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# LATAH COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

“To Make the Best Better”

## LATAH COUNTY 4-H OFFICE

Happy Fair Month!! Thank you all for completing your fair registration BEFORE the deadline! It was a huge relief to have that completed before I left the office that Friday. Next week our office will be busy finalizing fair preparations and judging record books. We will also be closed on September 4 for Labor Day. Also, just a forewarning, I will be traveling to the other fairs quite a bit this month. With the new educators and 4-H coordinators in the area, I will be helping at the Nez Perce County Fair (Sep 20-24) and the Lewis County Fair (Sep 28-29). I will be trying to check my email daily, but if you need a quicker response, you can call Ember or Zoey at the office.

*-Jessie Van Buren*

# FAIR EDITION!

Be sure to read this issue of the newsletter for important details about fair!

## YOUTH REMEMBER TO HAVE FUN!

Fair requires a lot of hard work, but don't forget to enjoy it! You have an amazing opportunity to showcase your accomplishments, educate the public about your exhibit or animal, and share what being in 4-H means to you. Be sure to check out other exhibits at the fair, visit the carnival and vendors, and introduce yourself to other 4-H and FFA members to make new friends!

## PARENTS HELPING AT FAIR

Family members are our biggest fans at fair and play an important role in supporting and guiding youth in 4-H. However, parents should be mindful that they are not to be taking care of or leading animals for their 4-H'ers. If a 4-H'er needs help, encourage them to ask an older youth to lend a hand. Peer learning is a great opportunity to develop leadership skills and make new friends! Lastly, as a judge, my largest irritation was when the audience didn't clap and cheer for the exhibitors. Remember your 4-H'er is looking to you to model good sportsmanship, so cheer on **all** the youth during the shows and thank the judges for their time!

# RECORD BOOKS

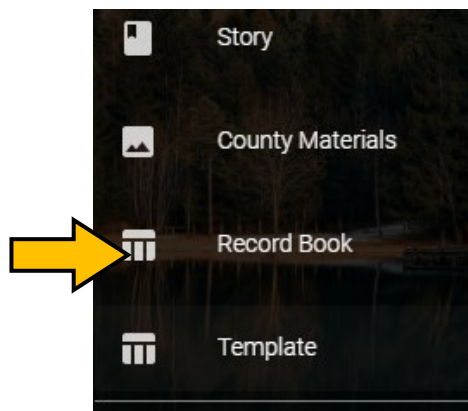
## THE BASICS

- ZSuite is Idaho's statewide 4-H record book system.
- Record books should be mostly typed, but will likely include handwritten sections.
- Record books must be signed to be "complete".
- All project record books include an Involvement Report and may have additional inserts (i.e. Animal Science Skills Checklist).
- Write N/A in any fields that do not apply.
- The 4-H Story is about the total experience, so members may write one story to cover all projects for the year. Include a copy in each record book.
- Remember: what you turn in is how you will be judged.

## READY TO PRINT THE FINAL PRODUCT?

Follow the steps below to print your record book:

1. While logged in to ZSuite, open the record book you wish to print.
2. From the black navigation bar on the left side of your screen, select 'Record Book'.



3. Once your record book is open, look for the blue 'Download' button near the top of the page.



4. Click 'Download'. Your record book will download into a PDF that can be printed. DO NOT submit your record book online. If you have problems downloading your book, try removing/reuploading any photos or documents. Another suggestion is trying a different computer.
5. Repeat the steps to print your Involvement Report.

Feel free to contact the office with any questions.

## COMMON QUESTIONS:

- **How do I present my record book?** We recommend presenting your record book in a pocket folder or binder.
- **Are we submitting record books online through ZSuite?** No, print and turn in a hard copy.
- **Where do I find the Involvement Report?** Navigate to the place where you would create a new Record Book. In the project name section, type the words 'Involvement Report'. Make your club and age division selections from the dropdowns. When prompted to select the record book type in the next dropdown, look for Involvement Report. It is included in the list where you select your type of record book.
- **I have been in 4-H for several years already, do I need to start over on my Involvement Report in ZSuite?** No. Keep building on the document you have in progress. Members who are new to 4-H from 2019 forward should use ZSuite to build their Involvement Report. **Don't forget** to include a copy of your Involvement Report in EACH project record book.
- **Who needs a copy of the Animal Science Checklist?** Only large animals need to include the Animal Science Checklist. Small animals need to complete 5 animal science activities relevant to their species, but DO NOT need to include the Animal Science Checklist.

