

Washington State 4-H Fair

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Off Season (Oct 1 – Aug 15): 253-445-4630; Fax 253-445-4587
Fair Time (Aug 16-Sept 30): 253-770-5410; Fax: 253-770-5412

Website: <http://4h.wsu.edu/statefair/index.htm>



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TO: 4-H SHEEP EXHIBITORS

FROM: Washington State 4-H Fair

SUBJECT: State 4-H Fair Participation Information - 2009

CONGRATULATIONS! WE ARE PLEASED TO INVITE YOU TO EXHIBIT YOUR 4-H LIVESTOCK PROJECT AT THE STATE 4-H FAIR IN SEPTEMBER. You will be representing all the 4-H'ers in Washington State. In the following pages you will find information that will help you prepare for your State 4-H Fair visit.

You might find that your county fair's herdsmanship standards are very different from those that you will follow during your stay with us. That's because approximately 1.2 million people will visit the Puyallup Fair this year. A few will watch events in the arenas, often for a very short time, but many more will walk through the 4-H barns. Some of these will be people with limited mobility, physical challenges, or small children. Almost all of them will know little about livestock and how they are cared for, or the handling rules you learn in 4-H that help you work with and enjoy your animals safely. Cooperating with herdsmanship guidelines is not optional, but a condition of your participation in the State 4-H Fair. Rules that address current concerns for biological safety for you and your exhibit animals may be implemented at any time to safeguard the health of American livestock, the economy of animal agriculture, and the health of humans visiting and working in our barns. Please be prepared to comply with any requests.

Fair is an excellent opportunity to educate the public about farm animals and safety, and to show our barn visitors that we take the best possible care of our animals. The public is becoming more concerned about and critical of the care given to domesticated animals; for many people this is their only opportunity to see farm animals "up close and personal".

**4-H SHEEP WILL BE RECEIVED 6 A.M. - 10 A.M. ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.
ANIMALS WILL BE RELEASED BEGINNING AT 6 P.M. ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.**

**BARN ASSIGNMENT: 4-H SHEEP
FFA SHEEP
OPEN SHEEP**

**BARN "H"
TOWN & COUNTRY 2
BARN "M"**

4-H Sheep Show Schedule

Fleece Check In	Thursday	Sept 24	10 am to 1 pm	Barn H
Exhibitor Meeting	Thursday	Sept 24	5 pm	Town & Country Arena
Fleece Judging	Thursday	Sept 24	6 pm	Barn H
4-H Sheep Fit/Show and Type Classes	Saturday	Sept 26	10 am to 6 pm	Town & Country Arena
WWF Lads and Ladies Lead (sign up at the Open Sheep Office on Friday, Sept 25)	Saturday	Sept 26	7:30 pm	Location to be announced
4-H Most Unusual Flock	Sunday	Sept 27	To be determined	To be determined

1. Please read this memo carefully. Information in this letter will be printed in bold if it is new for this year. Questions may be directed to your County Extension 4-H office or the State 4-H Fair office. Check current maps for the new or unfamiliar locations. Important information about security, parking, dorms, passes, and camper space rentals is available in WS4HF/1.10m and is not repeated in this letter. Be sure to ask for that information.

There are new gate opening and ticket sales times that you should be aware of, for anyone entering the

fairgrounds before 10 a.m. For more information see WS4HF/1.10m or go online to www.thefair.com.

The State 4-H Fair Premium Book is online at <http://4h.wsu.edu/statefair/index.htm>. Please read all information relating to your participation prior to coming to State 4-H Fair.

2. If you are unable to participate, please call the State 4-H Fair Assistant Manager's office at (253) 770-5413.
3. Exhibitor Information Form WS4HF/1.01m must be completed and mailed to the State 4-H Fair office in time

to be received prior to Sept. 24. The form is available at your County Extension Office.

