

## ELBERT COUNTY FAIR GENERAL RULES

The following rules apply to all 4-H and Open Class Divisions in the fair book. Exhibitors are responsible for reading and understanding fair rules (general rules, exhibitor rules and spectator policies; schedules, deadlines, notes, division rules, and class rules) wherever printed in the fair book or produced online.

Where the term "Fair Official" is used, shall mean an Extension Agent, Fair Board member, or Superintendent. The Fair Board reserves the right to make any changes as necessary.

### Entering:

1. Check entry forms and website for due dates. Any entry fees paid during the fair must be paid in cash.  
NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED.
2. All entries must be entered in the name of the owner.
3. If in doubt as to what class an item or animal is to be entered, contact the Elbert County Extension Office at (303) 621-3162, Monday through Thursday, before sending in the entry. In some divisions, exhibits entered in the wrong class will be disqualified.
4. All exhibits entered at the fair are done so at the owner's risk and the management will not be responsible for damage or injuries to persons and/or animals or property or for any loss whatsoever.
5. It is recommended that all open class exhibits have the name of the exhibitor attached if feasible. All exhibits must bear the entry tags/cards provided. Exhibitors are encouraged to fill out open class entry tags before check-in. Entry tags are available at the Extension Office.

### Exhibiting:

1. All exhibits will be under the control and direction of the Fair Board while on exhibition.
2. ALL EXHIBITS MUST REMAIN ON EXHIBIT UNTIL 2:00 P.M. SUNDAY OF THE FAIR, UNLESS OTHER AUTHORIZATION HAS BEEN ISSUED BY THE FAIR BOARD. JUNIOR MARKET SALE ANIMALS WILL BE LOADED OUT AT THE DISCRETION OF THE MARKET SALE COMMITTEE.
3. Additional classes may be added if there is a need and if there are at least 5 exhibitors (3 exhibitors in the Open Class Division). The Fair Board reserves the right for superintendents to combine classes if there is not enough competition.
4. **Judges may dismiss unmanageable animals and/or improper exhibits at their discretion.** No exhibits shall have foul language, drug paraphernalia or lude intentions or nudity. Items deemed unfit for public display will be disqualified.

### Judging:

1. Where there is but one exhibit in a class, the award shall be made on merit alone and a premium may be given at the discretion of the judge, but the premium may not be withheld because of lack of competition.
2. Unworthy articles will not receive awards/premiums whether there is competition or not.
3. Awards will be designated by ribbons. The American System of individual placing (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.) will be used at the fair. Premiums are paid on the American System only. Please refer to the individual division for the system(s) that will be used.
4. In the 4-H and Open Class divisions, Champions are chosen from all 1st places in the appropriate classes. Reserve Champions are chosen from the remaining 1st place exhibits and the 2nd place exhibit to the Champion (only if it is of blue quality in the 4-H division and of acceptable quality in the Open Class division, as determined by the judge). If a Champion and/or Reserve Champion is designated, those awards will be chosen from classes from within the same Department & Section. 4-H Showmanship species Champions and Reserve Champions will be chosen from the exhibitors selected to return for the final classes. Champions and Reserve Champions may be chosen from any of these exhibitors, regardless of their placing in the qualifying classes.

## ELBERT COUNTY FAIR GENERAL RULES CONTINUED

### Releasing:

1. All exhibits will be released after 2:00 p.m. on the last day of the fair, unless a different release time is stated for that section. If exhibits are removed prior to this time, without official permission of the Fair Board, all premiums will be forfeited for all exhibits and other penalties may be enforced.
2. \*Open class premiums will be paid out in the Ag Building; 4-H/FFA premiums will be paid out at the Fair Office. Premium payout ends at 4:00 PM and monies not collected will be forfeited.

### Premiums:

1. Where exhibitors can exhibit more than one per class, the exhibitor may receive more than one award (ribbon). Exhibitors may receive no more than two premiums per class.
2. Cash premiums will be distributed on last **Sunday of the fair** as listed:  
**4-H Exhibitors:** Fair Office from **2:00–5:00 p.m.**  
**Open Class Exhibitors:** Ag Building from **2:00–4:00 p.m.**  
Premium amounts will be paid according to the rates listed in the fair book schedule.  
The Fair Board and Elbert County reserve the right to modify the payment method or payment date if necessary.  
**Important:** Premiums not claimed during the designated times will be **forfeited**
3. Violation of any Elbert County Fair rule may result in loss of awards and/or premiums and other penalties.