## Record Book Due Dates

Non-market Animal—record book: Tuesday, September 5, by 5:00 pm at the Extension office.

Sewing—record book and project: Tuesday, September 5, by 5:00 pm at the Extension office.

General Projects/Cloverbud—record book and project: Wednesday, September 14, 3:00 pm—7:00 pm at the Events Center at the Fairgrounds.

Market Animal—record book: Due Sunday, September 17, 2:00 pm—4:00 pm at the Extension mobile office near the Sale Barn.

## Market Animal Members

Complete as much as possible PRIOR to fair. Print what you have done **before** departing for fair. Any remaining details from fair can be written into your record book while on site at the Fairgrounds. Do not forget to include your Bill of Sale/Producer Affidavit and the animal science checklist!

# FAIR UPDATES

## BARN CLEANING/DECORATING

Decorating may start on Saturday, September 9 or may be completed at any point up to fair time. Battery operated LED lights are acceptable. **Request from Fairground management** - Please be sure to clean up the decorations in your area following the close of the Fair on Sunday!

## FAQ: WEIGH-IN

- What should I bring to final weigh-in? Beef animals will need their Brand Inspection. Bill of Sale forms will need to be included in all market animal record books.
- What happens to underweight animals? Underweight animals stay at the Fair until Sunday evening. They show in an underweight quality class for participation and compete in showmanship like normal.
- Can underweight animals sell? 'For sale' signs for underweight animals can be posted on stalls and/or social media AFTER the livestock auction is completed. Exhibitors that do not sell through the Latah Market Animal Sale can not receive add-ons through the committee.
- How many days on feed for projects? Beef 151 (4/15); Swine 96 (6/9); Sheep/Goat 69 (7/6)

## 4-H LEADER & FFA ADVISOR MEETING (NEW)

A meeting for 4-H Leaders and FFA Advisors will be on **Wednesday, September 13, at 6:30 pm** in at the LMAS lunch tent (between mobile office and Safeway) to handout club/chapter packets and go over a few new fair items.

## EXHIBITOR MEETING

Plan on attending an all-animal exhibitor meeting on **Wednesday, September 13, at 7:00 pm** in the sale barn area to catch important information about fair, expectations in the barns, and more!

## ANIMAL CARE

The fair is the culmination of all your hard work! Please remember that the expectation to care properly for your animals continues once you arrive at fair.

- Animals must be fed and watered at least 2x per day, and **must** remain until **5:00 pm on Sunday**.
- Animal pens and stalls must be kept clean.
- Animals NOT PROPERLY cared for may be sent home and premiums forfeited.
- Exhibitors NOT PROPERLY caring for their animals may not be allowed to enter future livestock

projects.

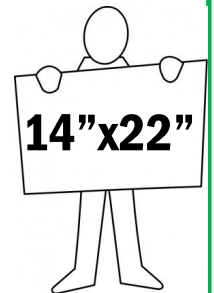
- All animals must be stalled inside each evening by 6:30 pm, unless being exercised or washed.
- All cattle projects are required to have a neck rope on while stalled or in tie-outs. Chains **are not allowed**. One rope must be tied to the rail and one to the cable for safety reasons. If you have any questions about using a neck rope, please contact your Beef or Dairy Leader.

## LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Your animal may be chosen to participate in the judging contest. Ask your Barn Superintendent if you have specific questions. Reminder—livestock 4-H members are **required** to participate in the Livestock Judging Contest in order to be eligible for County Medals. It is optional for Cloverbuds but is a good way to get experience and practice. The contest will be held on Sunday, September 17 at 9:00 am. Registration begins at 8:00 am. **\*\*Adult volunteers will be needed to hold animals, collect cards, and lead groups!\*\***

## GENERAL 4-H PROJECT CHECK-IN & PICK-UP

All general 4-H projects, with the exception of Sewing (due Sept. 5), will be due on Wednesday, September 13, from 3:00 pm—7:00 pm at the Latah County Fairgrounds. Submit your exhibits and record books at the 4-H table **at the East door of the Middle Room (across from the Ice Rink)**. For those who are completing a poster, please keep your poster size close to 14"x22". General projects will be displayed in the Large Room of the Main Events Center this year. Please return to the 4-H exhibit area to pick up your exhibits (general and non-market animal) on Sunday, September 17, from 5:00pm—7:00pm.



