



4-H Livestock News

Weigh-In & Feeder Shows

The Rio Blanco County Fair Board has voted to have all market animals participate in Fair animal nominations in order to be eligible for the County Fair. If you are not able to attend on the dates listed, please call Bill to discuss an alternative date.

- **Meeker Beef Weigh-In & Feeder Show**
✓ Sunday, February 24th at 10:00am



- **Rangely Beef Weigh-In**
✓ Tuesday, February 26th from 4:00-7:00pm

- **Meeker Swine Weigh-In**
✓ Tuesday, May 7th from 4:00-7:00pm



- **Meeker Sheep/Goat Weigh-In**
✓ Wednesday, May 8th from 4:00-7:00pm

- **Rangely All Animal Weigh-In**
✓ Thursday, May 9th from 4:00-7:00pm



- **Rangely Swine/Sheep/Goat Weigh-In & Feeder Show**
✓ Saturday, May 11th from 9:00am-11:00am, Feeder Show will follow directly after lunch



New for 2013 Colorado State Fair

2013 Colorado State Fair Purebred Market Hog Show

All Purebred Market Hogs exhibited at the 2013 Colorado State Fair must be registered within their respective breed associations. The National Junior Swine Association (NJSA) includes the Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace and Yorkshire while the Team Purebreds include the Berkshire, Chester White, Poland China and Spots. Market Hogs must meet all registration eligibility requirements of their respective breed associations.

Registration papers must have been transferred to or registered in the name of the junior exhibitor and NOT in a family of farm name by July 15, 2013. All NJSA market hogs are to be guaranteed negative of the stress gene to be exhibited at NSR or NJSA event. At a Team Purebred event, all Chester White market hogs are guaranteed to be stress negative. Berkshire market hogs must be stress negative and stress status must be put on the pedigree.

First/Second Year Livestock Parent Orientation

- ✿ **Rangely- Tuesday, February 5th @ 5:30pm (runs concurrent with NMO)**
- ✿ **Meeker- Tuesday, February 12th @ 5:30pm (runs concurrent with NMO)**

Bill Ekstrom will be conducting an orientation for all new Livestock parents in March/April. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the purpose and values of youth raising livestock projects, create balanced rations and nutrition programs, answer questions and help parents get off on the right start!



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1st Meat Quality Assurance Trainings

- ✿ Meeker- Wednesday, February 6th @ 6:30pm (following the Council Meeting)
- ✿ Rangely- Monday, February 11th @ 7:30pm (following the Council Meeting)

You Must Attend A MQA Workshop:

1. First year in a livestock project
2. All first year as Senior Members

Certification/Recertification Workshops

Public confidence in our meat products is extremely important to the success of the livestock industry. Youth livestock projects play an important role in building or losing the trust of our consumers. It is important that youth livestock exhibitors exceed the standard in producing quality, defect-free livestock for our consumers. In the past, a very small number of exhibitors have given youth livestock shows a bad name by using unethical and unsafe techniques to "win at all cost." As a result, we have implemented a strong Meat Quality Assurance program in Colorado. Through the MQA workshops youth learn ethics and good production practices needed to produce a high quality, desirable product for the American Consumer. If you need to attend this year you will be notified by your county Extension office prior to the workshop.

RBC Goes to Stock Show 2013!

January 18- 20th

Bill and Jayda are taking the Snowball and the first 10 4-H'ers who sign up to the National Western Stock Show! Spaces are limited so sign up today! Call Jayda at 878-9495 to get signed up!

National Western Stock Show

January 12-27th, 2013 All 4-H members, families, friends and their invited guests are eligible for discounted prices on reserved seating at the *National Western Stock Show*. The prices offered are unavailable to the general public and tickets purchased through this special offer are free of all service charges, (an additional savings of \$3.75 per ticket). Tickets **MUST** be purchased through Group Services. Discounts **WILL NOT** be given at the Stock Show Box Office.



The National Western Stock Show invites all 4-H members to enjoy their personal favorite(s) of our shows, and to spend a day full of fun that will include numerous opportunities to be entertained by exhibits, shopping, art, delicious food and western spirit. Your show ticket includes free grounds admission to all exhibits, all day long 9am-8pm.

Choose your own best method of reserving your shows:

Order by phone: 303.295.2979

Order on-line: www.nationalwestern.com

Go to TICKETS, and then under each event you can select "Buy Group Tickets"

Order through Sunday, January 27, 2013. Orders subject to availability.