Those anticipating residency in the dormitories should be sure they read either WS4HF/1.10m or "Dormitory Information" in the State 4-H Fair Premium Book. We cannot accommodate all who request space during the 4-H livestock show period. Some will be denied access. Check the information mentioned above to find out if you will be admitted or denied – BEFORE YOU MAKE FINAL PLANS TO ATTEND.

4. As a State 4-H Fair participant, *you* are on exhibit to other 4-H'ers and the public. Behavior and appearance that shows pride and respect for yourself and the 4-H organization is expected of all 4-H exhibitors. Courteous, appropriate language and clean, appropriate clothing is part of your State 4-H Fair exhibiting responsibility.
5. Western Washington Fair, our host, requests that we not prepare, serve or eat/drink within the animal barns, and that we encourage our barn visitors to refrain from eating/drinking while in the barns. WWF will provide an appropriate location, out of sight of the public, for you to use for snacks and meals as necessary. Remember to wash your hands frequently, but especially before handling food. This reflects the serious nature of food contamination from animal contact - for barn visitors as well as exhibitors. Please cooperate in setting a good example for the more vulnerable urban public.
6. If you have qualified for and want to make a public presentation at the State 4-H Fair, please let the Livestock Superintendent know early on Friday morning, even though you may wish to do your presentation on a different day. You must have received a blue placing on your presentation at the county qualifying event. For your convenience, you are encouraged to make your public presentation during the time you are at the fair with your animal.
7. Animal hauling vehicles should enter the south end of the Livestock Parking Lot from 15th Ave. This is the only entrance that will admit animal hauling vehicles and RVs. Vehicles will go through the parking lot and cross 5th St. into the fair grounds to unload animals. Traffic will not be allowed to turn either into the fair grounds or the Livestock parking lot from 5th Street. Please be prepared to unload animals and equipment as quickly as possible and remove your vehicle from the fair grounds immediately. A parking pass for storage of your livestock rig will be available at the time of unloading. *You must ask for it.*
8. Stall cards are issued at the time of vet check. You must have this signed stall card before your animal is stalled or penned. **If the veterinarian refuses entry of an animal, the animal must be taken home immediately. There are no facilities to hold animals that can't be exhibited in the barns.**
9. Animal exhibitors or their representatives will be able to pick up passes in their assigned barn from 6:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Thursday September 24. Passes will not be

available in the Pass Office during those hours. After 11:30 a.m., passes will be available in the 4-H Pass Office only. The Pass Office will handle dormitory requests only, from 6:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. that day.

10. Animal educational displays may either be sent to the fair with other still life exhibits (Sept. 7-8) or brought when animals are brought in. If delivered at the earlier date, the educational displays will have already been judged, and you may pick them up at the 4-H Exhibit Building to put into your display immediately. Otherwise, they are collected on animal entry day, judged, and returned for display when judging is completed. All educational displays are released when animals are released. Clean-up crews will discard any educational displays remaining after the barn is emptied of 4-H exhibit animals.
11. Exhibiting an animal at the State 4-H Fair implies your acceptance of the Animal Project Exhibitor Commitment to Quality Animal Care agreement. A copy is in this letter. Please read it carefully. Participation indicates your intent to comply with these statements.
12. Livestock exhibitors must have their animals entered on Friday before noon. Due to school attendance requirements of individual school districts, a non-exhibitor or other exhibitor may provide minimum maintenance, until the scheduled exhibitor meeting – on haul-in day only. Minimum maintenance does not include grooming, clipping, washing or trimming. It does include maintaining a fresh water supply, feeding as needed, bedding the pen/stall area, decorating the area, and minimal maintenance of aisle ways. The superintendent has responsibility to determine appropriate assistance levels, and may correct situations that go beyond minimal attention by non-exhibitors. Herdsmanship will not be scored until the first evening.

You will be given additional information at the exhibitor meeting, relating to herdsman's expectations and requirements. Read the herdsman's information in the State 4-H Fair Premium Book. Herdsman's ribbons will be available at your barn superintendent's office in the afternoon of release day; they will not be mailed to your county 4-H office.

