

January 2008

73rd Annual Junior Livestock Show of Spokane
May 6-11, 2008

TO: County Agents, 4-H Leaders, Vo-Ag Instructors, and Exhibitors:

It is now time to plan for the Junior Livestock Show Spokane. There have been some changes again this year so please Read Carefully! I know this is a lot to read, but there is some crucial information.

Enclosed please see the tentative schedule for dates and times of contests and events. There may be changes therefore the actual schedule will be in the Premium Book. These will be in a printable version on our website.

Attention County Agents: I will make every effort to send this letter and enclosures to the livestock 4-H leaders in your county. If you have new leaders or leaders who may be interested in the demonstration or judging contest, please make sure they have copies.

The Junior Livestock Show of Spokane is open to all members of 4-H and FFA. We endorse the rules of these two organizations. We also have some rules which are unique to our Show. Make sure you are familiar with the Premium Book for eligibility requirements or phone if you are unsure. Anyone who has been banned from showing at any fair or livestock show WILL NOT be allowed to participate in this Jr. Show, during their suspension. ANY ANIMAL THAT HAS BEEN SOLD AT A PREVIOUS FAIR OR LIVESTOCK SHOW WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THIS SHOW.

REFER TO THE WEBSITE

www.juniorshow.org

You can access entry forms on the website to download and fill out. There is a link that you are able to enter online using Sho Works after 3/1/08.

Again, this year Quality Assurance forms will need to be turned in when you weigh in your animals. **No Form, No Show.** These forms are very important as they assure our buyers healthy, wholesome animals. These Quality Assurance Forms are included in this package. There are some samples of CORRECTLY COMPETED. All Blanks must have information in them. **THESE FORMS NEED TO ACCOMPANY THE ANIMAL AT WEIGH IN. DO NOT SEND IN WITH REGISTRATION.**

You will again see a line on the Entry Form for a Social Security Number of the exhibitor. This is a must. The Internal Revenue Service requires that anyone who receives over \$600.00 in combined monies from the show; we must file a 1099 form. This is important to all exhibitors as they will need to keep accurate records of all expenses for tax related deductions. (Be assured that the social security numbers will be kept secure in our safe and will not be used for any other purpose.)

AMBASSADOR PROGRAM: This is a program for High School Juniors. Applications need to be returned by **April 10th** as those people will be selected at Jr. Show. Information and applications forms are enclosed. This is an exciting and meaningful program geared to the promotion and education of Jr. Show and Exhibitors. There were four Ambassadors this past year and they did a "super" job. They each received a scholarship to the school of their choice in the amount of \$700.00.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: If you are a senior in high school and have attended Jr. Show for at least 3 years you should apply for a scholarship. Applications are also included in this mailing. All scholarship entries are due by **April 10th** this year so that Scholarships may be awarded before graduation. We will give at least two scholarships but may be more, if funds permit.

DATES: The Show and Sale will be held at the Fairgrounds. Animals will come in on May 6th from 9:00 AM until 8: PM. This will allow students to go to school on Tuesday, if they wish. This year the hogs will sell on Saturday, beginning at 9:00 A.M. followed by Goats. Lambs and Steers will sell on Sunday. Lambs selling first, followed by Steers. We do expect to hold a Buyer's Appreciation Breakfast and Lunch on both days. Encourage your prospective buyers to come to enjoy good food and company, before the sale begins.

Entries are due on April 10, 2008. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Data processing of entries will be done in our office again this year. It is very important that your entries get in, are legible, and complete. If your entries come to us and we can't read them, they will be returned, and you will risk not being entered. Pay special attention to completely filling out the division you are in and having your entry signed by both you and your parent or guardian. This form must also have the name of a chaperone that will be responsible for the exhibitor during the show. Entry Fees must be included!! April 10th is the due date. Online Entries must be submitted by April 10th also.

This is our 73rd year and we have a lot planned that you won't want to miss. Opening Ceremony, Dance, Breakfast and Barbecue (both free to exhibitors), Demonstrations and Prepared Public Speaking contest, Live Animal Judging, Meats Judging, Project animal conformation and Fitting & Showing, Round Robin, Lads and Ladies Lead, Prospect Steer, and open Heifer classes. Farm Fair will again be part of our activities. The Farm Fair is complete sponsored and organized by NNRI; Northwest Natural Resource Institute.

