



**2025 JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE RULES**

**Sale Date: Saturday, July 19, 2025 - 1:00 p.m.**

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1. An Exhibitor is defined as any member in good standing enrolled in a market project in 4-H or FFA in El Paso County. Exhibitors that are enrolled in both 4-H and FFA are limited to the sale of one market project, regardless of species or Organization designation.
2. **TO PARTICIPATE IN THE JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE (Sale), THE EXHIBITOR AND/OR A PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST RETURN A SALE RELEASE CONTRACT, LIABILITY RELEASE FORM, AND A COMPLETED W-9 FORM, INCLUDING THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.**

**The deadline for the Sale Release is based on the date of the Exhibitor’s last Market Show, except for the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion animals. The Sale Release for the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion animals are due by the stated deadline for the given species, regardless of whether the Exhibitor has additional market animals to show.**

**PLEASE REFER TO THE TABLE PROVIDED BELOW FOR THE SALE RELEASE DEADLINES TO BE ELIGIBLE TO SELL.**

<b>Last Market Species</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Date Deadline</b>	<b>Time Deadline</b>
Poultry	Monday	July 14, 2025	4:00 p.m.
Rabbits	Monday	July 14, 2025	4:00 p.m.
Sheep	Tuesday	July 15, 2025	4:00 p.m.
Swine	Wednesday	July 16, 2025	10:00 a.m.
Goats	Wednesday	July 16, 2025	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
Beef	Thursday	July 17, 2025	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>

**Example 1:** An Exhibitor only shows Market Sheep, and the Market Sheep show is on Tuesday. The Exhibitor must return their Sale Release by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday to be eligible to sell.

**Example 2:** An Exhibitor shows Market Sheep and Market Beef. The Market Sheep show is on Tuesday and the Market Beef show is on Wednesday. The Exhibitor must return their Sale Release by 10:00 a.m. on Thursday to be eligible to sell.

**Example 3:** An Exhibitor shows Market Sheep and Market Goats. The Exhibitor wins Grand Champion Market Goat. The Exhibitor must return a Sale Release by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday for the Grand Champion Market Goat. As a result of winning Grand Champion Market Goat, the Exhibitor would be able to sell an additional animal, and that Sale Release must be returned by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

*The Market Beef show on Wednesday evening is the last Market Show for the week. Please note, if Market Beef is the Exhibitor's last market species to show, the Sale Release is due by **10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 17, 2025.***

All Grand and Reserve Grand Champions in each species must be sold. A Sale Release form is required for ALL Grand and Reserve Grand Champions in each species. In the event an Exhibitor owns a Grand or Reserve Grand Champion animal(s), they may sell one other animal of any market species. However, when an Exhibitor who has more than one Grand and/or Reserve Grand Champion animal(s) that must sell, that individual will be required to sell all qualifying animals but will not be allowed an extra animal. This rule takes precedence over the one youth, one animal rule. In the instance that an Exhibitor qualifies to sell an additional animal, as the result of exhibiting a Grand or Reserve Grand Champion animal, then the Exhibitor's additional animal will sell at the end of the auction in the fourth round. Round four (4) will be for any lots resulting from extra animals.

**Example 1:** Exhibitor has the Grand Champion Market Beef; they can sell another beef (or an animal of another species), which will sell in round four (4).

**Example 2:** The Exhibitor has Reserve Swine and Grand Goat; the Exhibitor can sell only those two animals and will not be allowed to sell an additional extra animal.

**Example 3:** The Exhibitor has Reserve Swine, Grand Goat, and Reserve Lamb, the Exhibitor can sell all three animals and will not be allowed to sell any additional extra animal(s).

**The Sale Release deadline for any extra qualifying animals resulting from an Exhibitor having Grand and/or Reserve Grand Champion animals is due by the stated deadline for the Exhibitor's last Market Show.**

3. The commission charge will be no more than **5%** of the total sale proceeds for Poultry, Rabbits, Swine, Goats, Sheep, and Beef. The Junior Livestock Sale Committee reserves the right to lower the commission charge percentage based on the results of the Junior Livestock Sale.
4. Miniature breeds of cattle **will not** be eligible to sell in the Junior Livestock Sale due to the small frame and conformance with the USDA Packing house grid.
5. Once in the sale ring, the animal will be sold to the highest bidder.
6. For beef, sheep, goats, hogs, rabbits and poultry, this is a **TERMINAL SALE**. All sale animals will be harvested. Prospective buyers will be required to sign an agreement prior to the Junior Livestock Sale

signifying their acceptance of the terminal sale policy. A “buy back” arrangement will be provided for the buyers of a market animal.

