

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW GENERAL INFORMATION

Superintendents and Staff:

Steve LeValley, Jennifer Martin, Justin Crego Superintendent – Junior Market Steers
Steve LeValley, Jennifer Martin Superintendent - Junior Breeding Heifers
Michelle Erickson, Mikayla Gabel..... Superintendents - Catch-A-Calf
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Jennifer Martin, Cade Hummel Co-Superintendents - Junior Market Swine
Taylor Swinson, Larry Hooker Co-Superintendents - Junior Market Goats
Megan Berg Co-Superintendents - Wether Doe Goats
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Stow Witwer Award: 2024, Jim Brink

Stow Witwer was a long-time supporter of the National Western Stock Show. The 2025 National Western Stock Show will present the 31st Annual Stow Witwer Memorial Award to an individual selected for outstanding support of and efforts toward promoting junior activities in the legacy of Stow Witwer.

General Information:

All entries are online at <https://nwssrs.fairwire.com/>

1. NWSS does not mail any credentials out before the show. All passes, badges and other permits are picked up at the Gate 7 Satellite Office upon arrival to the show. Free parking is included with entry.
2. There is no on-site trailer parking at NWSS. We recommend all trailers parking at Dicks Sporting Goods Field which offers 24-7 monitoring. Directions and details will be provided upon arrival.
3. There is no outside bedding permitted at NWSS. All bedding must be purchased through the NWSS Feed Store in person when you arrive on the grounds. The Feed Store hours are 7 AM-7 PM daily.
4. **DOGS AND PETS:** No animals, other than those being exhibited, are allowed on National Western Stock Show grounds except service animals as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Service animals must be harnessed, leashed or tethered to the handler at all times, unless being attached interferes with tasks. If not attached, the animal must remain close to the handler and be under verbal or signal control. Any service animal who displays unruly or aggressive behavior towards other guests, employees, or animals may be denied entry or asked to leave the facility. For the safety and well-being of all involved, all other animals are prohibited. Further, it is recommended that owners/handlers confirm that service animals are up to date on all vaccines.
5. Premise ID is required with all junior market livestock entries.
 - A. What is a Premise ID? Premise identification (Premise ID) is a part of the National Animal Identification System (NAIS) being developed to identify animals and track them as they move from one location to another. The purpose of the program is to create a database that will allow a rapid traceback in the event of a disease concern. Youth may already have premise ID numbers for the farm where their 4-H animals are being cared for. To obtain your Premise ID number, please contact your local Extension office or do an INTERNET search of “(your state) Premise ID”. They are free of charge and must be provided on your junior market entries.

JUNIOR MARKET LIVESTOCK RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Rules and Regulations: General Rules and Regulations apply to this division as well as those listed as Junior Livestock Show Rules and Regulations and those rules listed in each specific and/or special division.
2. Health: All animals must meet Livestock Health Requirements. See section for details.
3. Premise ID: A Premise Identification Number is required for every animal entered in all Junior Market Shows. These can be acquired through your county Extension office or by Internet searching: (your state) Premise ID number.
4. Responsibility: Stock Show will not be responsible for losses, injuries or mishaps that may befall animals during the show. All reasonable precautions will be taken to prevent losses or injuries.
5. Eligibility for Application of Entry:
 - A. Age -Junior Market Participants: To be eligible to exhibit junior market animals at the National Western Stock Show, the Participant must be nine (9) years of age but not Nineteen (19) years of age as of January 1, 2025, and formally enrolled and a member in good standing in 4-H or FFA.
 - B. Age -Junior Breeding Participants: Eligibility to exhibit breeding animals is extended to members of a Junior Breed Association, being eight (8) years of age but not more than twenty-one (21) years of age as of January 1, 2025. Junior Breed Associations verify each membership and age. There may be exceptions for some breeds extending the age requirement brackets, please check with respective breed associations.
 - C. Comply with General Rules: In addition to meeting the General Rules and Regulations, Junior Livestock Show Rules and Regulations and Auction of Junior Livestock Champions Rules and Regulations of the National Western Stock Show, the Junior exhibitors must comply with the rules and regulations regarding the showing of livestock of their respective states and species.
 - D. 4-H/FFA: 4-H and FFA Participants must be enrolled in the project in which they are exhibiting; only these animals are eligible. Continuous possession, care, feeding practices, and record keeping must be done under the supervision of: County Extension Agents, FFA Advisors or State Club Leaders.
 - E. MANDATORY 4-H Agent/FFA Advisors Signature(s): The signature of the 4-H County Extension Agent or FFA Advisor of Participant is REQUIRED on all junior market entry Confirmation Receipt and is due with DNA kits postmarked by November 1, 2025. Their signature is to verify: The entry is a bona fide project of their state's 4-H or FFA program; the Participant is a member in good standing; that the animal is owned and in the continuous possession of the Participant; 4-H County Extension Agent or FFA Advisor has read the General Rules and Regulations, Junior Livestock Show Rules and Regulations, Auction of Junior Livestock Champions Rules and Regulations, specific and/or special division Rules and Regulations, and Participant has been advised of these rules as well as The National Show Ring Code of Ethics; been cautioned regarding sabotage, tampering, prohibited substances, unethical fitting and all rules and regulations have been complied with, to the extent of their participation. Entries will NOT be accepted without these signatures.
 - F. Participant/Parent Signature: The Participant and parent/legal guardian of the Participant electronically sign the DNA kits (junior market only) and entry forms certifying that they have read the General Rules and Regulations, Junior Livestock Show Rules and Regulations, Auction of Junior Livestock