All Animals coming to the show from OUT OF STATE MUST have a health permits. Bring the completed permit with you to weigh in that your vet issued prior to transporting.

2008 BLANKET PERMIT NUMBER IS 91-Z0190.

FORMS: Enclosed are ALL the forms you should need. They are on white paper so will be able to be copied easily. This year there is only ONE entry form to fill out. One form per Exhibitor. These forms should be filled out completely and neatly. If we cannot read them, you will receive them back and will not be entered until it is legible. Please fill out completely. Name, address, SSN, phone, club information etc. **COMPLETELY FILLED OUT!!**

EAR TAGS: Leaders/Advisors; get an accurate count of what ear tags you need and let me know. I will get them to you. They all need to be in ears prior to arriving at the show weigh in scales.

Please tag all animals in the right ear. Scrapie ear tags are **REQUIRED** on all Lambs and Goats.

BEEF DEPARTMENT: Each exhibitor may enter two (2) steers. **Entry Fee is \$12.50 per steer.** All steers must have been born after September 1, 2006 to be eligible. Steers must be owned by the exhibitor since January 1, 2008. The minimum weight is 1,050 lbs in weigh in. Any steer not meeting this weight requirement must go home. If you have a light steer refer to the Prospect Steer Show rules.

STEER PERFORMANCE CONTEST: The steer performance contest committee asks you to note that in **DIVISION #2 – Weight Gain per Day of Feed Test** – the beginning weight must have been taken between December 1, 2007 and January 1, 2008. Weight Gain per Day of Age will be calculated by dividing weight at Jr. Show, by days of age of steer. You will need to know your steer's birth date. The information must be included on the entry form for steer exhibitors to compete in this contest. No Information, No Entry.

PROSPECT STEER SHOW: The Prospect Steer show is a special show for evaluation and fun. These will be the steers that are designated to go to fall fairs and shows. **Entry fees will be \$12.50,** the same as for Market Steers. Awards will be Premium and added Sponsorship money. Each exhibitor may bring one (1) prospect steer. Birth dates and ownership dates are the same as for Market Steers. This steer must be entered as a 4-H or FFA project, **and list a designation for a pre-determined 2008 fall fair.** On your entry form, you must designate which Fair you will be taking this steer to. Prospect Steers will not be going through the sale, and must be removed from the barn between 6:00P.M. Saturday and 7:00A.M. Sunday. Pay attention to weight and enter your steer as you will show him.

HEIFER SHOW: Heifers may be either registered or non-registered. **Entry Fee is \$12.50 per heifer.** Awards will be given. Age categories will be determined by entries. Heifers to be born after September 1, 2006. Heifers will need to be removed from the barn between 6:00 P.M. Saturday and 7:00A.M. Sunday. **NO HEIFERS OVER 24 MONTHS OF AGE WILL BE ALLOWED IN THIS CONTEST!**

SWINE DEPARTMENT: Must have QA forms (completed filled out) and ready at weigh in or you will be diverted to the end of the weigh-in line.

MARKET SWINE: Each exhibitor may enter two (2) market hogs. **Entry Fee is \$10.00 per hog.** Hogs must be owned by February 1, 2008. Minimum weight is 230 lbs at the time of weigh in. Top weight will be 290 lbs. Hogs not meeting the minimum weight requirement may be shown in Fitting & Showing and will have to be removed by Friday evening. **All hogs are to be tagged in the top of the right ear, facing to the back.** NO PANS OR BUCKETS TO BE LEFT UNATTENDED IN PENS. Self waterers are O.K. Packers have indicated that they do not like shaved hogs. See the "HAIR Length" rules in the premium book. FOR Safety sake: There will be **ABSOLUTELY** no electric clippers allowed at the show.

CARCASS BARROW CONTEST: Exhibitors may enter one (1) carcass borrows, and must also show one other animal to be eligible for this contest. **Entry Fee is \$10.00 per Carcass Barrow entered.** *Carcass Barrows must be weighed between January 12 and January 31, 2008 by Greg Weber or Fred Springer,* with a beginning weight of not over 50 lbs. Weights with ear tag numbers are to be in our office prior to February 28, 2008. Minimum weight at show is 230 lbs. Carcass Barrows are pre-sold. Please bring form with buyer and cutting instructions, as well as your Quality Assurance Form to weigh in.