### Miscellaneous:

1. Any exhibitor found guilty of any practice deemed unethical by the Fair Board will forfeit all premium monies and the exhibitor will be barred from future participation until such time as reinstatement is made by the Fair Board. Exhibitors may petition the Fair Board for reinstatement.
2. The Fair Board will provide attendants and watchmen to take all possible precautions for the safe keeping and protection of all articles/animals or exhibits, but will not be responsible for loss, damage, or injury of any kind while the same is on exhibition.
3. CAUTION: Smoking is prohibited in all barns and buildings. Drinking alcoholic beverages is prohibited in the Ag Building.
4. Every effort will be made to run events on schedule. If an event is delayed by more than 30 minutes, that event may be rescheduled so as not to conflict with previously scheduled events.

### Protests:

1. **A formal protest must be made in writing to the fair office** within 12 hours of announcement of contest results. Fair Judges are hired for their expertise and as such the judges decisions will be upheld. The **written protest** must state plainly the cause of complaint, appeal, or rule violation, and **be accompanied by a \$50.00 fee**. The protest committee shall consist of the President of the Fair Board, a representative from Extension Office, and the superintendent of the division involved. In the event the complaint is justified, the \$50.00 will be returned and necessary action taken. **If the committee rules against the complaint, the \$50.00 fee will be forfeited.**

# 4-H/FFA DIVISION RULES

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In addition to Elbert County Fair General Rules, County Shoot Contests and Specific Class Rules, the following 4-H and FFA Division Rules apply. All exhibitors are responsible for reading and understanding ALL fair rules, (General, Department, Section and Class rules) as published and posted.

## ENTERING:

### Qualified Members:

Only **Elbert County 4-H members actively enrolled through 4honline.com** may enter the 4-H Division and must be in good standing to compete for awards. Fair Entry requires 4-H member's current project enrollment to enter a 4-H Class of competition.

*Only students in an Elbert County FFA program may compete in an appropriate Class under the 4-H Senior Age Division. These exhibitors must have completed the requirements of their specific programs and must adhere to Elbert County General Rules as well as 4H/FFA Rules.*

Exhibitors who are members of 4-H and FFA are expected to complete the requirements of both programs.

Record Books are required for every 4-H project. Project record books not completed will cause the member to be ineligible to enroll in that project the following year.

- Livestock records must be current, pre-checked by club leader before fair, completed post fair, and final sign-off by club leader in September.
- Shooting Sports records must be current and submitted at designated general project check-in dates/times. Current records are required to qualify for State competition.
- All General Project records must be complete, labeled, and submitted with exhibit at designated general project check-in date/time.

### Class and Age Divisions:

Most 4-H CLASSES are based on the 4-H Member's age. 4-H age is determined by how old the member was on December 31.

#### 4-H Member Age Divisions Are:

- Cloverbud = Ages 5-7
- Junior = Ages 8-10
- Intermediate = Ages 11-13
- Senior = Ages 14-18

#### \* CLASS Age Exceptions:

- If only two age divisions, the split will be:  
(Junior: Ages 8-13 and Senior: Ages 14-18)  
Animal ages apply to breeding livestock and some animal Classes.
- Novice Classes are for first year exhibitors in that animal project, regardless of 4-H member age.

### Fair Entry and Fees:

All 4-H Fair and County Shoot Entries Are Due by JUNE 8.

- 4-H members must enter fair online through FairEntry, using same login as your 4HOnline account.
- Once all entries for all exhibitors in the family have been completed, then CONTINUE TO PAYMENT to finalize and submit your family's entries.
- PRINT out your invoice, PAYABLE TO ECEF, deliver your invoice and payment to the Extension office BEFORE JULY 1.
- Your invoice and payment must be received BEFORE JUNE 8 for your 4-H member and projects to be officially entered in the Elbert County Fair.
- \$15 Basic Entry Fee - Per 4-H Member AND \$10 per head Market Fee
- NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

