



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

OCTOBER 15TH 2026



**State Fair Park Authority
October 15, 2026
Board of Directors Meeting
Agenda**

- 9:00am Roll Call**
- 9:05am Approve August / September Minutes**
- 9:10am Review August Financials**
- Allan Kitterman
 - Fair Financials update.
 - Rain Insurance Update
- 9:25am Call to enter a closed session pursuant to Section 52-4-205(d)**
- strategy sessions to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property, including any form of water right or water shares, or to discuss a proposed development agreement, project proposal, or financing proposal related to the development of land owned by the state.
- 9:45am Fair Livestock Exhibitor Appeal – to positive drug test Miss. Johnson**
- Larry Mullenax will review the Show rules, and subsequent disqualification for a positive drug test.
 - The exhibitors Parent's lead by Tasia Johnson along with the exhibitor will present their appeal to the Board of directors for review and discussion.
- 10:15am Livestock Auction Update**
- Larry Mullenax
- I. Auction Results
- II. Stock show Auction Company
- a. Processes & auction slips
 - b. Sale order & destination
 - c. invoicing & payment
- 10:30am Employee Board Recognition**
- 11:05am Call for new business & Public Comment**
- 11:10am Meeting Adjourned**

UTAH STATE FAIRPARK AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 20, 2026, | 9:02 a.m. | 155 North 1000 West, Salt Lake City, Utah

1. Call to Order

The Utah State Fairpark Authority Board meeting was called to order at approximately 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, August 20, 2026. The Chair welcomed board members and attendees.

2. Roll Call and Introductions

The roll call included board members attending in person and remotely. The transcript identifies Dave Lewis as Board Chair; Lillian Bayles; Jim Webb (remote); Wade Garrett; Kip Paul; Senator Scott Sandall; Jennifer Seelig; Steve Lund; and newly appointed Representative Jason Thompson. Tommy John Lucia joined later in the meeting. Darrell Hunting was reported excused.

The Chair welcomed Representative Jason Thompson, who introduced himself and described his business background and legislative service. Brook McCarrick of the Utah Attorney General's Office administered the oath of office. Board members, staff, and counsel introduced themselves.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the prior board meeting minutes included in the meeting packet. Ted Lewis made the motion and Lillian Bayless seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

4. June and July Financial Report

Alan, the Fairpark's fractional CFO, presented June and July financial results.

June

- Revenue was approximately \$385,000 below the prior year and approximately \$148,000 below budget.
- Comparisons were affected by the absence of the X Games event that occurred in 2025.
- Expenses were also lower due to the absence of X Games-related costs.

July

- Revenue was approximately \$34,000 above the prior year and \$53,000 above budget.
- Ordinary income was approximately \$54,000 above the prior year and \$122,000 above budget.

Year-to-Date

- Net ordinary income was approximately \$325,000 above budget.
- Cash levels remained strong.
- Receivables were higher and payables lower than expected.

5. Days of '47 Event Update

Larry Mullenax reported that the Days of '47 settlement process was approximately 90 percent complete, with final expenses still being reconciled. Attendance appeared slightly higher than the previous year and the event was considered successful.

6. Fairpark Financial Position and Event Programming

Board members discussed the Fairpark's improved financial position and the growth from approximately 13 events annually to approximately 120–140 events annually.

7. Days of '47 Lease Update

The Board received an update regarding negotiations and the revised lease agreement with Days of '47.

8. Closed Session

The Board entered closed session pursuant to Utah Code § 52-4-205(1)(d) to discuss a proposed development.

9. Return to Open Session and Committee Reports

The Board reconvened in open session at approximately 10:20 a.m. following the closed session.

Upcoming Board Meetings

- September 10, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.
- September 16, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.
- September 20, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

Education Committee:

Steve Lund reported that educational initiatives would be deferred until winter.

Fair Committee:

Lillian Bayles reported that preparations for the 2026 Utah State Fair were progressing well.

Rodeo Committee:

The Board received updates regarding rodeo operations, sponsorships, hospitality sales, and community-recognition programs.

Livestock Committee:

Jim Webb reported that livestock preparations were progressing successfully. Staff reported approximately 1,500 livestock entries and implementation of online bidding enhancements.

11. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.

Utah State Fairpark Authority Board Meeting Minutes

Date: September 10, 2026

Time: 10:03 a.m.

Location: Utah State Fairpark, Salt Lake City, Utah

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dave Lewis called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and welcomed members on the opening day of the Utah State Fair. Roll call was conducted by Becky Knight.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Lillian Bayles, Jim Webb, Kelly Pehrson, Wade Garrett, Dave Lewis, Ted Lewis, Senator Sandall, Darryl Hunting, Tommy Joe Lucia.