LAMB DEPARTMENT: Each exhibitor may enter two (2) lambs. **Entry fee is \$10.00 per lamb.** All lambs must have been born after November 1, 2007 to be eligible. Lambs must be owned by the exhibitor at least 60 days prior to the show. The minimum weight is 95 lbs at weigh in. There will be a **FEEDER CLASS** for those lambs that do not make market weight. The minimum weight for Feeder class is 80 lbs. These light lambs will be shown for conformation in a separate class for Premiums. No purple ribbons will be awarded and there will be no champions. We remind exhibitors that this is primarily a Market Animal Show. Barn room is at a premium so we are asking that consideration be made for not bringing any lamb which you have not planned to bring as a market lamb. Feeder Lambs may participate in the Fitting & Showing Contest with the Market Lambs. Feeder Lambs will not go through the sale and must be removed from the barn on Friday evening. The exception will be if the packer includes feeders in the floor price, then you would have the option of either selling your feeder lamb at floor price or taking it home. **ALL LAMBS WILL BE WIEIGHED ONLY ONCE, WITH BLANKETS REMOVED. NO WET LAMBS.** If there is a question on weight, the scales will be

reset and the lamb re-weighed immediately, before the lamb is removed from the vicinity of the scales. Lambs should be ear tagged at home in the right ear. All lambs will have a scrapie identification tag or tattoo, from the owner of origin in its ear or WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STAY. Ask the person that you purchase your lamb from for this tag. If they do not have it, you will have to register your farm with the Scrapie Program. Scrapie Tags have to be in the ear from place of origin. This is a State requirement. Fleece length is to be determined by the exhibitor. Your lamb may be shorn closely, trimmed or fitted. Your leader/advisor will help you with this, depending on your expertise and the conformation on your lamb. Tail dock is determined by the rule adopted in 2004. The barn superintendent and assistant barn superintendent will make these final decisions. No surgically removed (into the sacral vertebrae) tails will be accepted at this show.

EWE LAMB: Each exhibitor may enter one (1) ewe lamb. **Entry fee is \$10.00 per ewe.** Ewe lambs may be shown in Fitting & Showing if it is the sole animal that they brought.

LADS & LADIES LEAD: Commentaries are due in our office on April 10th to be eligible for this contest. No LATE entries will be accepted. The volunteer ladies, who make up the committee for Lads & Ladies Lead, have had to make this rule to insure that this contest runs smoothly. Should your lamb become ill or cannot participate in this contest, another lamb may be substituted, at the discretion of the committee. Feeder Class Lambs may also participate in this contest.

GOAT DEPARTMENT: Each exhibitor may enter two (2) meat goats and/or meat goat doelings. **Entry fee is \$10.00 per Goat.** Goats are to be 6-18 months old to eligible to show and have had never been bred. Ownership must be by February 1, 2008. Only wethers and does are eligible to compete. The minimum weight will be 60 lbs. There will be a FEEDER CLASS for those goats that do not make market weight. These light goats will be shown for conformation in a separate class for Premiums. No purple ribbons will be awarded and there will be no champions. We remind exhibitors that this is primarily a Market Animal Show. We ask that consideration be made for not bringing any goat which you have not planned to bringing as a market goat. Feeder goats may participate in the Fitting & Showing Contest with the Market goats. Feeder goats will not go through the sale and must be removed from the barn on Friday evening. The exception will be if the packer includes feeders in the floor price, then you would have the option of either selling your feeder goat at floor price or taking it home. ALL goats WILL BE WIEIGHED ONLY ONCE, WITH BLANKETS REMOVED. NO WET goats. If there is a question on weight, the scales will be reset and the goat re-weighed immediately, before the goat is removed from the vicinity of the scales. Goats should be ear tagged at home in the right ear. All goats will have a scrapie identification tag or tattoo, from the owner of origin in its ear or WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STAY. Ask the person that you purchase your goat from for this tag. If they do not have it, you will have to register your farm with the Scrapie Program. Scrapie Tags have to be in the ear from place of origin. This is a State requirement. NOTE: Goats will be able to be washed at the show again this year. Your superintendent will tell you the area in which this is allowed.

DEMONSTRATION/PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING: Times for these contests will coincide with what are currently being used by 4-H and FFA nationally. 4-H Junior 3-8 minutes, Intermediates 5-15 minutes, seniors 8-20 minutes, FFA 5-7 minutes. There will be premiums to this contest as we feel it is one of the best educational tools that we have to offer in our program. There is a \$5.00 entry fee.

