

# SOUTHEAST WELD COUNTY FAIR RULES & REGULATIONS

All rules pertaining to the Southeast Weld County Fair and its activities are subject to final interpretation and enforcement by the Southeast Weld County Fair Board, or its designated representatives. Check the website for any updates and changes. [www.southeastweldcountyfairgrounds.com](http://www.southeastweldcountyfairgrounds.com)

## ALL JUDGES' DECISIONS ARE FINAL.

### I. GENERAL RULES

#### A. SEWCF REGISTRATION

1. All entries are to be submitted online through the approved online portal. Registration will run from July 5-July 25. The link for registration is found on the fair's website.
2. Any entry after July 25 will be considered a late entry and MUST be completed through the fair office prior to July 31 at midnight. Late entries will be assessed a \$20/class fee payable in cash or check to SEWCF on the day of check-in. Email [registration\\_SEWCF@outlook.com](mailto:registration_SEWCF@outlook.com) to begin the late registration process.
3. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JULY 31.
4. Refer to the schedule for information about check-in times and shows.

B. **RESPONSIBILITY** – The management will use all care to ensure safety for exhibits after their arrival, but in no case will they be responsible for any loss or damage done to, or arising from, any animal or article on exhibit. The exhibitors shall indemnify fair management against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto. Every animal or article shall be entered and exhibited in the name of the bona fide owner.

C. **ELIGIBILITY** – Exhibitors must be bona fide members in good standing of a Colorado 4-H Club or Vocational Agricultural Program.

1. Members who are 8 years of age and have not reached their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year are eligible to compete.
2. A member considered to be in good standing must pay state dues, attend most of the club meetings, complete at least one project taken during the club year, present a demonstration to the club, participate in club-sponsored events and perform community service. A current and up-to-date record book is required and must be presented when entering all projects, except for livestock.
3. All livestock exhibitors must complete interview judging in their county prior to the fair.
4. SEWCF follows Weld County guidelines for eligibility.

D. **PROTESTS** – All protests must be made in writing and presented to the superintendent in charge of the respective division. All protests must be made within 2 hours after the event

occurred and must be accompanied by a \$100 deposit before any action is taken by the SEWCF Board. The deposit will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained.

- E. **PREMIUMS** – No animal or article deemed unworthy will be awarded a premium. The award of premiums will be limited to entries named in the premium list. When there is no competition between exhibitors, only one ribbon and premium can be awarded at the discretion of the judge. All judges' decisions are final.
- F. Any exhibits arriving before or leaving without permission from their respective superintendent will forfeit their prize money.
- G. **All exhibitor meetings are MANDATORY.**

### II. LIVESTOCK

#### A. **LIVESTOCK SHOWS AND MARKET SALE ELIGIBILITY**

1. The SEWC Livestock sale is a terminal sale.
2. **Animals eligible for the livestock shows and market sale must be owned by a 4-H or FFA member residing in or physically attending, in person, the RE-3J school district.**
3. **Beginning in 2026, students who reside outside the district boundaries and attend the RE-3J online school will NOT be eligible for the market show or sale.**
4. All exhibitors must live in the school district or physically attend RE-3J schools from tag-in and/or weigh-in date until the day of fair to be eligible for the sale.

#### B. **LIVESTOCK ENTRIES**

1. Exhibitors may nominate and tag a total of 5 market animals per species for SEWCF. All 5 animals may be entered online. Only 3 may be weighed in on the day of the show.
2. All market animals must be weighed in to show.
3. No reweighs.
4. All animals are subject to inspection by a veterinarian at weigh-in.
5. **All animals must be housed in their designated areas.**
6. **No livestock, excluding horses, will be permitted to return to stock trailers, trucks, or parking areas following check-in.**
7. Bedding will not be provided by the Fair Association.
8. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning their livestock pens. A \$100 fine will be assessed for unclean pens at checkout.

#### C. **EXHIBITING**

1. Animals must be shown by the exhibitor. If the exhibitor has a show conflict, another SEWC 4-H or FFA member may show the animal(s) with superintendent approval.
2. Failure to appear when a class is called will not justify a class recall. All judges' decisions are final.

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D. **FITTING OF ANIMALS** - All livestock exhibitors will groom and fit their own livestock projects or be helped by a **current SEWCF 4-H or FFA member or immediate family member, if needed.**

E. **GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION**

Any animal can be tested at the Fair Board's discretion.

1. **The Fair Board's decision on all disqualifications is final.**
2. The following are grounds for exhibitor disqualification:
  - a. Use of tranquilizers in any livestock being exhibited. Any prize money won by an animal will be withheld if it is found to show the effects of tranquilization or alteration while at the fair.
  - b. Use of artificial stimulants administered on the fairgrounds without a veterinarian present.
  - c. Unethical livestock practices to enhance the appearance of any species. Oral drenching will be allowed only with handheld drench guns, no larger than 300cc. The use of stomach pumps is prohibited. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification with no recourse.
  - d. Unruly animals that could cause harm to individuals or other animals at the fair. The Fair Board reserves the right to disqualify any unruly animal.

F. **MARKET LIVESTOCK SALE**

1. Only one animal per exhibitor may be sold.
2. All Grand and Reserve Champions must sell unless one of the following exceptions occurs:
  - a. In the event one exhibitor is awarded Grand Champion in more than one market species, that exhibitor shall be required to select which species s/he will sell.
  - b. If a single exhibitor is awarded a Grand Champion and Reserve Champion within the same market class or across all market classes, the Grand Champion animal is required to sell.
  - c. Should an exhibitor be awarded a Reserve Champion in more than one market species, that exhibitor shall be required to select which species s/he will sell.
3. Animals must be shown in the sale ring by the exhibitor. If the exhibitor has a sale day conflict, another SEWC 4-H or FFA member may show the animal with superintendent approval.
4. It is against federal regulation to sell an animal for slaughter before the approved withdrawal period for a drug.

5. To be eligible to participate in the livestock sale, the exhibitor must have completed the market project in the species that the exhibitor sold the previous year. Sellers must provide proof of successful completion of the Meat Quality Assurance program and attend a livestock record book interview through the CSU Extension Office.
6. Sellers must have a premise identification number.
7. Each animal exhibited in a market class receives a SEWC Sale Nomination Card. To nominate an animal for the sale, a completed Sale Nomination Card must be turned into the **FAIR OFFICE** within one (1) hour following the end of the livestock show of specified species.
8. Only one Sale Nomination Card may be turned in per exhibitor, including multi-species exhibitors.
9. Multi-species exhibitors will be permitted to exchange a previously submitted Sale Nomination Card with a different species nomination card during the one (1) hour nomination period for the species they want to be substituted. The replacement nomination card must be marked "substitution". The originally submitted Sale Nomination Card will be removed.
10. No Sale Nomination Cards will be accepted following the one-hour nomination period for that species.
11. Sale eligibility will be determined after the show and exhibitors have declared which animal they intend to sell.
12. Animals will be sifted on a percentage basis by class within each species.
13. Any questions need to be addressed to the respective species superintendents.
14. Selling in the livestock sale is a privilege. Any violations of these rules will eliminate the exhibitor from the sale for a minimum of one year.
15. The livestock sale is limited to the following number of animals of each species: Beef – 23, Goats – 11, Lambs – 23, Hogs – 23, Poultry – 1