Champions Rules and Regulations, specific and/or special division rules and regulations and that Participant has been advised of these rules and regulations as well as The National Show Ring Code of Ethics; cautioned regarding sabotage, tampering, prohibited substances, unethical fitting and agrees to observe and abide by all rules and regulations. The parent or legal guardian must also sign the Quality Assurance Certificate in accordance with the USDA Wholesome Meat Act.

6. **Entry Deadlines:** All Junior Market and Junior Wether Doe entries close on November 1, 2025. All Junior Breeding Heifers close on November 20, 2025. All Junior Ewe Lambs close on November 20, 2025. Entries must be postmarked on or before the due date or Participants assume responsibility for their own errors and those of their agents in preparation for entries. No late entries will be accepted.
7. **Ownership:** Each animal must be entered under the exhibitor's name. Only individual ownership of entered animals is permitted for Market Steer, Swine, Lambs, Goats, and Wether Does as of November 1, 2025. Junior Breeding Heifer ownership must be in the name of the Participant as of December 1, 2025. Junior Ewe Lambs must be registered in the individual Participant's name prior to December 1, 2025. No animals may be owned or exhibited in a partnership or jointly owned.
 - A. **Ownership Deadline - Junior Market:** Animals entered must be in the name and possession of the Participant no later than November 1, 2025. Participants are personally responsible for the general custody, care and feeding of their animals.
 - B. **Spot Checks:** Stock Show reserves the right to make spot checks of animals and Participants at any time to inspect and verify ownership and possession of any livestock entered in the Junior Livestock Show. In addition, a Primary Care Statement will be acknowledged by every Participant through their online entries. Anyone found in violation of this rule may be subject to immediate disqualification without recourse.
8. **Fitting Rule;** Participants must be present with their entry during any feeding, washing, grooming, and fitting as well as presenting their entry for show and sale. Anyone found in violation of this rule may be subject to immediate disqualification without recourse.
9. **Treatment Records, Meat Quality Assurance Form & Carcasses:** For each animal exhibited in any junior market livestock competition at the National Western Stock Show, the Participant must prepare and submit a Meat Quality Assurance form due at the processing of each respective species. This form must state all illnesses, injuries, medications, and injections, including the locations of any injuries and injections, the dates, amounts of medications and injections given to the animal, and the purpose of each treatment. If care is given by a licensed veterinarian, receipts must be presented showing the name and address of the veterinarian, and the dates, diagnoses

and specific treatments provided to the animals.