7. Any and all market animals sold through the Junior Livestock Sale will only be hauled by the Junior Livestock Sale Committee or their Designees to the packers selected by the buyers. Animals designated as “buybacks” will be released or delivered in accordance with the arrangements made between the buyback buyer and the Junior Livestock Sale Committee. There will be no exceptions. Arrangements for poultry and rabbits will be coordinated between the Small Animal Committee and the Junior Livestock Sale Committee. The Junior Livestock Sale Committee will not hold animals after the sale, unless there is reason to suspect a violation of the Sale Rules put in place by the Junior Livestock Sale Committee or to accommodate a locker processing schedule. In such a case, the Junior Livestock Sale Committee will arrange for the care of the animal until the issue has been resolved and appropriate arrangements are made for the animal(s) in question.
8. Market animals are not permitted to be listed for private treaty sale until 10:00 a.m. on sale day.
9. Animals sold at private treaty must be hauled at owner’s expense. **THE JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE COMMITTEE WILL NOT HAUL PRIVATE TREATY ANIMALS.**
10. **Condition of Sale:** Exhibitors are required to adhere to the rules and regulations set forth in the El Paso County 4-H/FFA Livestock Show Premium Book. All livestock sold and harvested will have to comply with the Show Ring Code of Ethics, IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics, and Wholesome Meat Act. Any surgical procedures or injection of any foreign substance or drug or external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal’s performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited and said animal will not be allowed to sell. All exhibitors must certify their compliance with manufacturer’s pre-market withdrawal periods specified for any and all medications, drugs, pesticides, or feed additives administered. The use of any non-approved chemical or improper use of approved chemicals is strictly prohibited. All animals must have completed all medication withdrawal times regardless to whether it is over the counter, prescription, or extra label use **prior to weigh-in at the El Paso County Fair.**
11. All heifers must be accompanied by a certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian verifying the heifer is **pregnancy tested OPEN** within 30 days of the El Paso County Fair.
12. Only market animals that meet weight requirements and show in their respective market class are eligible for the Junior Livestock Sale.
13. All Sale Animals will be sold by the head or lot in the case of poultry and rabbits. The Junior Livestock Sale Committee reserves the right to limit the number of head or lots sold.
14. No artificial decoration, sign or paint of any type will be permitted on any animal entering the sale ring. Violators of this rule will not be permitted to sell in the annual Junior Livestock Sale.

15. The hide of the Sale Animal needs to be free of water, oil, and/or conditioners when entering the sale arena.
16. Exhibitors will be asked to provide information on the Sale Release form to share with potential buyers during the Sale.
17. Exhibitors are not to pass notes to the auctioneer while entering the sale ring. Announcements regarding any sort of "premium" attached to a designated animal for the purchaser will not be allowed. If any concerns arise regarding the Exhibitor/sale animal, those concerns need to be addressed to the Sale Manager to communicate to other parties involved.
18. No Exhibitor, under any circumstance, shall leave the sale ring until after the bidding process is completed on their market animal.
19. Any Exhibitor needing additional help in the sale ring must complete and submit the Accompaniment Request Form no later than the Exhibitor's Sale Release deadline to obtain approval from the Sale Manager for the request. In such circumstances, any parties providing assistance must be currently enrolled 4-H/FFA members.
20. Any market animal missing a tag or having a tag that appears to have been tampered with or altered must be retinal scanned and/or DNA tested at the initial Fair weigh-in and appropriately retagged prior to the Sale.
21. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion animals will be retinal scanned or have DNA specimens pulled prior to the Sale.
22. The Junior Livestock Sale Committee reserves the right to randomly drug screen any and all potential market sale animals.
23. If a carcass tests positive for any of the "Condition of Sale" terms listed in Item #10 above, but still remains suitable for consumer consumption in accordance with USDA/FDA Regulations, the Exhibitor **MAY** receive the current market rate quoted at the time of the sale (commonly referred to as Buyback Price) less the cost of any additional drug screening, legal fees, and any other associated costs incurred by the Junior Livestock Sale Committee related to the testing and processing of the animal. If payment is issued to the Exhibitor, a statement of costs incurred will be issued along with the payment.
24. If a carcass is condemned (not suitable for consumer consumption) for any reason, the Exhibitor will **NOT** receive any premium or current market rate payment. The Junior Livestock Sale Committee will then contact the purchaser of said animal and orchestrate reimbursement of monies, or any other decision deemed suitable per said buyer.
25. Exhibitors, parents, and club leaders of all market animals must certify their compliance with the USDA Wholesome Meat Act by completing and signing a "Certification and Disclosure Statement" and Show Ring Code of Ethics and turning it in with their Fair enrollment.