## SEWING PROJECTS

**Style Review** is Thursday, September 14, at the Latah County Fair 5:00-5:30 pm on the Main Stage. Exhibitors—please report to the Events Center by the 4-H exhibits at 4:15 pm so you can change into your outfit for Style Review. You will need to be dressed and ready by 4:45 pm. We will award ribbons based on the results from Fashion Review judging on 8/30, as well as the results from construction judging for **all** sewing projects. Please return to the 4-H exhibit area to pick up your sewing projects on Sunday, September 17, from 5:00 pm—7:00 pm.

# September Information

## Market Animal Members

Photo submissions for the online sale catalog are DUE September 1. These photos are submitted in ShoWorks where you registered for the Fair and Sale. After this deadline, photos cannot be changed or added to youth entries.

Please use these next couple of weeks to invite potential buyers to the Latah County Fair and the Latah Market Animal Sale to support youth in the county.



## Market Swine project

Families participating in a Market Swine project who plan to exhibit market swine at county fairs are invited to be part of a research project by filling out and completing a 19 question survey. We are interested in learning more about the husbandry techniques used by those who participate in the Market Swine project.

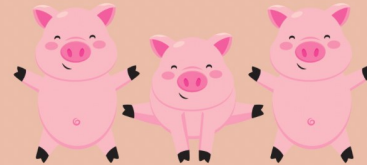
### Project Title: Exploring Best Management Practices for 4-H Market Swine

Project Leads: Cheyanne Myers, Canyon County Extension Educator and Dr. Lauren Christensen, DVM and Assistant Professor  
UI College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

Research question: To what extent is there a correlation between best management practices and animals that meet county fair requirements for market weight in the swine project?

If you are interested in being apart of this project and for more information please scan the QR code presented or search 2023 Best Swine Practices Survey on Z-Suites to fill out the survery!

contact Cheyanne Myers at [cheyanne@uidaho.edu](mailto:cheyanne@uidaho.edu) for questions



# LATAH COUNTY BEEF PROJECT

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**30 JUL** **CLIPPING AND FITTING**  
AT KNOTT RESIDENCE- 6PM  
Bring your animal to clip and prepare for the Palouse Classic.

**4 AUG** **WSU LIVESTOCK JUDGING MINI-CAMP**  
**PALOUSE PREVIEW- SHOWMANSHIP**  
AT LATAH COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
Enter at [www.palouseclassic.com](http://www.palouseclassic.com) (Late Fees after July 22)

**5 AUG** **PALOUSE CLASSIC LIVESTOCK SHOW**  
AT LATAH COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

**11 AUG** **FAIR FUN FRIDAY- BEEF**  
AT LATAH COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

**20 AUG** **SHOWMANSHIP PRACTICE**  
AT SMITH RESIDENCE - 6-30 PM

**27 AUG** **SHOWMANSHIP PRACTICE**  
AT SMITH RESIDENCE - 6-30 PM

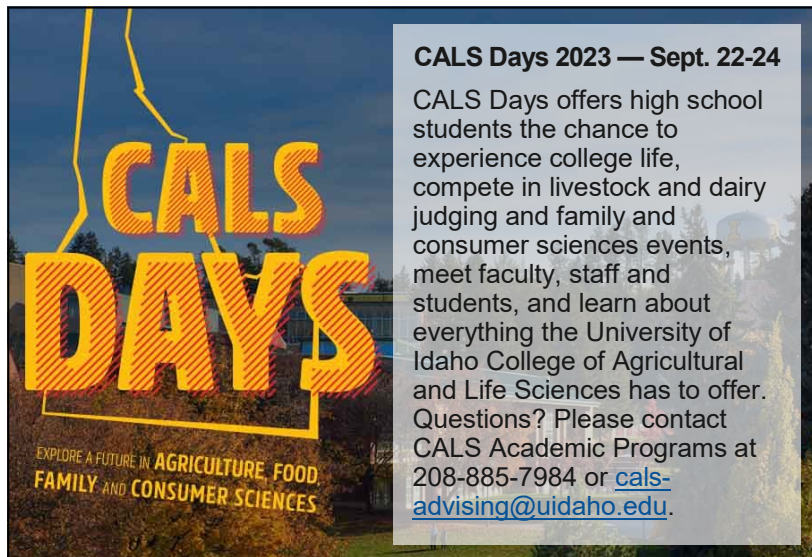
**3 SEPT** **SHOWMANSHIP PRACTICE**  
AT SMITH RESIDENCE - 6-30 PM

All Latah County 4-H and FFA Beef Project Members are invited to participate. Golden Go-4's membership is optional, you can stay with your community club and attend these beef meetings as they fit your schedule.