- A. United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act: The Participants are required to submit a properly executed Quality Assurance Certificate number or proof of being current in a Meat Quality Assurance program (YQCA, Quality Counts, MQA, etc.) per the USDA Wholesome Meat Act (refer to Appendix)
 - B. Animal Carcass: If a carcass of any animal of any species, regardless of being sold through the Auction of Junior Livestock Champions, sifted or sold directly to a packing house, is condemned for any reason the Participant will receive no payment. Stock Show will in no way be liable or responsible for the condition of the carcass. The Stock Show reserves the right, at its discretion, to take immediate control and possession of the carcass and determine method of disposal.
 - C. Sheep and Goat Compliance: Lambs Goats may not be given injections or have any foreign objects, including but not limited to needles, placed in their bodies except that subcutaneous injections of approved medications may be given in front of the point of the shoulder, i.e., in the goat's neck. Injections must be given in conformity with the American Sheep Industry Association's "Sheep Safety and Quality Assurance Program (© September 2004)". Note the Rule in the Junior Livestock Show Rules and Regulations concerning information that must be provided for each animal.
10. Prohibited Substance Testing: Every animal eligible for the Auction of Junior Livestock Champions, including all Champions and Reserve Champions of each specie, will be tested for prohibited substances. All other junior market animals will be subject to random testing. TESTING WILL BE DONE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING EACH CLASS OR DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP. IF NO SAMPLE HAS BEEN COLLECTED 2 HOURS PRIOR TO THE GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP DRIVE, A SAMPLE WILL BE COLLECTED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP DRIVE. EACH PARTICIPANT COOPERATION IS REQUIRED. If prohibited substances are found in the blood, urine, tissue, hide, or carcasses of animals at the time of testing or following slaughter, or if there is evidence of unethical fitting, sabotage and/or tampering, the Participant forfeits all rights and is subject to all sanctions including, but not limited to, disqualification and barred from future participation in the National Western Stock Show. The National Western Stock Show will comply with and enforce Colorado Tampering or Drugging of Livestock Law 18-9-207.
- Prohibited Substances may include but not be limited to:
- A. Any substance that is not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for use in slaughter animals and use in the species and sex of the animal being exhibited:
 - B. Any substance which, regardless of approval by the FDA or USDA, has a required withdrawal period;
 - C. Any substance not administered following drug label directions; and/or
 - D. Any substance that has the potential to enhance an animal's performance including but not limited to steroids, diuretics, anti-inflammatories, tranquilizers, and painkillers.
11. Drug Testing Fee: In addition to entry fees for all junior market animals, an initial drug testing fee of \$10.00 per animal (up to 4 head entered for sheep, goats, and steers. Up to 2 head of swine entered) is due at time of entry to cover random testing for foreign and prohibited substances. Failure to include this fee will result in entry not being processed. If there is a charge for a stop test it will be prorated to the Participant. The prorated amount will be deducted from the sale proceeds of each animal after the Stock Show receives the final results and billing of the tests. Proceeds will be issued at this time. This method of prorated deductions and distribution of sale proceeds is approved by the Packers and Stockyards Division.

12. DNA Testing: Stock Show reserves the right to take DNA samples and utilize DNA testing for any reason Stock Show deems necessary.
13. Animal Welfare: There will be no needles allowed in the junior market steer, swine, lamb, and goat barn. Any medication needed must be administered by the National Western Stock Show veterinarian. Anyone found in violation will be disqualified.
14. Terminal Sale: NWSS is a terminal show for all NWSS Jr sale-qualifying junior market goats, lambs, steers, and junior market swine. Junior market livestock who do not qualify for the Junior Auction are non-terminal and must be taken home by exhibitors at the conclusion of specific species shows. No exceptions.
 - A. Harvesting: All NWSS Jr sale-qualifying animals will be slaughtered at packing facilities designated by the Stock Show Management. Animals will be harvested immediately following the Auction of Junior Livestock. The Exhibitor of any animal whose carcass is condemned for any reason by the slaughterhouse will not receive payment for their animal. A kill truck will NOT be provided for any non-sale qualifying junior market livestock.
 - B. ALL JUNIOR LIVESTOCK WHO DO NOT MAKE THE SALE ARE NON-TERMINAL AND MUST BE TAKEN HOME BY EXHIBITORS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SHOW. A harvesting truck will NOT be provided for any non-sale qualifying junior market livestock. No exceptions.
15. Official Weight: The weight recorded at time of processing for each species will become the qualifying and official weight. All Junior Market Participants will call their own weights via the official weight card provided by the NWSS. All weight cards are due at processing. No changes to any official weight card, nor will any late weight cards be permitted after the conclusion of the respective processing time.
 - A. Re-Weighs: No reweighs will be allowed once the animal has stepped off the scale. The Stock Show reserves the right, at its discretion, to check the weight of any animal at any time. Participants are not allowed to bring scales onto the Stock Show grounds. Stock Show provides certified, official scales throughout the barns.
16. Blocking Chutes, Trim Tables, Fitting Stands, and Fans: No fans will be allowed to be brought onto the National Western Stock Show grounds except by Junior Market Steer Participants. One blocking chute will be allowed per Junior Market Steer Participant. Participants in the Junior Market Lamb, Goat, and Wether Doe divisions will be allowed to use trim tables and fitting stands on the National Western Grounds in a designated area and time. Anyone found in violation of this rule may be subject to disqualification and/or other sanctions. No fans attached to a cart or dolly. All fans must be suspended. No butt fans.
17. Stalls and Pen Assignments: Junior market goats, sheep, and swine will stall upon arrival at the NWSS. Market steers may be pre-stalled to respect the space and schedule of coinciding shows. National Western Stock Show management can assign pens or stalls to any exhibitor at its discretion in all species. Animals will be assigned specific stalls and pens and must remain in those stalls or pens except during brief exercise and wash rack periods only. Anyone found in violation of this rule may be subject to immediate disqualification without recourse.
18. Open Show Participation: Participants may enter the same registered breeding animal in both the Junior Breeding Show division and the Open Breeding Show division providing entry and additional fees are properly entered by the deadline. Participants may show other animals in the Open Breeding Show division that they do not show in the Junior Livestock Show classes if they wish.