Exhibitors should furnish the buckets, pitchforks, wheelbarrows, etc., necessary for the feeding and watering and herdsman's of their exhibit.

Western Washington Fair will furnish hay and shavings for all (straw for sheep), and grain for swine. Feed and bedding materials will be delivered to your barn each morning. Please don't attempt to get those for yourself.

In case of animal health care emergencies at any time, the 4-H show superintendent should be located. Fair veterinarians will be scheduled only for animal check-in. A fair veterinarian will do morning and evening rounds, but not at a pre-determined time. On rounds, the vet will visit your animal if your request is posted on the vet's board. You will be charged for service and medications used. If you cannot wait for the next rounds, the superintendent will help you contact a local veterinarian to

provide animal care. Local veterinarians will charge for travel, service, and medications used. Exhibitors will be required to pay at the time of service. Vet charges will not be deducted from premium payments.

Clipping chutes should be clearly marked with your county name or number, and your name. Due to limited electrical service and appropriate space, your superintendent may request some chutes be either relocated or removed. Please cooperate.

13. Due to the change in animal schedules and available arena time, fun day activities may be limited this year. We will have a better handle on the schedule and plan accordingly for 2010.
14. All animals will be released September 27 beginning at 6:00 p.m. All animals must be removed before 9 p.m. on September 27. Further information about animal release day will be available during your exhibitor meetings on entry day. It is very important that you remove as much tack as possible early in the day September 27. Trams for hauling tack will be available early in the day. Primary

stall decorations and animals must remain in place until release is announced. We are responsible to our hosts (Western Washington Fair) and the fair-going public to maintain a tidy and complete exhibit until release.

Hauling all the 4-H animals from the Western Washington fairgrounds takes much more time than exiting your county fair, and the process is probably much more complicated. Your prompt cooperation is valuable in this stressful situation.

Poor livestock exit experiences often ruin all the memories of the good things that happened during the show. We need your help to remedy this. The livestock superintendents will discuss exit procedures during their section exhibitor meetings. It will be very important that you and your driver be informed, and have appropriate materials to help make your exit as painless and efficient as possible.

Animals cannot be left unattended in the barns after closing, or in the parking lot after exit from the fair grounds.

ANIMAL PROJECT EXHIBITOR COMMITMENT TO QUALITY ANIMAL CARE

This is an agreement, formal or implied, between 4-H participants and the management of the State 4-H Fair. Its purpose is:

- **To encourage ethical decisions and activities by 4-H youth**
 - **To ensure the overall well being of all 4-H animals exhibited**
 - **To ensure the use of commonly accepted practices in preparing and exhibiting animals for show**
 - **To maintain a safe and wholesome food supply**
 - **To maintain the intent and integrity of animal competitions and displays for future generations**
1. The purpose of my participation in the Washington 4-H Animal Sciences Program is to strengthen my own knowledge, ability, and skill as a feeder, manager, trainer, caregiver, and exhibitor of animals and to develop my sense of responsibility and good character. If my project includes food production animals, my goal is to produce safe and wholesome food.
 2. I will do my own project work to the best of my ability.
 3. I will not use or allow abusive, fraudulent, or illegal practices or products to be used in the feeding, care, fitting, training, and showing of my animals.
 4. I will not misrepresent my animals or myself in any way.
 5. I will read, understand, and follow the rules, without exception, of animal shows in which I am a participant and ask that my parents and my 4-H leader do the same.
 6. My animal project is an example of how to accept what life has to offer, both good and bad, and how to live with the outcome. I will treat other people's animals with the same respect and care I give my own animals.
 7. I realize that I am responsible for the proper care and safe, humane treatment of my animals. I realize that I am also responsible for demonstrating strong moral fiber and good character as an example to others.
 8. I will voice any objections to events related to my participation by using the protest policy described in the premium book. I will not directly interfere with the judge, show management, or other exhibitors before, during, or after the event.
 9. I accept that failure to uphold this commitment could result in forfeiture of my right to participate in the 4-H Animal Sciences Program.