

Policy Change Request Form

Person(s) requesting change: Larry Hagenbuch

What policy change would you like to see? (please reference specific sections of the Fair Book if necessary): Put half of the large animal commission fund toward extra premium money for members who exhibit large animals at the fair.

How would this change benefit 4-H/FFA members?: This would give the kids more money for their projects.

Will this change require any extra labor or resources? If so, are you willing to help acquire/provide those extra inputs? Yes, it may require extra paperwork and work during premium payouts. If this policy is passed, volunteers from the livestock committee would be expected to help with premium payout/calculation.

Any other comments?: _____

Policy Change Request Form

Person(s) requesting change: Emily Standley

What policy change would you like to see? (please reference specific sections of the Fair Book if necessary): Add language to fair book that provides consequences for 4-H/FFA members and/or their families, for blatant disrespectful behavior (swearing, belligerence, refusal to comply with rules) toward Extension staff or superintendents. Consequences would include prohibiting the member/family from showing during the next fair at which they are eligible to show, and requiring a petition to return to the Central Montana Fair. Minimal offenses would move a member to sell last in the auction. These consequences can be enforced with approval from the Extension office AND superintendents.

How would this change benefit 4-H/FFA members?: This would enhance the overall atmosphere of the Central Montana Fair, and put members on an equal playing field, by ensuring that ALL participants are required to follow the rules. This will encourage members to embody the spirit of 4-H/FFA, and encourage both members and families to act as leaders and role models.

Will this change require any extra labor or resources? If so, are you willing to help acquire/provide those extra inputs? Extra work would only be required if disrespectful behavior occurs. In this instance, we would need input from the barn superintendents AND Extension staff to determine if the above consequences are appropriate for the situation.

Any other comments?: _____

Policy Change Request Form

Person(s) requesting change: Vanek

What policy change would you like to see? (please reference specific sections of the Fair Book if necessary): Implement tagging of a family animal for each species. Requirements include: family animal must be specified at tagging; to utilize the "extra" family animal, a death certificate or note of injury from a veterinarian must be provided.

How would this change benefit 4-H/FFA members?: This would give families an optional replacement animal in instances of death or severe injury.

Will this change require any extra labor or resources? If so, are you willing to help acquire/provide those extra inputs? This would not require extra work, aside from enforcement of the rules from Extension staff and superintendents.

Any other comments?: _____

Policy Change Request Form

Person(s) requesting change: Vaneks

What policy change would you like to see? (please reference specific sections of the Fair Book if necessary): Make tie-out mandatory for all beef cattle.

How would this change benefit 4-H/FFA members?: Helps keep the barn cleaner-smelling, keeps kids' stalls cleaner, and would potentially lead to less sawdust use.

Will this change require any extra labor or resources? If so, are you willing to help acquire/provide those extra inputs? This would require monitoring from the beef superintendent to ensure all members are following the rules.

Any other comments?: _____

Policy Change Request Form

Person(s) requesting change: Mike Vanek

What policy change would you like to see? (please reference specific sections of the Fair Book if necessary): Set mandatory tie-in and tie-out times for beef cattle: cattle must be back in the barn by 9:30am everyday, and cannot be tied-out before 5:30pm each day.

How would this change benefit 4-H/FFA members?: This would keep animals in the barn for the public longer (including possible potential buyers), throughout the day, everyday.

Will this change require any extra labor or resources? If so, are you willing to help acquire/provide those extra inputs? This would require monitoring by superintendents and leaders to ensure all members are following the rules.

Any other comments?:

Policy Change Request Form

Person(s) requesting change: Vaneks

What policy change would you like to see? (please reference specific sections of the Fair Book if necessary): Clarify Breed Classifications within breeding show section of fair book: Black Angus, Hereford, or Red Angus must be 100% pure; Simmental, Gelbvieh must be 50% pure; Other – change to Any Other Breed, which would be open to any purebred not listed; Commercial – animal with two or more breeds (could not be shown as AOB).

How would this change benefit 4-H/FFA members?: This would clarify designations for the 4-H/FFA members entering, and would keep breeds together.

Will this change require any extra labor or resources? If so, are you willing to help acquire/provide those extra inputs? This would require extra monitoring by leaders and superintendents.

Any other comments?: _____

Policy Change Request Form

Person(s) requesting change: Vanek

What policy change would you like to see? (please reference specific sections of the Fair Book if necessary): Show breeding heifer projects by age. Break into lots during entries.

How would this change benefit 4-H/FFA members?: This would give members with a late-born heifer an equal playing field.

Will this change require any extra labor or resources? If so, are you willing to help acquire/provide those extra inputs? Minimal extra work – add birth date as a field on entry form, or get the info at check-in. Vaneks would be willing to help with this.