# 2026 LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR RULES FOR ALL LIVESTOCK & SMALL ANIMALS

## **ENTRIES:**

All entries must be entered in the name of the owner of the species. Exhibitors are not limited to the number of entries and may show in any or all species (except in Market Classes, as set forth in the Junior Livestock Competition Requirements for number of head limits; Market Beef, Market Swine, Market Sheep, Market Goats are limited to no more than 3 head). In all species, the same animal may NOT be shown in both a market/meat class and a breeding/show class. All livestock entries must be made online through the 4-H entry system, overseen by Elbert County Extension. All exhibitors will be given an exhibitor packet during check in, all exhibitors must sign IAFE Code of Ethics form, 2026 Elbert County Fair Exhibitor Code of Conduct, and Market exhibitors must also sign a USDA Quality Assurance Certificate for each animal they will be showing and sign a sale designation form. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

## **EFFECT OF ENTRY:**

Every exhibitor expressly understands and agrees that an exhibitor's completed entry form is their acceptance of all Elbert County Fair Competition Requirements, whether set forth in a general or a specific rule. The exhibitor further agrees and understands that they will abide by the competition requirements throughout the duration of his/her time at the Elbert County Fair. An exhibitor acknowledges and agrees to abide by all competition requirements when he or she signs his or her entry form for competition. Additionally, the exhibitor agrees and understands that failure to comply with the competition requirements or fair officials may subject them to penalties, including the loss of privilege to sell at the Elbert County Fair Junior Market Sale, premium monies and other such penalties such as future expulsion from future Elbert County Fairs if deemed necessary.

## **RISK OF ENTRY:**

All exhibitors entered at the fair do so at their own risk and fair officials are not responsible for damage or injuries to persons and/or animals and/or property. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article exhibited by him or her. Exhibitor agrees to indemnify, and hold harmless, Elbert County Fair and Fair Board and Elbert County Government, Authority and Management thereof from all claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, or liability costs, suits or actions of every name, kind and description, brought forth from or on account of, injuries or death of any person including but not limited to workers, and the public, or damage to property resulting from the performance of the exhibitor or exhibitor's entries. Exhibitors should contact their insurance company for additional information and coverage if needed.

## **BARRED EXHIBITORS:**

**The Elbert County Fair and the Elbert County Fair Board reserves the right to refuse entry of any exhibitor who has been barred from any other show based on unethical practices, disqualified from competition at any major livestock show, from any state fair or county fair, or has had premiums withheld or withdrawn on the grounds of a violation of any Competition Requirement.**

## **OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:**

Ownership of the animal must be designated at the time of weigh-in/tag-in at the official Fair Board spring weigh-in for species that have an official weigh-in/tag-in (swine, beef, lamb, goat, market poultry). Animals that are NOT weighed/tagged in at the official weigh-in will automatically be disqualified from competing for Grand Champion and disqualified from any rate of gain contest. Exhibitors unable to make the official weigh-in must coordinate with Extension Office and the Species Superintendent to be officially tagged before ownership deadline to qualify to exhibit at the fair.

Market Beef, Breeding Beef, and Dairy Cattle must be in possession of the Exhibitor by April 1 and the ID entered in 4-H Online by APRIL 15. All Beef, Dairy Cattle, Horse and Dog must have IDs in 4-H online by APRIL 15 to enter the county fair. All other livestock/animals (including birth doe of meat rabbits) must be in the exhibitor's possession and ID completed in 4-H Online by MAY 15. The exception will be for Show Birds that may be ID'd at the time of fair entry.

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## **2025 LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR RULES continued**

### **DRESS CODE:**

Exhibitors should be conscious of their appearance. All livestock exhibitors are required to wear appropriate show attire when competing. Shorts, tank tops, low-cut shirts, sheer blouses, flip flops, t-shirts, shirts with inappropriate messages or logos, ball caps, or bare midriffs are not acceptable attire and may not be worn during a show event. Recommended dress is as follows: long- or short-sleeved, button-down shirt or blouse, clean jeans or slacks with belt. Hard-soled, closed-toe shoes or boots are recommended to protect the feet. Rabbits and Poultry: jeans or slacks and long-sleeved shirts are preferred for safety. Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goats: white shirts and pants are recommended. Show officials may refuse anyone improperly dressed entry into the show ring until said exhibitor is properly dressed.

