

## Policy Change Request Form

Person(s) requesting change: Pat Ward

What policy change would you like to see? (please reference specific sections of the Fair Book if necessary): Implement a "no re-weigh" policy for market animals at the Central Montana Fair. Once a market animal goes across the scale on the Tuesday of fair week, the initial weight recorded is the final weight to be used for all purposes during the fair.

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How would this change benefit 4-H members?: This new policy change would improve consistency so 4-H and FFA members have a clear understanding of the rules and what is expected for them. This policy will also ensure that no member receives special or unfair treatment regarding market animal weigh-ins.

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Will this change require any extra labor or resources? If so, are you willing to help acquire/provide those extra inputs? This change would require less work, because no one would have to coordinate re-weighing animals.

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Any other comments?: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Policy Change Request Form

Person(s) requesting change: Tracy Kamerman

What policy change would you like to see? (please reference specific sections of the Fair Book if necessary): Department 24 Sheep Class 2402 – add class to breeding show: ewe and lamb(s) or ewe and offspring. May add 1 lot to show many if breed specific.

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How would this change benefit 4-H members?: Exhibit ewe-offspring embodies the spirit of “breeding project” to produce viable offspring. Opportunity for 4-Her to have animals and genetics exhibited and judged; be offered ideas for confirmation & breed specific improvements. Possibly open up markets for member to sell livestock as breeder to private sector. This may also be a chance for members to show off their projects and possibly gain interest for selling in the private sector.

Will this change require any extra labor or resources? If so, are you willing to help acquire/provide those extra inputs? This would add additional lot to breeding show (several if choose to go breed specific). May add additional animals on exhibit. Would add ribbons and/or prizes for placings. I would be willing to provide assistance.

Any other comments?: This aligns with Beef Breeding Show Department 20, Class 2002, Lots 3,4,9,10,15,16,21,22,27,28,33,34,39, and 40.

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## 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): Department 22 Goat Class 2210 – add class to breeding show: doe and kid.

How would this change benefit 4-H members?: Exhibit doe with offspring embodies the spirit of a breeding project to produce viable offspring. This would give 4-H/FFA members the opportunity to have animals and genetics exhibited and judged, along with the chance for feedback regarding specific improvements. This may also be a chance for members to show off their projects and possibly gain interest for selling in the private sector.

Will this change require any extra labor or resources? If so, are you willing to help acquire/provide those extra inputs? This would add an additional lot to the goat breeding show, and may possibly increase the number of animals exhibited, along with the amount of ribbons/awards needed. However, at this point, adding this lot seems very feasible, and I would be more than happy to help with any extra work necessary.

Any other comments?: This aligns with Beef Breeding Show Department 20, Class 2002, Lots 3,4,9,10,15,16,21,22,27,28,33,34,39, and 40.

## Policy Change Request Form

Person(s) requesting change: Casey Willmore

What policy change would you like to see? (please reference specific sections of the Fair Book if necessary): Separate goat classes into meat and dairy. For example, currently all market goats are shown under one lot, but should be separated into "Breeding Dairy Goat" and "Breeding Meat Goat" lots.

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How would this change benefit 4-H members?: This change would create a more realistic goat show, and help 4-H/FFA members learn about the specific characteristics desired in the types of goats they are raising. This change would also make it easier for the livestock judge to be consistent.

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Will this change require any extra labor or resources? If so, are you willing to help acquire/provide those extra inputs? More goat classes will be needed, which likely means the goat show will be a little longer. It will also mean adding a lot to the fair book and entry forms.

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Any other comments?: A few leaders and the livestock judge have suggested this change to the sheep/goat superintendent (Casey).

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## Policy Change Request Form

Person(s) requesting change: Josh Stroh

What policy change would you like to see? (please reference specific sections of the Fair Book if necessary): Sale order would be broken into sections. For example: 10 pigs, 3 steers, 2 lambs, 1 goat/poultry – then back to 1 pigs, 3 steers, etc.

How would this change benefit 4-H members?: I believe this change would improve excitement during the sale and create higher prices for 4-H members.

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 much extra time aside from re-arranging the sale order. I am willing to help.

Any other comments?: Members of the livestock committee have reached out to buyers in the community to gather feedback on this idea. So far, all the responses to this potential have been positive. Buyers seem to be in favor of this idea.

## Policy Change Request Form

Person(s) requesting change: Emily Standley and Jared Long

What policy change would you like to see? (please reference specific sections of the Fair Book if necessary): Remove Champion Feeder classes for all species. This is not specifically mentioned in the fair book, but would fall under the sections discussing how the Livestock Committee can break each species up into weight divisions.