Contact: Mauri & Punk Knott [mauriknott@gmail.com](mailto:mauriknott@gmail.com) or SheilAnne Smith [ssheilanne@gmail.com](mailto:ssheilanne@gmail.com)

## CALS Days 2023 — Sept. 22-24

CALS Days offers high school students the chance to experience college life, compete in livestock and dairy judging and family and consumer sciences events, meet faculty, staff and students, and learn about everything the University of Idaho College of Agricultural and Life Sciences has to offer. Questions? Please contact CALS Academic Programs at 208-885-7984 or [cals-advising@uidaho.edu](mailto:cals-advising@uidaho.edu).



[CALS Days registration](#) is now open until September 15! Registration will look a bit different than in years past — each student planning to attend will be able to register for themselves using the above URL link or the link posted on the [CALS Days](#) website. We ask that all parents/teachers/advisors in attendance also complete a registration form. A schedule for the weekend, price package breakdowns, workshop descriptions, and other helpful information can be found at the website as well.

# 2023 4-H Fair Schedule

## Wednesday

- Swine Weigh-in 6:00am-11:00am
- Beef Weigh-in 11:00am-1:00pm
- Sheep & Goat Weigh-in 1:00pm-2:00pm
- Small Animal Check-in 3:00pm-7:00pm
- General Project and record book Check-in 3:00pm-7:00pm
- 4-H Leader & FFA Advisor Meeting 6:30pm **(New)**
- Animal Exhibitor Meeting 7:00pm

## Thursday

- Swine Quality 8:00am
- Goat Quality 9:00am **(New time)**
- Rabbit Judging 9:00am
  - Followed by Cavy and Pocket Pets Judging
- Sheep Quality 11:00am **(New time)**
- Beef Quality 1:00pm **(New time)**
  - Followed by Dairy Quality and Fitting & Showing
- Poultry Judging 1:00pm **(New time)**
- Style Review 5:00pm **(New time)**
- Opening Ceremony & Parade of Market Champions 5:45pm

## Friday

- Swine Fitting & Showing 8:00am
- Goat Fitting & Showing 9:00am **(New time)**
- Sheep Fitting & Showing 11:00am **(New time)**
- Beef Fitting & Showing 1:00pm **(New time)**

## Saturday

- Small Animal Round Robin 10:00am
- Market Animal Sale 2:00pm

## Sunday

- Livestock Judging Contest 9:00am (Check in at 8:00am)
- Large Animal Round Robin 11:30am
- Fur & Feather Costume Contest 12:00pm
- Goat Costume Contest 1:30pm
- Market Animal Record Books Due 2:00-4:00pm

# 2023 4-H Dates to Remember

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|-----------------|--------------------------|--|
| September 5     | Extension Office         | Sewing and non-market animal books DUE (County)  |
| September 13    | Latah County Fairgrounds | General projects & books DUE (County)            |
| September 13    | Latah County Fairgrounds | Market animal weigh-in and small animal check-in |
| September 13-17 | Latah County Fairgrounds | Latah County Fair (County)                       |
| September 17    | Latah County Fairgrounds | Market animal books DUE (County)                 |
| September 22-24 | University of Idaho      | UI CALS Days                                     |
| September 25    | Latah County Fairgrounds | Leaders Meetings (County)                        |
| October 16      | ZSuite                   | 2023-2024 Enrollment Opens (tentatively)         |
| October 16      | Extension Office         | Club financial reporting DUE (County)            |
| November 5      | Latah County Fairgrounds | Awards Night (County)                            |
| November 27     | Latah County Fairgrounds | Leaders Meetings (County)                        |

## **CLUB FINANCIAL AUDITS**

All club leaders can expect to receive information in late September regarding annual club financial reports. They are due by **October 16**. This is a process completed annually and is required if clubs are to remain in good standing and enroll members each year.

Club leaders need to complete the following documents:

1. Annual Financial Summary
2. Annual Financial Audit Committee Certification
3. Financial Audit Form Checklist
4. Civil Rights Engagement Report

***PLUS*** - a copy of your club's most recent bank statement.