

# Sevier County 4-H Livestock Program

## Rules, Requirements & Deadlines (2026)

*(This is the full rules document to give families and post online.)*

### Program Statement

The Sevier County 4-H Livestock Program operates under the policies of Utah 4-H, Utah State University Extension, and the Utah Junior Livestock Show Association (UJLSA). These rules are in place to maintain program integrity, fairness, and eligibility for county and state junior livestock shows. Thank you for your support of this program and for all you do for our hard working youth! We appreciate your efforts in helping maintain the integrity of our program by adhering to these protocols.

Participation in the livestock program constitutes agreement to comply with all rules outlined below.

## I. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Youth must be **at least 8 years old and enrolled in the 3rd grade** to participate in large animal livestock projects.
- Youth turning 8 during the 4-H year may participate **after their 8th birthday**, provided they turn 8 **by the applicable ownership deadline**.
- Ownership deadlines:
  - **Cattle:** 100 days prior to the show
  - **Sheep, Goats, Hogs:** 60 days prior to the show

## II. 2026 JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW DATES & VERIFICATION DEADLINES

### Utah State Junior Livestock Show

Spanish Fork | April 29–May 2, 2026

- Beef: January 19, 2026
- Sheep, Goats, Hogs: February 28, 2026

### Millard County Junior Livestock Show

Delta | May 26–29, 2026

- Beef: February 15, 2026
- Sheep, Goats, Hogs: March 27, 2026

**Uintah Basin Junior Livestock Show**

Vernal | June 1–4, 2026

- Beef: February 21, 2026

- Sheep, Goats, Hogs: April 2, 2026

**Southeastern Utah Junior Livestock Show**

Ferron | July 8–11, 2026

- Beef: March 30, 2026

- Sheep, Goats, Hogs: May 9, 2026

**Utah County Fair Junior Livestock Show**

July 29–August 1, 2026

- Beef: April 20, 2026

- Sheep, Goats, Hogs: May 20, 2026

**Salt Lake County Junior Livestock Show**

South Jordan | August 5–8, 2026

- Beef: April 27, 2026

- Sheep, Goats, Hogs: June 6, 2026

**Utah State Fair**

Salt Lake City | September 9–12, 2026

- Beef: June 1, 2026

- Sheep, Goats, Hogs: July 11, 2026

### **III. 4-H ENROLLMENT & GOOD STANDING**

Your Extension 4-H agent, tagging master, or Board member must ensure animals are tagged and exhibitors are **VERIFIED** and in **GOOD STANDING**. To be considered **in Good Standing**, exhibitors must:

- Be fully enrolled in Utah 4-H through **4h.zsuite.com**
- Pay the required enrollment fee or submit an approved fee waiver
- Enroll in a livestock club for the current year
- Maintain compliance with Utah 4-H and county policies

Adult volunteers must complete required screenings and training in Z-Suite and Clover Academy.

### **IV. UJLSA TAGGING REQUIREMENTS**

- All animals exhibited at UJLSA-sanctioned shows must have an **official, permanent, tamper-proof UJLSA ear tag**
- Tags identify animals, establish ownership, connect the animal to the exhibitor, and **are required to participate in any state show**.
- It is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure correct species-specific tags are obtained AND that their animal's tag has been fully verified.

## **V. VERIFICATION & ELIGIBILITY**

- UJLSA tags are **not eligible until fully verified**
- Verification requires:
  - Active 4-H enrollment
  - Tag purchase and registration with the Sevier County USU Extension Office
  - Completion of the county tagging event in Z-Suite
  - Upload of required photos (exhibitor and tag front/back)

## **Tag + Verification Forms = Eligibility**

Sevier County 4-H will not submit tag numbers to state shows until verification is complete.

## **VI. TAG LOSS, REPLACEMENT & OWNERSHIP CHANGES**

- Lost, damaged, or removed tags must be reported **immediately**
- Replacement tags require **new verification**
- Tags are assigned to the exhibitor; ownership changes require retagging within deadlines

## **VII. FAILURE TO VERIFY**

- Exhibitors not verified by a show deadline must return unverified tags
- Failure to comply may result in placement on an **unverified exhibitor watch list**

## **VIII. UJLSA RULES**

Participation in any UJLSA-sanctioned event requires compliance with the **Utah Junior Livestock Show Association Official Rules**, available at:

<https://utahjuniorlivestock.com>