19. Showing of Animal: Participants must be present at processing and show; they must also sell their own animal(s) unless excused in writing by the Stock Show 24 hours prior to the Auction of Junior Livestock Champions. Participants may secure one other Junior Livestock Show Participant to show their animal in case of illness or if they are showing more than one entry at the same time. Prior approval from the Stock Show is required. No one will be permitted to assist the Participant while showing any animal. If an animal gets away from the Participant three (3) times during the class, the Participant will be excused from the class and disqualified. If an animal is late once the class has entered the ring, that Participant will not be allowed to enter the class and will be disqualified.
20. Showmanship: Animals must be owned by the Participant, entered, and eligible to be shown in a current National Western Stock Show class in order to exhibit in Showmanship. Animals not making weight may not be used. Premiums will be offered in all Showmanship classes for a minimum of five (5) places but up to ten (10%) percent of the class depending upon the number of entries. Stock Show will determine the number of premiums paid.
21. Care and Feeding of Sale Animals Before Junior Auction: Junior Market Participants who qualify for the Auction of Junior Livestock Champions will be responsible for the care, custody, control, and feeding of their animals until loaded following the Auction. Any Participant failing to appear for the Auction of Junior Livestock Champions after being accepted and included in the sale order will be barred from selling in any future National Western Auctions; the animal will be pulled from the sale order and the Participant will receive the "buy back" price for their animal. Exception will be medical or other written excuses at the discretion of the Stock Show Management.
22. Locked/Secured Barns: For security reasons, all junior market steer, swine, lamb, and goat barns will be locked at 9:00 p.m. every night and remain locked until 6:00 a.m. the following morning.
23. Feed and Bedding: Straw, shavings, and bedding must be purchased through the National Western Stock Show Feed Concession and can be ordered in advance by calling 303-299-5559. Participants are responsible for keeping stalls and pens clean. First bedding will not be provided for any animals with the exception of one bag of shavings per Participant will be charged with each junior market goat, lamb, swine, and wether doe entry. Participants will be allowed to bring their own feed on the grounds in limited amounts on a daily basis.
24. Auction of Junior Livestock Champions: An auction of the top placing junior market animals will be held on Friday, January 24, 2025. All grand and reserve grand champions will be required to attend a buyers' social prior to the time of the sale.
25. Collegiate Judging Contest Proceeds: Ten (10%) percent of the gross sale price of the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of each species will be directed to the Collegiate Judging contests.
26. Premier Exhibitor: Participants (and only those participants) whose animals qualify to sell in the Auction of Junior Livestock Champions are required to participate in the Premier Exhibitor contest. This contest is based on the following criteria: live placing of animal, carcass placing of animal, oral interview, quiz, and showmanship. The time and location of the oral interview will be posted in the Livestock Superintendent's Office and handed out at the show ring exit. Immediately following the conclusion of each Junior Market Show we will host a sale exhibitor meeting providing information packets. Any Participant who qualifies for the Premier Exhibitor Award and does not participate in the interview portion of the program will receive only fifty (50%) percent of the sale price received from the Junior Auction. *(Explanation: Participant will receive the full "buy back" price, less appropriate deductions from the packing house, but will receive only fifty (50%)*

percent of whatever amount was bid, less appropriate deductions, at the Auction of Junior Livestock Champions). The balance will remain in the Scholarship Program.

27. Sale Proceeds, Commissions and/or Deductions:

- A. A five (5%) percent commission of the gross sale price for all animals sold in the Auction of Junior Livestock Champions (excluding Catch-A-Calves; those deductions are listed on page 84) or three (3%) percent of the gross sale price for all animals not qualifying for the Auction of Junior Livestock Champions (sifted or sold directly to packing house) will be deducted to cover the cost of handling and office charges of the Stock Show; and
- B. Deductions as required from the packing house and/or those required by state regulations such as, but not limited to; Colorado Brand Board, Colorado Pork Producers, Colorado Beef Board, freight charges, etc.; and
- C. Ten (10%) percent of the gross sale price of all animals sold in the Auction of Junior Livestock Champions will be directed to the National Western Scholarship Trust; and
- D. Ten (10%) percent of the gross sale price of the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of each species will be directed to the Collegiate Judging contests.

