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So you're wondering....what big changes were there in the premium book this year? We've summarized them below. As always, please read the premium book carefully!

If you have questions – please reach out to us!

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### **General Project Changes Summary**

#### **Citations for AI-Generated Content**

Any AI generated content, AI-driven data analysis or AI-based project enhancements must be cited.

#### **Community Impact Award**

Additional information about the Community Impact Award has been added to the premium book.

#### **Food Revue & Cake/Cookie Decorating**

Information about Food Revue and Cake/Cookie Decorating was added to the premium book.

#### **Indoor Gardening**

New requirements for fairy gardens have been added.

- Must include at least 2 types of live plants with clear labeling of plant species
- Plants should be grown in the exhibit container for at least one month before the fair.

#### **Largest Vegetable**

Corn has been moved out of this class and into Corn.

### **Added classes:**

#### **Vegetable Container Garden Exhibit**

Information about a new project area this year has been added to the premium book.

### **Livestock Project Changes Summary**

#### **Beef & Dairy:**

All cattle (beef & dairy) tagged/identified on or after November 5, 2024 must have an RFID tag (per USDA & BAH rulings)

#### **Beef:**

- Cloverbud beef exhibits must be born after January 1st of the current year.
- Cow/Calf Pairs and Cloverbud Beef animals will not be stalled at the county fair due to space restrictions. If an animal is being shown by both a Cloverbud and a regular 4-H member, then that animal will be stalled
- New in 2025: a separate judge will be hired to judge dairy steers. This is a trial and is not guaranteed moving forward.
  - o With this, there will be changes to how beef state fair trips are allocated among divisions.
    - All trips will be pre-divided among divisions after check in and before the show. The judge will no longer have discretion to shift trips between divisions based on division quality. Trips will be divided based on percentage of animals that are checked in at the fair.

#### **Dairy**

"First freshening" rule has been removed for dairy cattle.

#### **Dog:**

Rally Obedience classes have name changes and additions.

#### **Goats:**

Language about permitted collars updated

- Exhibitors are allowed to use collars in the show ring. Collars may be leather, smooth chain or a safety (prong) collar for market goats and meat does. Dog prong collars are not allowed. An optional 12-inch lead strap may be used for breeding doe classes. Cable halters may only be used as show halters in the show ring. Cable halters may not be used to tie goats.
- Added wether dam classes to Market Goat category
  - ***Goats that may show in the wether dam classes should be entered into 4Honline as breeding does.***

**Horse:**

- Changed the overall division name from Pleasure to Performance to match the horse program guidelines
- State horse show trips will be split 50/50 between games and pleasure.
- Clarification: An overall trip (based on the combined scores of the next two in each lineup) may be awarded if there is an odd number of trips.
- The two state trips for Trail must be distributed to youth who have earned a state trip in either Performance or Games.
- State horse show location will be Cannon Falls and TBD.

**Poultry:**

Added Poultry Poster Contest Rules

**Sheep:**

Added Market Lamb – Hair Sheep class

**Swine:**

Added language about Crossbred Breeding Gilts being shown by weight

- Crossbred breeding gilts will be shown by weight. If showing two crossbred breeding gilts in the same class, they must show in separate weight classes. If at fair time both gilts end up in one weight division, member decides which crossbred gilt will be moved to the next heaviest weight class. If both animals are in the heaviest class, the member chooses an animal to show and the second animal can be shown by another current 4-H member.

**Livestock Auction:**

- Updated goat minimum weight for 2025
- Added language about auction order
  - The rough auction order will be posted outside of the 4-H office. NEW in 2025: Grand Champion Overall Market animals will be auctioned off first, and then the order will go into the regular species rotation. The detailed auction order will be posted as soon as it is available on Friday evening (this may be late in the evening, but the committee does it's best to get it up).
- Added language about auction back tags
  - Auction participants must pick up their auction backtag on Saturday morning prior to the auction starting. This backtag corresponds with the auction order/lot number assigned to each individual.