HERDSMANSHIP: Heredsmanship will begin at 8:00A.M on Wednesday morning. You will have a possible 80 points allowed on Wednesday. The judges don't expect you to be at your pens during the livestock judging, as we want you to participate. The other days will have a possible 100 points allowed. Mandatory 4-H and FFA Jr. Show stall cards to identify you and your animal. Be sure to include your club/chapter. No decorations or educational materials may be taken down until after the Fitting & Showing finals in your department on Friday evening.

CHAPERONES: All exhibitors must have a designated chaperone during the show. It is very important that all exhibitors be adequately supervised. Our show is large; making it almost impossible for all groups to be camped together, although the fair office will make every effort to do this. Leaders and advisors do the best that they can, but they often need help, especially if the group is split. Therefore, in 2008, when you sign the chaperone space, be advised that you will be held responsible as the chaperone of that exhibitor. If you aren't able to be here, make sure that another responsible adult is named as the chaperone of your exhibitor. The chaperone should be a person who is responsible for making decisions in case of a medical emergency.

THE SALE: This will be held at the Fairgrounds. We will need all of the help that we can get to make this run smoothly. STOCKLAND will have their crew here, too. Any animal to be taken out will have to be purchased through the sale. NO ANIMALS WILL BE ALLOWED TO BE TAKEN FROM THE "TURN PENS" DURING OR AFTER THE SALE. All market animals are required to go through the auction including pre-sold animals. Every animal must be accompanied by an exhibitor or the animal will be sold at floor price. NOTE: All animals must be off the fairgrounds no later that 6:00 P.M. Sunday May 11, 2008.

YOUTH LOAN APPLICATIONS: There is still funding available for loans to purchase your project animal and/or feed.

THANK YOU CARDS: 4-H Leaders and FFA Advisors. You can get these cards from our office for the buyers. Get some help in taking and putting on the pictures of the exhibitors and project. These are really appreciated by the buyers and failure to thank buyers, make it very hard to get support for this show. We count on you to practice diligence in thanking your buyers and supporters. **It is very important to the Buyers and we need to keep them HAPPY!**

SET UP DAY: Will be on **Saturday May 3rd** beginning at 8:30 A.M. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR. We set up pens in the barns and any of the pens that we are going to use for the Sale. We will need a lot of volunteers for this. We will have a “pitch in” Barbecue at the end of setting things up. Jr. Show will provide table service, meat & beverages. You can fill in with salads, beans, chips, desserts etc. We will have pop, coffee, and donuts in the morning. **Bring your gloves, wheel barrows, pliers, etc.** Bring the kids also. We like to get as many pens filled with shavings as possible too, the younger kids are great help there when they sometimes can’t do the heavy lifting and moving. Those of you that live to far away, please help out your share during the show and help to clean out the Ag. Building after FARM FAIR.

FUNDING: We are once again keeping our fingers crossed for the State Fair Funding that we have received in the past. To help ourselves with in the financial department we will hold the 10th Annual Benefit Dinner/Auction Gala on February 23rd, 2008, in the Ag Complex at the Fairgrounds. This once again proved to be a wonderful fund raising last year, and we are hoping for the same or even better this year. Many of you “stepped up to the plate” to make a very real contribution to our funding to assure that this show will go on.

WE NEED DONATIONS!!

Don’t forget we have asked that each 4-H and FFA group donate a project. The group with the highest selling item at the auction will receive FREE entry fees for this years show.

If anyone has items they would like donate to the auction, please let us know at the office as soon as possible. All donated items are greatly appreciated, the more items we receive, the better the chance we will have something for everyone.

SOUVENIR PROGRAM BOOK: Don’t forget to place your ad for the souvenir program book that will be put out at the show. This is a great way to support the kids. All ad money goes directly to the premium account, so advertised your company or business and show our continued support to the Jr. Show.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 1st - Own you’re Steers

February 1st - Own your hogs

February 1st – Own your goats

February 28th - Carcass Barrows weights to the Office

February 23rd - BENEFIT AUCTION at the Fairgrounds

60 days prior to show - Own your lambs

APRIL 7TH - ALL ENTRIES DUE INTO THE OFFICE

May 3rd - Set up Day at the Fairgrounds 8:30 A.M.

May 6th - Bring our animals to Jr. Show

May 7-11th - 73rd Annual Jr. Show

May 10th - Hogs sale followed by Goats

May 11th - Lambs sale followed by Steers

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