### **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:**

All 4-H/FFA animals housed on the fairgrounds must submit to a Health Inspection. (Breeding animals coming in for a one day "trailer show" are not subject to a health check but the Elbert County Fair reserves the right to deny entry for an animal that appears unfit for show.) The health check service is available for each species according to the check-in schedule and will be completed prior to an animal being stalled upon check-in. Animals coming to the fairgrounds are subject to any health check procedures that the fair board, superintendent and the veterinarians deem necessary, NO EXCEPTIONS. All animals will be carefully examined on arrival by a licensed veterinarian for evidence of infectious or contagious diseases. If, in the opinion of the examining vet, any evidence of infectious or contagious disease is found the animal will not unload and will be promptly removed from the fairgrounds. Exhibitors who protest the decision may contact a veterinarian and at their own expense have the animal(s) evaluated; then must provide written request for entry into the fair with a veterinarians written report showing animal is safe for entry and, in the case of a market animal, safe for human consumption. This must be done timely so as not to delay class or fair events; protests 8 hours or less before the start time of the show will not be recognized. Any animal, even once housed/stalled on the fairgrounds, which is deemed unhealthy at any time during the fair can be removed from the grounds with recommendation and/or approval of a veterinarian with support of a fair official.

### **BEDDING:**

All bedding must be supplied by the exhibitor. Wood chips/shavings is the preferred bedding. NO STRAW ALLOWED due to fire danger; however, an exception will be made for straw to be used only outdoors in beef tie-out area and in designated areas for lactating dairy cattle. (SEE BEEF/DAIRY RULES)

### **CHECK-IN:**

All exhibitors should enter through the South gate at the time designated and proceed to their respective unloading area. Animals are not to be unloaded until health checked.

### **OFFICIAL FAIR WEIGH-IN:**

See species specific schedule for weigh-in time and location. Re-weigh requests will be granted ONLY immediately following the balancing of the scales. No other animals will be weighed between the re-weigh and animals are not allowed to leave the weigh area or be subjected to any alterations or circumstances that could change the actual weight.

### **INTACT MALES/CRYPTORCHIDS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.**

Any species of beef, sheep, swine, goat, or horse found to be intact or cryptorchid will be immediately disqualified. Protest of this will be at the exhibitor's expense and must be made through a licensed veterinarian, any protest must take place as soon as possible. Disputes will not be heard within an 8-hour window of show time and must be accompanied by a written letter from a licensed veterinarian with accompanying proof, as necessary. Exception to this rule is for male calves being exhibited in a cow/calf breeding pair.

### **EXHIBITORS MUST SHOW THEIR OWN ANIMAL:**

If an exhibitor is unable to show an animal (either because of more than one of their animals in a class or due to a physical injury that prevents the exhibitor from being able to show); the replacement showman must be an Elbert County 4-H/FFA member who is currently a member of an Elbert County 4-H Club or Elbert County FFA Chapter and also must be exhibiting at the fair. Showmanship exception allowed only for novice exhibitors, a novice exhibitor may show another animal in a showmanship class in a case where safety is an issue, and this exception is approved by the superintendent prior to the showmanship contest.

## **2025 LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR RULES continued**

### **CODE OF CONDUCT:**

As an exhibitor, or legal guardian of an exhibitor, or a person who is in anyway affiliated with the exhibitor or the exhibitor's animal; you have the responsibility of representing yourself, your dependents and the exhibitor you are helping in the eyes of fellow exhibitors, fair officials and the public. Those participants who do not adhere to the General Rules, Livestock Exhibitor Rules and Species-specific Rules and the Exhibitor Code of Conduct, and the IAFE National Code of Showring Ethics, are subject to consequences based on the sole discretion of the Elbert County Fair Board. Those consequences can include removal from the fair and punishment of the exhibitor directly even for actions of the adult in the situation. Cooperation with fair officials, judges, other exhibitors is expected, failure to do so may result in penalties as previously mentioned. All livestock exhibitors, legal guardians and any person who is in any way affiliated with the exhibitor or the exhibitor's animal must, at all times, behave in an ethical manner and practice acceptable methods of good animal husbandry. Unethical practices include, but are not limited to, actions that violate Federal, State, Local Laws, FDA law and/or 4-H rules through Colorado State University Extension. All livestock exhibitors, legal guardians of the exhibitor and/or any person who is in any way affiliated with the exhibitor or the exhibitor's animal(s), must at all times behave in an ethical manner.