Present Online: Elliott Clark attending on behalf of Brook McCarrick

Excused: Jason Thompson, Kip Paul.

A quorum was present.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT REPORT

Representatives from the Utah State Auditor's Office presented the results of the annual financial statement audit. The auditors reported an unmodified (clean) audit opinion, no significant findings, no compliance concerns, no disagreements with management, and no audit difficulties. The Board reviewed the Authority's financial position, including a net position of approximately \$16.3 million.

Restricted fund balances were discussed, including livestock panel replacement funds and auction-related accounts. Management reported that panel replacement remains an ongoing project.

INTERNAL CONTROLS AND FINANCE UPDATE

Auditors reported that cash balances were verified through third-party confirmations and internal controls over receipts, disbursements, payroll, and related processes were tested with no concerns identified. Management stated that the Fairpark employs safeguards that exceed minimum requirements to protect public funds.

Management also provided an update on a new point-of-sale system for concession operations, providing real-time sales visibility and enhanced auditing capabilities. Approximately 175 devices were deployed throughout the fairgrounds.

Management reported on the planned retirement of the controller at the end of October and the onboarding and training of a successor to ensure continuity.

BOARD APPRECIATION

Board members expressed appreciation to management, finance staff, and auditors for achieving a clean audit and maintaining strong stewardship of public resources.

UTAH STATE FAIR OPERATIONS UPDATE

Lillian Bayles provided an update regarding opening day preparations. Topics included board apparel and credentials, the rodeo, the junior livestock auction, and the overall condition of the fairgrounds and facilities. Staff were recognized for their efforts and dedication.

SPECIAL NEEDS DAY

Board members discussed the annual Special Needs Day event. Members were encouraged to volunteer and assist with registration and activities. Tommy Joe Lucia offered assistance from the Utah Cowgirl Collective if additional support is needed.

CLOSED SESSION

Elliott Clark advised the Board regarding entry into a closed session pursuant to Utah Code Section 52-4-205(1)(d) for discussion of the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property. Following a roll-call vote, the motion passed unanimously and the Board entered closed session.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Following closed session, the Board returned to open session. No motions were made and no action was reported from the closed session discussion.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS RIBBON PROGRAM

Board members were reminded to visit exhibits throughout the fairgrounds and award Board of Directors ribbons recognizing outstanding entries. Members were asked to photograph selected exhibits and submit the information to staff for documentation.

RECESS

Chair Dave Lewis announced that the Board would recess rather than adjourn, with final adjournment anticipated at the concluding Sunday meeting of the Fair. There being no further business, the meeting was recessed.

Sept 16, 2026

Call to Order

Following a recess, the meeting was reconvened. A roll call was conducted to confirm attendance.

Roll Call

Board members present included Lillian Bayles, Jim Webb, Wade Garrett, Dave Lewis, Ted Lewis, Kip Paul, Sen Sandall, Darrell Hunting. A quorum was present.

Fair Operations Report

Attendance and Revenue

The Board reviewed fair performance through Day 6 of operations. Management reported that attendance was approximately 10 to 11 percent below the prior year's levels. Despite the decrease in attendance, gate revenue remained relatively strong. Management discussed

implementation of a new ticket-scanning system, customer concerns regarding the mobile ticketing application, strong advance ticket sales, and expectations for increased attendance during the remainder of the fair.

Arena Events and Concert Sales

The Board reviewed arena event revenue and ticket sales performance. Concert and arena event presales exceeded prior-year performance and several events, including the Matchbox Twenty concert, were nearing capacity.

Recognition of Former Board Member

The Board formally recognized Craig Butters for his years of service to the Authority. A commemorative buckle was presented in appreciation of his service and contributions.

Midway Operations and Concessions

Management reported favorable performance in midway gaming operations and increased participation resulting from enhanced attractions and prize offerings. Food and beverage revenues also increased.

Point-of-Sale System Implementation

The Board reviewed implementation of a standardized point-of-sale system for concession vendors. Management emphasized improved transparency, consistency, and audit capability.

Pricing and Promotional Activities

Management confirmed that general admission and parking rates remained unchanged from the prior year. Promotional programs were utilized to encourage attendance and provide value to guests.

Special Friends Day

Board members reported on the success of Special Friends Day, during which more than 1,800 participants attended. The Board commended volunteers and partners for supporting the event.

Fine Arts and Educational Exhibits

The Board received an update regarding exhibits in the Fine Arts Building, including a special tribute honoring artist Joe Venus.