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How would this change benefit 4-H members?: While it is valuable for members to be able to show their animals, even if they didn't reach minimum market weight, having champion feeder classes seems to defeat the purpose of asking members to have animals ready for fair. This change will still allow 4-H/FFA members to show underweight animals, but will also demonstrate the true-to-life joys and hardships of agriculture, which is a major purpose of completing a 4-H/FFA animal project.

Will this change require any extra labor or resources? If so, are you willing to help acquire/provide those extra inputs? This change would require less time and resources, because removing champion feeder classes from all species would reduce the number of classes in the show ring.

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Any other comments?:

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## 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): Add policy to fair book to clarify that pig and sheep pens are not to be used for tack storage during the Central Montana Fair.

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How would this change benefit 4-H members?: This would leave more pens available for animals, and allow better organization of tack. This would also improve security and safety.

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Will this change require any extra labor or resources? If so, are you willing to help acquire/provide those extra inputs? There may be more organization needed for organizing tack areas/pen assignments.

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Any other comments?: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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): Change minimum number per weight division listed in fair book. Currently, the rules say there will be a minimum of 15 animals per weight division, which has not been followed in the past, and often isn't practical. I propose lowering the minimum number of animals per division to 7.

How would this change benefit 4-H members?: 4-H/FFA members will still be competing within their own weight class, but now the rules will be consistent so members and their families know what to expect.

Will this change require any extra labor or resources? If so, are you willing to help acquire/provide those extra inputs? The only extra labor requirement will be changing the rules in the fair book. I am more than happy to make these changes.

Any other comments?: The main reason for this proposal is so we can be consistent in our rule enforcement.



## Policy Change Request Form

Person(s) requesting change: Jennifer Saunders and Emily Standley

What policy change would you like to see? (please reference specific sections of the Fair Book if necessary): Condense educational displays into one class per species. For example, Market Sheep Educational Display and Breeding Sheep Educational Display would be combined into one "Sheep Educational Display" category.

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How would this change benefit 4-H members?: 4-H members likely wouldn't see much change. They would still go through the same interview and scoring process for their individual projects as usual. However, combining displays into one category per species may mean members have more competition for medallions – but this will be a good motivator to put extra effort into the project.

Will this change require any extra labor or resources? If so, are you willing to help acquire/provide those extra inputs? This change would require less labor and inputs from both our Extension staff and our volunteers. Combining these fair entries would help interview scheduling and judging run more smoothly.

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Any other comments?:

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## 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): Clarify the no substitutions/switching animals/ear tags rule found under each species' department. The newly proposed text would read, "Animals must be tagged with a 4-H ear tag, weighed, with photos to the Extension Office by (Jan 15<sup>th</sup>/Apr 15<sup>th</sup>/May 15<sup>th</sup>). Animals must be assigned to a specific 4-H/FFA member. Any requests to switch or substitute animals because of illness, injury, etc. must be made to the Livestock Committee within thirty days after the applicable weigh-and-tag deadline. The executive committee, Extension agent, and appropriate superintendent have final say on whether the requested changes will be permitted."

How would this change benefit 4-H members?: 4-H and FFA members (and their families) will have clearer understanding of the rules ahead of fair. This also provides an avenue for members to still show their projects, even if circumstances arise beyond their control. This will also give members a sense of accountability and ownership of their project by requiring they ask for permission prior to arriving at the fair.

Will this change require any extra labor or resources? If so, are you willing to help acquire/provide those extra inputs? This change will help to prevent issues during fair, and clear up any ambiguity regarding the current rule. Possible other labor required would be approving/denying requests ahead of time. I am certainly willing to coordinate this effort.

Any other comments?: There were a couple of questions regarding this matter at the 2018 fair. By clarifying this rule, we can get everyone on the same page and prevent future miscommunications.

## Policy Change Request Form

Person(s) requesting change: Jared Long and Emily Standley

What policy change would you like to see? (please reference specific sections of the Fair Book if necessary): Require 4-H/FFA members who enter a large animal market project to enter showmanship as well. 4-H/FFA members who scratch showmanship will be deducted 10% of their sale fee, to be toward Livestock Committee funds. Requests for exemption from this rule due to exceptional circumstances are under the discretion of the superintendents/committee.

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How would this change benefit 4-H members?: This new policy would help ensure that 4-H/FFA members are using proper quality assurance practices. Members will also be more motivated to learn more about animal husbandry, which is a major objective of large animal projects.

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Will this change require any extra labor or resources? If so, are you willing to help acquire/provide those extra inputs? There will likely be more animals in the showmanship classes, which will require a little more time. However, there will be less last-minute work required for scratching and re-arranging showmanship classes.

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Any other comments?: \_\_\_\_\_

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