### **UNETHICALLY FITTED LIVESTOCK:**

The following are deemed unethical practices and may result in disciplinary action:

1. 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; the removal, alteration, changing or purposely damaging ear tags; any type of injection where oils, glycerin or like substances are used for body "fill-in," external applications of such things as liniments and blistering agents that would cause an edematous condition; use of ice packs or other refrigerants to alter the quality of the finish of an animal.
2. No animal may be decorated with any unnecessary paraphernalia during judging.
3. Changing the color of hair at any point, spot or area on the animal's body or any grooming material that allows color to be rubbed off from any animal will result in disqualification.
4. No altering structure of hair or wool coat; except for trimming and blocking will be allowed.
5. Any entry adding an artificial tail head or tail fin, artificial poll, or adding any hair or hair-like substance will be disqualified.
6. The showing of livestock of any ineligible age is prohibited.
7. The showing of unethically fitted livestock is prohibited.
8. Any exhibitor committing any of the above-described unethical practices, or any other practice deemed unethical by a fair official, will be subject to discipline as outlined above.

### **PROHIBITION OF INTERFERENCE WITH COMPETITIONS:**

Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair official, other exhibitors, association representatives or show officials before, during or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, and fair officials or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect, and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them. If any exhibitor, in any way, whether in person or by agent or representative, interferes with any judge during that judge's adjudication or behaves disrespectfully toward any judge or any fair official, then the fair may immediately remove said exhibitor from the judging area, may disqualify the exhibitor from further competition, may remove the exhibitor from the fairgrounds, may withhold any prizes that may have been awarded in any other event at the Fair, revoke participation in the Junior Market Sale and may be subject to a possible suspension from exhibiting at future Elbert County Fairs.

### **USDA WHOLESOME MEAT ACT:**

Elbert County Fair endorses and supports the USDA Wholesome Meat Act and requires exhibitors' compliance. Exhibitors of all animal entries must certify their compliance with manufacturer pre-market withdrawal periods for all medications, drugs, pesticides, implants and/or feed additives administered. The use of any non-approved chemical or improper use of approved chemicals is strictly prohibited. Any exhibitor found to have violated this rule will be immediately barred from the Junior Market Sale and will forfeit all premiums.

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## 2025 LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR RULES continued

### PROPER CARE OF LIVESTOCK AT FAIR:

All livestock are to be cared for primarily by the exhibitor throughout the duration of the fair. All animals should be properly bedded, provided with food and water accordingly, and exercised, as necessary. Animals should be clean and properly groomed. Stalls/pens shall be cleaned daily and as necessary for animals' comfort and public viewing. Stall/pen signs must be displayed for the public to see easily; these are available at the fair office and required for each animal. Stall/pen space is assigned by superintendent; exhibitors are required to stall/pen animals as assigned or risk disqualification.

Fair Officials reserve the right, at its discretion, to contact a veterinarian to determine if water should be given, if an animal becomes sick or injured or if the overall health of an animal is of concern. If this occurs without the exhibitor present, a fair official will make an attempt to contact the exhibitor using the contact numbers given through the 4-H online system. If the member cannot be reached and the decision is made to contact a veterinarian, this will be at the exhibitor's expense. The Elbert County Fair Board reserves the right to require an animal to be removed from the fairgrounds if necessary.

If an animal requires an injection at the fair, this will only be allowed under the supervision of a fair official and upon approval of a veterinarian. No animal shall be fed or injected with any non-authorized substance unless the animal's health requires it, and this is approved by the veterinarian and then a fair official. Failure to follow Meat Quality Assurance guidelines and the USDA Wholesome Meat Act will automatically disqualify an animal. The consequence of being caught doing so without following this proper procedure will be subject to penalties as previously outlined and determined by the Elbert County Fair Board.

### RELEASE OF ANIMALS:

No animal(s) are allowed to leave the fairgrounds once checked in without express, written permission from the Elbert County Fair Board. See Check-Out times for animal release. Exhibitors must obtain a release form from the species-specific Livestock Superintendent for the release of all their animals. For equipment and tack, these may leave the grounds beginning on Sunday, the last day of fair, at any time, as long as the removal is done so without a motorized vehicle and without causing disruption to fair events or other exhibitors. Beef specific rules may allow for removal of blocking chutes at a separately designated time, see BEEF EXHIBITOR RULES.

