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# LATAH COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

“To Make the Best Better”

## LATAH COUNTY 4-H OFFICE

Hello again!

In August, we had the Cat Show, Dog Show, and Fashion Review. Congratulations and great work to all of the participants! With only a couple weeks until Fair, our office has been busy preparing as I'm sure many of you have. If you have any last minute questions, feel free to reach out. We will be closed on Monday, September 5 to observe Labor day.

See you VERY soon!

-*Jessie Van Buren*



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## September 2022

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# 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, 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!

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# RECORD BOOKS

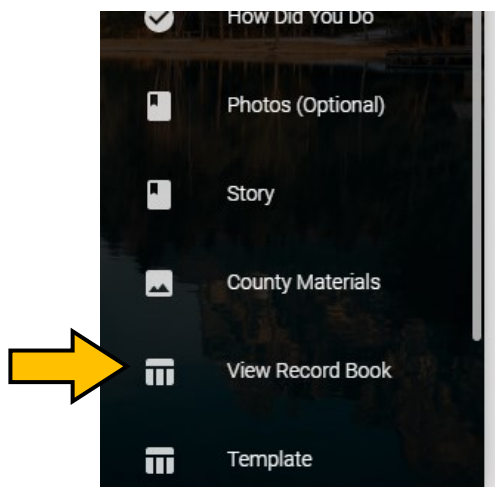
## THE BASICS

- 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 'View 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.
5. Repeat the steps to print your Involvement Report.

## 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?** Not this year. 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, plus any project specific checklists.

## Record Book Due Dates

Clothing & Textiles—record books are due with your exhibits: **Tuesday, September 6, by 5:00 pm at the Extension office.**

General Projects—record books are due with your exhibits at check-in: **Wednesday, September 14, 3:00 pm—7:00 pm.** This includes **Cloverbud** projects. Projects/record books will be turned in at the **Events Center** at the Latah County Fairgrounds.

Market Animal Record Books: Due **Sunday, September 18, 2:00 pm—4:00 pm** at the **Extension mobile office near the Sale Barn.** This applies to all market animal species.

## 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.

# FAIR NEWS - ANIMALS

## BARN CLEANING/DECORATING

Decorating may start on Saturday, September 10 or may be completed at any point up to fair time. Battery operated LED lights are acceptable. If you would like access to the barns prior to September 10, please contact the Fair Office at 208-883-5722. **Request from Fairground management** - Please clean up your area prior to decorating your stall!

## 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 18 at 9:00 am. Registration begins at 8:00 am.

**\*\*Parent/leader volunteers will be needed to hold animals, collect cards, and lead groups!\*\***

## EXHIBITOR MEETING

Plan on attending an all-animal exhibitor meeting on **Wednesday, September 14, at 7:00 pm** in the sale barn area to catch important information about fair, expectations in the barns, and more!

## FAQ: WEIGH-IN

Below are answers to many frequently asked questions about final weigh-in and record books.

- Can I bring my floaters to the fair to be weighed? Yes, floaters can be weighed, but may not stay at fair.
- What should I bring to final weigh-in? Be prepared with documentation to show proof of ownership/bill of sale/brand inspection. If purchased out of state, have Certified Vet Inspections (CVI) from initial purchase.
- What happens to underweight animals? Can I still sell? Yes, 'for sale' signs for underweight animals can be posted on stalls **AFTER** the livestock auction is completed.
- What number do I use for initial weight for my pig record book? Initial weight for animals may be established by breeder weight, taping, bathroom scale or the default placeholder weight of **76 lbs**.
- How many days on feed for projects? Beef 151 (4/16); Swine 103 (6/3); Sheep/Goat 70 (7/6)

## SHOW RING ATTIRE

- Long sleeved snap/button-down shirts, long pants and hard soled boots or tie shoes.
- Tank tops, T-shirts or sleeveless shirts are not acceptable show ring attire. Shorts, cut-offs, and sandals are not permitted.
- When showing dairy cattle and dairy goats, the traditional white shirt and white pants are to be worn. Shoes or boots, ties and belts should be white, brown or black. Green ties or scarves in honor of 4-H are permissible. Jump suits with long sleeves or worn with long sleeve shirts may be substituted.
- At the discretion of the judge, in the interest of safety, an exhibitor may be asked to leave the ring due to inappropriate attire.