26. **Sale rotation order for 2025: Goats, Rabbits, Poultry, Swine, Sheep, Beef.** ALL MARKET SPECIES will be divided based on total animals for sale within each species and sold in groups within the rotation order. **ALL** Grand and Reserve Grand Champions of all species will sell in a group at the beginning of the sale. All species will sell in CLASS PLACING order within their groups in the rotation. Exhibitors are asked to pay special attention to the posted sale catalog and their respective superintendents to determine their place in the sale order. If an Exhibitor is not in line when scheduled to sell, they will forfeit their privilege to sell.
- a. The Junior Livestock Sale Committee reserves the right to amend the sale order rotation defined in Item 22, including the format of the Sale of Champions typically conducted at the beginning of the sale, in order to facilitate adherence to any potential pandemic guidelines and/or restrictions that are in place at the time of the Sale.
27. **All Market Livestock entered in the El Paso County Fair MUST Be Photographed with the Exhibitor.** Photographs must be taken at the designated times by the OFFICIAL livestock photographer employed by the Junior Livestock Sale Committee. An Exhibitor who wishes to sell in the Junior Livestock Sale and does not have a picture taken at the designated times must arrange to have an acceptable picture taken by the official livestock photographer; the Exhibitor must then deliver the photograph to the Junior Livestock Sale Committee by noon on Thursday, July 17, 2025. This will be at the Exhibitor's expense. The photographer may or may not be able to schedule the Exhibitor for such a picture, but if so, will collect a CASH fee in advance from the Exhibitor for this service. **Failure to do so will result in disqualification from the Junior Livestock Sale.**
28. As soon as the Exhibitor's animal sells, each Exhibitor is **REQUIRED** to take the appropriate paperwork to the buyer in the audience and then return said paperwork to the sale clerk as soon as the buyer completes it. **Since this needs to be done immediately after selling**, each Exhibitor should arrange for a parent, leader, or another member to hold or stall the sale animal while the paperwork is being completed by the buyer. **Please do not ask the Superintendents to do this.**
- a. The Junior Livestock Sale Committee reserves the right to amend the paperwork requirements defined in Item 24 to facilitate adherence to any potential pandemic guidelines and/or restrictions that are in place at the time of the Sale.
  - b. Exhibitors may deliver an appreciation gift basket to the buyer. No gift basket(s) given on the Fairgrounds shall contain any type of alcohol.
29. Sale Checks will be provided to exhibitors by the Junior Livestock Sale Committee WITHIN 10 to 20 BUSINESS DAYS FOLLOWING THE SALE. However, Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion checks will be held subject to receipt of a negative drug test. **Prior to receiving a check, each Exhibitor must write an acceptable and approved thank-you note(s) to the buyer(s) of their animal, any Add On Contributor(s), and to designated Junior Livestock Sale sponsors and deliver said thank you note(s) in unsealed envelopes to the Junior Livestock Sale Committee.**
- **The thank you notes are due on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. Prior arrangements must be made with the Sale Manager if thank you notes cannot be returned by the designated date.**

Names and addresses of buyers will be provided to Exhibitors once the Add On Premium feature of the Online Sale Platform closes following the live auction. **The Junior Livestock Sale Committee will mail the thank-you notes to the buyers** following the fair. If the thank-you notes are not received by the Junior Livestock Sale Committee, the Exhibitor's check will be held until the thank-you notes are sent to the Sale Manager.

- a. The Junior Livestock Sale Committee reserves the right to amend the timeframes defined in Item 25 for sale checks and thank-you notes in order to facilitate adherence to any potential pandemic guidelines and/or restrictions that are in place at the time of the Sale. Regardless, each Exhibitor will be required to turn in designated thank-you notes to the Junior Livestock Sale Committee, prior to receiving a proceeds check.

30. Any reissue of sale checks for any reason will incur a \$30.00 service fee, which will be deducted from the Exhibitor's sale proceeds at the time of reissue.
31. All scholarship winners must be in the arena at 12:15 p.m. on Sale Day for presentation of scholarship awards.
32. 4-H/FFA members are encouraged to pass refreshments provided by the Junior Livestock Sale Committee after sale paperwork is completed.
33. Any request for exceptions to the Junior Livestock Sale Rules must be submitted in writing to the Junior Livestock Sale Committee. The Junior Livestock Sale Committee will then deliberate, and the decision made by the Junior Livestock Sale Committee will be final.
34. In the event a market animal consigned to the Junior Livestock Sale should need medical treatment prior to the Junior Livestock Sale, the Exhibitor, Exhibitor's parent/guardian, County designated veterinarian, CSU Extension Agent, and Junior Livestock Sale Committee will confer regarding the course of treatment and continued Junior Livestock Sale eligibility. The final decision regarding the terms of the Exhibitor's continued participation in the Junior Livestock Sale resides with the Junior Livestock Sale Committee.
35. The Junior Livestock Sale Committee reserves the right to amend the terms of the Junior Livestock Sale Rules as necessary to facilitate adherence to any Fair schedule changes, potential pandemic guidelines, and/or other restrictions that are in place at the time of the Sale.