### JUDGING - (LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS):

1. All classes (including Showmanship) will be awarded four places based on the American System. Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded as indicated by the fair book.
2. Showmanship species Champions and Reserve Champions will be chosen from the exhibitors chosen to return for the final classes. Champions and Reserve Champions may be chosen from any of these exhibitors, regardless of their placing in the qualifying classes.
3. **Poor quality, underweight, and prospect animals will not be allowed to sell in the Elbert County Junior Market Sale.**
4. Exhibitors should take care to dress appropriately for the species they are showing. Exhibitors are also strongly encouraged to dress tastefully so as to represent the agriculture industry in the best possible way.
5. Cloverbud 4-H: State 4-H guidelines apply. Special ribbons are awarded during the fair at Fair Board sponsored non-competitive activities.

## 4-H GENERAL PROJECTS EXHIBITS:

1. **Check-in:** General 4-H Projects must be checked in at designated times as published to be judged and exhibited at the Elbert County Fair.
2. 4-H'ers who do not exhibit their projects at the Elbert County Fair must submit their project e-record and completed manual to the Elbert County Extension Office or Main Leader by September 1 to earn project completion for the current year. Projects not completed will cause the member to be ineligible to enroll in that project the following year. **NOTE:** *Project will be reviewed, but it will not be judged.*
3. **Label Projects and Record Books Before Check-in:** Each exhibit piece and e-Record and other materials MUST be labeled before check-in.
4. **4-H Displays:** Display Boards are the ONLY display boards that can be used for 4-H projects. Display Boards should be the standardized size of 3 feet high X 4 feet wide. Note: For more information look under Display Hints and Tips and Project Tips.
5. All exhibits must be displayed and remain on display for the duration of the Elbert County Fair. Exhibits will be released on the last Sunday of the fair at 2 pm and must be picked up at that time. The management will not be responsible for loss or damage to exhibits left unclaimed.
6. Any exhibit qualifying for the state fair remaining with the Extension office must have a signed release and be properly packaged for transport to the state fair.

### JUDGING - (General 4-H Project Exhibits):

1. The Danish System will be used to GRADE the 4-H exhibits for QUALITY first. This system uses product standards and fulfillment of exhibit requirements to grade each exhibit.
  - Blue** - Exhibit meets exhibit requirements and is of high quality.
  - Red** - Exhibit meets exhibit requirements but is of average quality.
  - White** - Exhibit does not meet all exhibit requirements and/or is below average quality; (needs improvement).
2. Following Danish grading, the American System will be used to RANK the 4-H exhibits. Ranking is competition among exhibitors in a class, establishing 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> places. Regardless of the number of entries in a class, place ranking cannot exceed quality. A red or white quality exhibit does not qualify for a first-place ranking.
3. **Exhibits placing first in their class qualify to go to the Colorado State Fair.** This does not apply to those projects designated as County Only Projects. Any exhibit qualifying for state fair remaining with the Extension office must have a signed release and be properly packaged for transport to state fair.
4. A DIVISION County Champion and Reserve Champion is chosen by the judge from all the first place exhibits in classes in that division per the Champion listing at the end of general project exhibit requirements.
5. Cloverbud 4-H: State 4-H guidelines apply. Special ribbons are awarded during the fair at Fair Board sponsored non-competitive activities.

### ALL 4-H PREMIUMS AND AWARDS:

1. Premiums are paid on the American System of placing for 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> places only, as designated in the fair book. Champions receive awards or buckles as designated in the fair book and not additional premiums. Premiums will not be paid on Cloverbud activities, or other county only fun activities.
2. Cash premiums will be paid during the fair on the last Sunday at the Fair Office when announced after 3pm and close-out at 5pm. The Fair Board and Elbert County reserve the right to change the method and date of payment if the need should arise. Any premiums not picked up by that date shall be forfeited.
3. 4-H Exhibitors must meet certain requirements to sign-out and receive premiums:
  - Award/Buckle winners must have written Thank You notes to donors.
  - Animal project members must have clean stall approved by the barn superintendent.
4. Some awards will be presented at the time of the show. General projects will be announced

### MISCELLANEOUS:

Although some Units are divided into Junior and Senior Classes or Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Classes in this Fair Book, the Fair Board and Superintendents of each Division reserve the right to combine classes if there are not enough entries to justify the split. Exhibitors may still be eligible to compete at the State Fair level.