Legislative and Agricultural Outreach

Representatives reported on a legislative agricultural tour conducted in conjunction with the fair. Board members emphasized the importance of continued outreach and education efforts.

Rodeo Operations Review

The Board reviewed rodeo attendance trends and discussed scheduling alternatives designed to improve attendance. The Rodeo Committee was directed to further evaluate

attendance data, scheduling options, marketing effectiveness, and audience demographics and to provide recommendations at a future meeting.

Rodeo Marketing Analysis

Management advised that a comprehensive marketing analysis is underway to better understand rodeo attendance patterns and promotional effectiveness.

Recess

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was recessed and will reconvene on Sept 20, 2026. The primary location for the meeting will be the Hospitality building at the Utah State Fairpark 155 N 1000 W SLC UT 84116

Sept 20, 2026

Call to Order

Following a recess, the meeting was reconvened. A roll call was conducted to confirm attendance.

Roll Call

Board members present included Lillian Bayles, Jim Webb, Wade Garrett, Dave Lewis, Ted Lewis, Steve Lund, Jennifer Seelig, Tommy Joe Lucia, Darrell Hunting. A quorum was present.

Fair Operations Report:

Attendance and Revenue

The Board reviewed final fair performance and attendance results following completion of the 2026 Utah State Fair. Management reported attendance was below the prior year's record-setting fair. Discussion focused on economic conditions, consumer spending trends, ticketing system implementation, and other factors that may have contributed to lower attendance. Despite attendance declines, several operating areas performed favorably, including food and beverage sales, midway games, and arena events. Management advised that final attendance and revenue reports will be distributed to the Board.

Arena Events and Entertainment:

The Board reviewed attendance and financial performance of arena events and concerts. Management reported strong participation and discussed event-related expenses associated with entertainment programming. Revenue and attendance remained favorable when compared to prior years.

Rain Insurance Review:

Management reported that the Authority's weather insurance policy is expected to provide a significant reimbursement resulting from qualifying weather events during the fair. Board members discussed the value of maintaining insurance coverage to reduce financial risk associated with adverse weather conditions.

Concessions and Guest Experience:

The Board discussed food pricing, family affordability, and guest purchasing behavior. Management reported that discounted meal options remained available throughout the fair and noted that the newly implemented point-of-sale system will provide improved reporting capabilities for future analysis of guest spending patterns and vendor performance.

Livestock Operations Review:

Management provided an overview of livestock operations, including participant conduct issues and enforcement actions that occurred during the fair. The Board discussed current policies, enforcement authority, and opportunities to improve livestock rules and procedures. Management reported that a formal grievance had been submitted and would be reviewed by the Board at a future meeting, together with supporting documentation and recommendations.

Junior Livestock Auction Report:

The Board received a report regarding the Junior Livestock Auction. Auction participation remained strong and overall proceeds exceeded the previous year's performance. Management highlighted support from buyers, sponsors, and community partners. Additional charitable purchases benefited food banks and community organizations.

Fair Operations Feedback:

The Board reviewed feedback from exhibitors, volunteers, supervisors, and guests. Positive comments were received regarding livestock management, operations support, facility improvements, grounds maintenance, and security operations. Board members expressed appreciation for fair staff and volunteers whose efforts contributed to the successful operation of the event.

Community Partnerships and Special Events:

Management reported on several special events conducted during the fair, including a partnership with the Make-A-Wish Foundation and community sponsors that provided a special experience for a young cancer survivor during the demolition derby. The Board commended staff and partners for their efforts in supporting community engagement activities.

Future Planning:

Board members discussed opportunities for continued improvement in fair operations, livestock programming, rodeo attendance, and future development initiatives. Management expressed appreciation for the support of the Board and noted several positive opportunities moving forward.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

**UTAH STATE FAIR CORPORATION
NOTES TO THE BOARD REPORT
FOR THE MONTHS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2026**

SUMMARY:

Preping for the fair.

MONTH-TO-DATE (MTD) ANALYSIS:

Revenues: August revenues are down \$57k to last year and down \$59k against the budget. The Fuel Fest did not return this year.

Expenses: Our expenses for August are down \$10k to last year and down \$62k to budget. Payroll, processing fees and utilities contributed.

August ordinary income is down \$46k on last year and up \$2k on budget.

Other Income is up on last year \$2k. Interest income was \$42k for June.

YEAR-TO-DATE (YTD) ANALYSIS:

Revenues: Revenues are down \$169k to last year and up \$111k against the budget.

Expenses: Our expenses are up \$106k to last year and down \$146k to budget.

