that exhibitor plans to show by **May 8th**. At that time, the county agent will be in communication with you to sign-up for a time to have your animal tagged, notched (if needed) and for your nomination card to be filled out. **More information will be sent out to individuals planning to show at the State Fair at a later date.**



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