## FAIR NEWS (CON'T)

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

All general 4-H projects, with the exception of Clothing & Textiles (due Sept. 6), will be due on Wednesday, September 14, from 3:00 pm–7:00 pm at the Latah County Fairgrounds. Drop your exhibits and record books off at 4-H table the South garage door of the Events Center. 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 18, from 5:00 pm–7:00 pm.

### CLOTHING & TEXTILES PROJECTS

**Style Review** is Thursday, September 15, at the Latah County Fair 6:00-7:00 pm on the Main Stage. Exhibitors—please report to the Events Center by the 4-H exhibits at 5:00 pm so you can change into your outfit for Style Review. You will need to be dressed and ready by 5:45 pm. We will award ribbons based on the results from Fashion Review judging on 8/31, as well as the results from construction judging for all Clothing & Textiles projects. Please return to the 4-H exhibit area to pick up your sewing projects on Sunday, September 18, from 5:00 pm–7:00 pm.

## UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO OPPORTUNITIES



### UI FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES CELEBRATES 120TH ANNIVERSARY

- September 16-17 at the University of Idaho, Moscow, ID
- Friday includes presentations on “hot topics” in FCS and Saturday there is an Open House with a historic costume collection.
- For more information and to register, visit <https://120-years.eventbrite.com>.

### CALS DAYS!

- September 30-October 2 at the University of Idaho, Moscow, ID
- CALS Days offers high school students the chance to experience college life, compete in livestock and dairy judging, meet faculty, staff and students, and learn about everything the University of Idaho College of Agricultural and Life Sciences has to offer.
- For more information and to register, visit <https://www.uidaho.edu/cals/cals-days>.



# 2022 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
- Animal Exhibitor Meeting 7:00pm

## Thursday

- Swine Quality 8:00am
- Sheep Quality 9:00am
- Rabbit Fitting & Showing 9:00am
  - Followed by Cavy and Pocket Pets Fitting & Showing
- Market Beef Quality 10:00am
  - Followed by Beef Breeding Quality
  - Followed by Dairy Quality and Fitting & Showing
- Goat Quality 1:00pm
- Rabbit Quality 1:00pm
- Style Review 6:00pm (**New time**)

## Friday

- Swine Fitting & Showing 8:00am
- Sheep Fitting & Showing 9:00am
- Poultry Quality 9:00am
- Beef Fitting & Showing 10:00am
- Goat Fitting & Showing 1:00pm
- Poultry Fitting & Showing 1:00pm

## Saturday

- Small Animal Round Robin 10:00am (**New time**)
- Market Animal Sale 2:00pm (**New time**)

## Sunday

- Livestock Judging Contest 9:00am
- Large Animal Round Robin 11:30am
- Fur & Feather Costume Contest 12:00pm
- Goat Costume Contest 1:30pm
- Market Animal Record Books Due 4:00pm

# 2022 4-H Dates to Remember

September 6	By 5pm	All Clothing & Textile projects & record books DUE
September 14	3-7pm	All General projects & record books DUE
September 14	6am-2pm	Market Animal Weigh-in
September 15-18		LATAH COUNTY FAIR!!!
September 18	By 4pm	Market Animal Record Books DUE
September 26	5:30-8:30pm	Leader's Council Meetings, Middle Room, Fairgrounds
October 1		2022-2023 4-H Year Begins!
November 1	By 5pm	Club Annual Financial Audits DUE
November 13	TBD	Latah County 4-H Awards Night
November 28	5:30-8:30pm	Leader's Council Meetings, Middle Room, Fairgrounds

## CLUB FINANCIAL AUDITS

All club leaders can expect to receive information in late September regarding annual club financial reports. They are always due by **November 1**. 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.