28. Participant Warranties for Sale Animals: By offering an animal for sale each Participant warrants:

- A. That the carcass of the animal complies with the USDA Wholesome Meat Act and is fit for human consumption; and
- B. That the carcass of such animal contains no trace or residue of any illegal drug or any other substance not approved for administration to such animal under applicable laws or Stock Show Rules and Regulations; and
- C. That the carcass of such animal reveals no evidence of any unethical fitting practice, as defined in the Stock Show Rules and Regulations; and
- D. That there exists no unusual circumstances or condition of the carcass of such animal that would materially diminish the value of such carcass. These warranties are absolute guarantees of the quality of the sale animal's carcass, without regard to the Participant's actual responsibility or fault.

29. Procedure in the Event of Possible Breach of Warranty: Stock Show will in no way be responsible for breaches of contract between sellers and buyers. If in the sole judgment of Stock Show, any Participant's warranties concerning the carcass of a sale animal may be breached, Stock Show shall notify the Participant in writing. The Participant shall have ten (10) days after the date of such written notice is sent in which to respond in writing. This response shall be delivered to the National Western Stock Show, 4655 Humboldt Street, Denver, CO 80216-2818. Following receipt of any such response, or following expiration of ten (10) days without receiving a response, Stock Show may determine in its sole discretion, whether there was a breach of any of the Participant's warranties concerning the carcass of the sale animal, and if so, what sanctions shall be imposed or other actions taken. Such sanctions or actions may include, without limitation:

- A. Disqualification
- B. May permanently bar such animals and/or carcasses from competition at the National Western Stock Show; and
- C. May bar the Participant from entering such animal and/or the Participant family, representative or agents or any or all of them from any further participation in the National Western Stock Show; and
- D. Submit name and address of Participant and action taken against Participant to other cooperating Livestock Exhibitions, Shows and Sales, through the North American Livestock

- Show and Rodeo Managers Association's Rule Infraction Database, affecting eligibility and
- E. Release to the media such actions.
 - F. In the event any awards, banners, premiums, prizes, ribbons, trophies, and sale proceeds shall have been awarded by Stock Show or Stock Show Sponsors, to animals exhibited in violation of these rules, the Participant of such animal will, upon demand of Stock Show, immediately return to Stock Show all awards, banners, premiums, prizes, ribbons, trophies, and sale proceeds awarded to such disqualified animals.
 - G. Participant will be liable to Stock Show and shall indemnify and hold Stock Show harmless from all damages including, but not limited to all expenses and costs for blood, tissue, urine, hide and/or carcass sampling and testing, Stock Show Management labor and expenses, as well as legal and court costs incurred as a result of violations of Stock Show Rules and Regulations. By submitting an animal for sale through the Stock Show, each Participant consents to this procedure for determining a breach of warranty; agrees that the determination of the Stock Show is final, and releases the Stock Show from any liability arising from disputes concerning possible breaches of warranty.

Wholesome Meat Act:

The United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act applies to the sale of market livestock sold during the National Western Stock Show as follows:

- A. Animals must be in good health and carcasses free of drug or chemical residues.
- B. Antibiotics and sulfonamides have required withdrawal periods.
- C. Drug label directions for use and withdrawal periods must be followed.
- D. If drug or other chemical residues are found in the tissue of carcasses, the entire carcass may be condemned.

If drug or other chemical residues are found in the tissue of carcasses of animals sold through sale or sales connected with the National Western Stock Show, said show will in no way be liable or responsible for conditions of the carcass or sale price of the animal. The exhibitor forfeits all rights to the sale price and any other premiums offered by the show.

Before administering antibiotics and/or sulfonamides, consult a licensed practicing veterinarian, or label directions of the drug.

Wholesome Assurance Statement:

The use by non-veterinarians* of animal drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accordance with the labeling approved by the FDA is a violation of federal law.

**Note: Abuse of the extra-label privilege by veterinarians is unethical and is subject to serious consequences such as licensed revocation.*

Any food animal must not exceed FDA/EPA/USDA-established tolerances for any foreign substance including drugs, pesticides, feed additives, or other chemicals.

All individuals exhibiting animals must comply with the IAFE Show Ring Code of Ethics. All junior market livestock participants must comply with the Quality Assurance Certificate, the Wholesome Meat Act and the NWSS Residue Avoidance Program.