Any other comments?:

Policy Change Request Form

Person(s) requesting change: Cody England

What policy change would you like to see? (please reference specific sections of the Fair Book if necessary): Add language to the fair book that indicates if record books are not completed by the deadline, you cannot show the same species at the following year's fair.

How would this change benefit 4-H/FFA members?: This would encourage members to complete their records, which is an important learning tool when completing animal projects.

Will this change require any extra labor or resources? If so, are you willing to help acquire/provide those extra inputs? Yes, in order to enforce this policy fairly, large animal record books would need to be reviewed by a standard committee, rather than individual leaders. If this policy passes, members of the livestock committee would be expected to volunteer on said committee.

Any other comments?: _____

Policy Change Request Form

Person(s) requesting change: Teri Harper

What policy change would you like to see? (please reference specific sections of the Fair Book if necessary): In Class 2001 – Lot 1 (Market Beef), add distinction to minimum weight that allows steers with 50% miniature influence to compete in the market show if they weigh-in at 1,000 pounds.

How would this change benefit 4-H/FFA members?: This would allow finished steers with miniature influence to sell, without being over-finished or placed in a feeder class.

Will this change require any extra labor or resources? If so, are you willing to help acquire/provide those extra inputs? This would not require extra work, but may add more animals to the market classes and/or sale.

Any other comments?: Some miniature cattle breeds can cross with full size Angus or Simmental.

Policy Change Request Form

Person(s) requesting change: Teri Harper

What policy change would you like to see? (please reference specific sections of the Fair Book if necessary): In Class 2002 – add lot for miniature breeds separately (either full- or half-blood), and have this be separate from the AOB category.

How would this change benefit 4-H/FFA members?: This would allow all members to exhibit miniature cattle alongside others of their frame size.

Will this change require any extra labor or resources? If so, are you willing to help acquire/provide those extra inputs? This will require more classes and awards. However, the Aberdeen Association will help with all awards and money for Aberdeen animals.

Any other comments?: Breed standards are different for miniatures than for full-size cattle breeds.

Policy Change Request Form

Person(s) requesting change: Teri Harper

What policy change would you like to see? (please reference specific sections of the Fair Book if necessary): In Class 2002 – add lot for miniature breeds separately (either full- or half-blood), and have this be separate from the AOB category.

How would this change benefit 4-H/FFA members?: This would allow all members to exhibit miniature cattle alongside others of their frame size.

Will this change require any extra labor or resources? If so, are you willing to help acquire/provide those extra inputs? This will require more classes and awards. However, the Aberdeen Association will help with all awards and money for Aberdeen animals.

Any other comments?: Breed standards are different for miniatures than for full-size cattle breeds.

Policy Change Request Form

Person(s) requesting change: Shannon Ruckman

What policy change would you like to see? (please reference specific sections of the Fair Book if necessary): Institute a Hardship Award for members with animals that don't make it to the fair, due to death, injury, illness, etc. Members who apply for the award would write an essay, interview, and make an educational display. The winner in each age division would receive a cash award or some sort of recognition.

How would this change benefit 4-H/FFA members?: This would give members the opportunity to be recognized for their efforts, despite animal injury/death/illness.

Will this change require any extra labor or resources? If so, are you willing to help acquire/provide those extra inputs? Yes, this would require a committee to judge essays, interviews, and educational displays, then choose winners. This would also require the livestock committee to provide prizes of some sort.

Any other comments?: This would give the kids a way to show their project, even if their animal doesn't make it to fair. It would also give them an opportunity to interview and practice communicating what happened.

Policy Change Request Form

Person(s) requesting change: Emily Standley

What policy change would you like to see? (please reference specific sections of the Fair Book if necessary): Add language to the fair book that outlines Fergus-Petroleum County policy on 4-H age limit, and apply these rules to showing in the Central Montana Fair as well.

How would this change benefit 4-H/FFA members?: This change would improve consistency among counties, and would clarify issues that have arisen in the past.

Will this change require any extra labor or resources? If so, are you willing to help acquire/provide those extra inputs? This change would not require any extra resources.

Any other comments?: This change is necessary to ensure all members are treated fairly, and to be in line with our current county policy.

Policy Change Request Form

Person(s) requesting change: Cody England

What policy change would you like to see? (please reference specific sections of the Fair Book if necessary): For breeding animals, add a lot that allows for pen of 3, which could include 2 or 3 generations (i.e. cow with yearling daughter/son, and cow's new calf or cow, daughter, and daughter's calf)

How would this change benefit 4-H/FFA members?: This change would give members another opportunity to show, and encourage them to expand their projects beyond just one or two years.

Will this change require any extra labor or resources? If so, are you willing to help acquire/provide those extra inputs? This change would probably not require any extra labor or resources aside from possibly having another class, but if extra help is needed, member/family is willing to help.

Any other comments?: _____