

2026 Checklist for participating in the Southwest Livestock Show

- 1. THE AGE REQUIREMENT RULE: EXHIBITORS MUST BE 8 YEARS OLD BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 TO SHOW IN THE 2026 SHOW.**
- All participants must be enrolled in 4-H or FFA. Enrollment lists are sent directly to the respective organizations. If you are not registered with either 4-H or FFA prior to weigh-in, you will not be allowed to weigh in your animal. No exceptions. Please ensure your enrollment is complete and submitted on time!
- All animals must be tagged at one of the scheduled tagging events. June 6th is the final tagging date — no animals will be tagged after this date. No exceptions. **Family Alternates:** Alternates may be used by any member of a family unit, which includes siblings, stepchildren, adopted children, or first cousins if all animals are housed at the same location. To use a family alternate, you must submit a letter explaining the circumstances. This letter will be reviewed by the committee and approved on a case-by-case basis.
May 28, 2026 6-7 p.m. Hogs, Goats & Lambs will be tagged in the southeast parking of the Diamond Z Arena. Steers - Tagging will be held at the Cedar Livestock Auction, (west side, same as in previous years).
May 30, 2026 10-11 a.m. @Beryl Junction, Parowan Fairgrounds, Minersville (Beef animals going to Minersville will be tagged at Carter's Feedlot at 9:00 a.m.)
June 6, 2026 10-11 a.m. Hogs, Goats & Lambs will be tagged in the southeast parking of the Diamond Z Arena. Steers - Tagging will be held at the Cedar Livestock Auction, (west side, same as in previous years).
- Entries must be submitted online at: swjl.showandfair.com. Entries can be submitted anytime but must be completed by August 11, 2026. You will use the same login from last year. If you have any problems or questions, please reach out to Melanie 435-559-4145 or Caleb 801-616-0942.
If you were a senior in high school as of January 1, 2026, and would like to have a senior spotlight read during the auction, please bring a short paragraph (100 words or less) about your involvement in the show and your future plans. When you enter the sale ring, hand this paragraph to the clerk or auctioneer.
- Bring your animals to the Diamond Z Arena September 9th. Unload & pen starting at 10 a.m. Hogs may be brought in starting at 6 a.m. **PENS WILL BE ASSIGNED THIS YEAR SO LOOK FOR A DIAGRAM TO SEE WHERE YOU HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED.**
Hogs need to be penned and their ear tags cleaned before weigh-in starts at 3 p.m.
Weigh-in times for Lambs and Goats from 3 to 5 p.m. at the south end of the barn (please do not line up down the middle of the arena); Hogs from 3 to 4 p.m.; Beef from 4 to 5 p.m., both at the north end of the barn.
A health and soundness check will be conducted on all animals before they are weighed. If any issues are found, the show committee will decide whether the animal is permitted to participate in the show.
- Check the online schedule regularly, as some events have been added and others have been rescheduled.
- Every exhibitor is expected to help with cleanup, either on Saturday after the sale or on Monday, September 14th, at 3 p.m. or come when you can to finish cleaning the barn.
- Exhibitor checks will be mailed within 60 days after the sale. If a check is lost, the exhibitor will be charged a \$25 stop payment fee. Exhibitors have 90 days to cash or deposit their check. After 90 days, uncashed checks will be forfeited to the Southwest Livestock Show as a donation.
- Pee Wee participants, ages 3 to 8, must register on the website at swjl.showandfair.com. There are three age groups: Juniors (ages 3–4), Intermediate (ages 5–6), and Seniors (ages 7–8), and they may show either a goat or a lamb.
- If you are a senior and qualify for the Southwest Jr. Livestock Show Scholarship, visit swjl.showandfair.com to print the application and submit it by August 31, 2026.

For questions, please email us at southwestlivestockshow@gmail.com or visit the website for more information. Be sure to save southwestlivestockshow@gmail.com and info@showandfair.com in your email contacts to ensure you receive our messages and they do not end up in your spam folder.

Minimum weights Lambs 110 lbs., Goats 65 lbs., Hogs 230 lbs., Steer 1100 lbs.
Maximum payout weights Lambs 165 lbs., Hogs 300 lbs., Steers 1450 lbs.
No animal will be sifted if it exceeds these weight limits.

Iron County 4-H Livestock Show Participation Requirements

To ensure that all youth participants are actively engaged in learning, skill development, and community involvement, the following requirements must be met in order to be in good standing with 4H, which can affect your ability to show livestock in the Southwest Livestock Show in Iron County.

Clinic Attendance

All exhibitors are required to attend a minimum of two (2) approved livestock clinics during the program year. These clinics are designed to provide essential education in animal care, handling, and showmanship.

Community Service

Each exhibitor must complete at least five (5) hours of community service. All service hours must be reported to the member's club leader at the time they are completed.

Club Enrollment and Participation

Exhibitors must be actively enrolled and participating in a registered 4-H club.

Alternative Requirement (If Unable to Attend Club Meetings)

If a member is unable to regularly attend club meetings, they must submit a 1-page handwritten report. The report should reflect on their experience raising their animal and clearly describe what they have learned, including skills, responsibilities, and personal growth.

Failure to meet these requirements may result in ineligibility to participate in the livestock show. These expectations are intended to strengthen the educational experience of 4-H members and ensure that all participants are gaining meaningful knowledge and life skills through their projects.

4-H Livestock Clinics & Service Opportunities

Livestock clinics will be held on the third Wednesday of each month at the IFA Country Store from 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM. Starting in May. These clinics will provide hands-on education and guidance to help members succeed with their livestock projects.

A community service project will be offered prior to each clinic from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM at the Extension Office.

For more information, please contact the Extension Office.