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LATAH COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

"To Make the Best Better"

LATAH COUNTY 4-H OFFICE

Happy new (4-H) year! November includes my FAVORITE holiday of the year—Thanksgiving! I have been travelling quite a bit and am almost done for the season. Our office will be closed on Monday, November 11, and I will be in Sun Valley November 11-13 for a conference. October and November start my planning months (4-H Camp, STAC, Livestock Field Days), and I will be focusing on Latah's yearly calendar in December. We have also been very active the last couple of months planning for Fair 2025 (8 meetings since Fair 2024!). Please feel free to email me with any questions or call the office. Ember and Zoey are great resources while I'm away! If you have any sale/check/thank you questions, please contact your leader or the sale committee.

I'm looking forward to seeing you Sunday!

-Jessie Van Buren

2024-2025 ENROLLMENT IS OPEN!

Latah County opened enrollment for the new 4-H year in ZSuite on **October 15**. If you already have a ZSuite account, please do not create a new account. Enrollment will happen through your existing family account.

Enrollment is not considered COMPLETE until your dues are paid via check, cash, or credit card:

General Members: \$25

Horse Members: \$30

Leaders: \$5

Family Cap (3+ members): \$75

Pay online: Latah County has an online payment platform! You can pay dues here: <http://tinyurl.com/Latah4HEnrollment>. The credit card processing fee is 3%+\$1 or you can opt to pay via e-check with a \$1 fee.

Deadline: Latah County 4-H enrollment (ZSuite submitted & dues paid) will be due March 31 in order to have a project at the Latah County Fair.

SALE CHECKS & THANK YOUS

Checks will only be disbursed to exhibitors/parents once all thank you cards have been verified. Some organizational leaders and advisors have agreed to verify thank yous—ask your leader! Youth and/or parents can also drop off thank you cards for their buyer and add-on supporters at the LMAS shed drop box in addressed and stamped envelopes (unsealed). The LMAS committee will be checking to make sure every supporter on the exhibitor's list from LMAS is completed and turned in. Please ask your leader/advisor if they are dispersing checks otherwise LMAS will mail them once thank yous have been verified.

2024 Awards Information

AWARDS NIGHT UPDATE

We will be having Awards Night on **November 10** at the Latah County Fairgrounds. Setup of tables and chairs will be at 2:30pm. Doors will open at 3:00pm. An ice cream sundae bar will be served at 3:30pm followed by the Awards Ceremony. Please bring your favorite topping or flavor to share!

A year-end award slideshow with photos from throughout the 4-H year is being put together. Please submit any photos you have to **Idaho 4-H Photos** (<https://photos.idaho4h.org/county/Latah>) to be included in the slideshow.

4-H COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

College scholarships for the 2024-2025 school year are available for 4-H youth who plan to attend post-secondary institutions in Idaho. For information on the scholarships available and how to apply: <https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/programs/scholarships>.

Applications are due by December 15. Please plan ahead and apply early. If you have questions, please contact the UI 4-H Office at 208-885-7700 or fourh@uidaho.edu.

2024 BEEF CARCASS CONTEST

Congratulations to Kaney Hansen for winning the top carcass this year! Also, congratulations to all beef exhibitors—this year ALL beef carcasses graded Choice! This is a major accomplishment and surpasses the cattle industry averages. Congratulations again!

A big thank you to the local processors and the UI Meat Science Team for making this happen every year! Especially James Nasados that did a special cutting demonstration for the group.

TAG 84 – KANEY HANSEN, TOP CARCASS

LW: 1323 lbs
HCW: 822 lbs
BF: 0.2 in
REA: 13.1 in²
KPH: 2.0 %
MS: Modest 30
QG: Ch^o
YG: 2.3

Discount/Premium

QG: \$5.43
YG: \$3.35

Total cwt: **\$291.84**
Final: **\$2,398.92**



2024-2025 Information from 10.28.24 Meeting

2024-2025 Fair Board Changes:

Theme: *Feelin' Alive in 2025*

- Initial Weigh In required for 4-H and FFA for large market animals. There will be no sheep shearing offered.
- Floater Animal Limits are set by the size of family. A full policy will be provided the Fair Board and included in the December Newsletter.
- All 4-H and FFA market turkeys and broilers must be acquired through a county-wide order. Club/chapter orders and payments are due to Extension Office on February 1 for turkey and March 31 for broilers.
- Fair Entry Limit – four animals total, 1 market animal per species, 1 animal per other class. Limits and new classes will be stated in fair book.
- 4-H/FFA Combined Classes – If there are 6 or fewer entries in either a 4-H or FFA Quality class, per species, it will be combined and awarded as a single class.

# of Exhibitors in Family	# of Floater Animals
1	1
2	2
3	2
4	2
5 or more	3

2024-2025 LMAS Changes:

<u>Species</u>	Min Sale Weight	Max Pay Weight	Max Sale Weight	Max Sale Age
Beef	1100	1550		30 months
Stocker/Feeder	550	900		
Swine	240	295	325	
Sheep	110	150		1 year
Goat	70	120		1 year
Turkeys	15 (hens) 20 (toms)	NA		See Fair protocol
Chickens	5.5 ea	NA		See Fair protocol
Rabbit	3.5 ea	5.5 ea	5.5 ea	See Fair protocol

- Final weigh in – *Animals must be CLEAN, DRY and any halters with metal/leather removed prior to final weigh in.*

2024-2025 4-H Changes:

- Projects
 - Rabbit checklist NEW
 - Beef/swine/sheep/goat (market, dairy, breeding, pet, pack) – Animal Science Skills Checklist*
 - Cavy Checklist, Horse Checklists, Llama Checklist*
 - Poultry lesson plans, Pocket Pet Project Manual*
 - “Animal Science Activities” – cat, dog*
 - Nursery project – coming soon
 - New Projects - Satisfy your sweet tooth
- Record books *1 general due Wednesday of fair, 1 animal due Sunday of fair*
Examples and details to be distributed to clubs in January.
- Major Idaho 4-H policy change—Each club MUST have at least 2 leaders.

2024-2025 4-H Dates to Remember

November 10	Latah County Fairgrounds	Awards Night (County)
November 25	Latah County Fairgrounds	Leaders Meetings (County)
December 15	Online	Scholarship Applications DUE (State)
February 15-17	Boise	Know Your Government (State)
March 31	Extension Office	Enrollment DUE (County)
April 12		Beef Weigh In (County)
May 28-29	Latah County Fairgrounds	Swine Weigh In (County)
June 23-26	UI Campus, Moscow	State Teen Association Convention (STAC)
July 7	Latah County Fairgrounds	Sheep/Goat Weigh In (County)
July 7-8	Lewiston	State Horse Contest (State)
July 18-21	Camp Wooten	CL2NI Camp (Regional)
September 10-14	Latah County Fairgrounds	Latah County Fair (County)



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