Ordinary income is down \$275k on last year and up \$257k on the budget.

Other Income is up \$5k on last year.

INVESTMENTS AND CASH ACCOUNT BALANCES:

Cash in bank is up on last year, \$1.31 mil. Accounts Recievable is up \$682k on last year while Accounts Payable is up only \$12k compared to last year. The change in our financial position is up on last year \$1.62 mil. Our financial position continues to be very strong.

Please keep in mind that the numbers on the following reports have not been audited and are subject to change.

UTAH STATE FAIR CORPORATION

Profit & Loss

August 2026

	Aug 26	Jan - Aug 26
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Contributions / Sponsorships	0.00	50,000.00
Event Revenue	274,871.68	2,738,439.63
Fair Revenue	16,566.40	147,406.40
Miscellaneous Incomes	27,821.79	74,886.13
Monthly Rental/ Storage	13,133.67	162,304.10
Stall Rental	0.00	670.00
Total Income	332,393.54	3,173,706.26
Gross Profit	332,393.54	3,173,706.26
Expense		
Advertising & Legal	1,723.75	22,467.72
Awards & Premiums	-113.50	672.50
Board Member Expenses	2,005.52	16,995.51
Computer & Professional Service	89,288.14	606,119.94
Data Processing	6,289.37	54,400.94
Depreciation Expense	39,626.53	318,298.77
Equipment Rental	4,429.44	66,962.22
Insurance	5,650.83	46,906.70
Maintenance Expenses	17,770.30	289,008.25
Miscellaneous Expense	1,289.44	22,266.94
Office Equipment/ Furnishings	1,705.79	4,743.19
Office Expense	1,941.88	9,311.87
Payroll Expenses	196,786.47	1,517,931.29
Processing Fees	7,522.35	44,138.91
Public Relations Expenses	0.00	10,961.32
Travel Expenses	10.00	9,685.36
Utilities	114,539.44	457,824.43
Total Expense	490,465.75	3,498,695.86
Net Ordinary Income	-158,072.21	-324,989.60
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income	42,474.88	313,518.15
Net Other Income	42,474.88	313,518.15
Net Income	-115,597.33	-11,471.45

UTAH STATE FAIR CORPORATION
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison - Month
August 2026

	Aug 26	Aug 25	\$ Change
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Event Revenue	274,871.68	339,941.62	-65,069.94
Fair Revenue	16,566.40	13,793.15	2,773.25
Miscellaneous Incomes	27,821.79	19,118.06	8,703.73
Monthly Rental/ Storage	13,133.67	16,027.29	-2,893.62
Stall Rental	0.00	60.00	-60.00
Total Income	<u>332,393.54</u>	<u>388,940.12</u>	<u>-56,546.58</u>
Gross Profit	332,393.54	388,940.12	-56,546.58
Expense			
Advertising & Legal	1,723.75	2,442.50	-718.75
Awards & Premiums	-113.50	526.00	-639.50
Board Member Expenses	2,005.52	1,505.59	499.93
Computer & Professional Service	89,288.14	81,190.23	8,097.91
Data Processing	6,289.37	4,531.05	1,758.32
Depreciation Expense	39,626.53	38,725.30	901.23
Equipment Rental	4,429.44	978.12	3,451.32
Insurance	5,650.83	5,055.84	594.99
Maintenance Expenses	17,770.30	15,166.47	2,603.83
Miscellaneous Expense	1,289.44	3,551.00	-2,261.56
Office Equipment/ Furnishings	1,705.79	1,836.49	-130.70
Office Expense	1,941.88	1,371.91	569.97
Payroll Expenses	196,786.47	207,184.69	-10,398.22
Processing Fees	7,522.35	16,799.91	-9,277.56
Public Relations Expenses	0.00	151.78	-151.78
Sponsorships/ Donations	0.00	835.00	-835.00
Travel Expenses	10.00	0.00	10.00
Utilities	114,539.44	119,018.05	-4,478.61
Total Expense	<u>490,465.75</u>	<u>500,869.93</u>	<u>-10,404.18</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-158,072.21	-111,929.81	-46,142.40
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income	42,474.88	40,073.34	2,401.54
Net Other Income	<u>42,474.88</u>	<u>40,073.34</u>	<u>2,401.54</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-115,597.33</u></u>	<u><u>-71,856.47</u></u>	<u><u>-43,740.86</u></u>

UTAH STATE FAIR CORPORATION
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
August 2026

	<u>Aug 26</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Event Revenue	274,871.68	343,231.00	-68,359.32
Fair Revenue	16,566.40	13,794.00	2,772.40
Miscellaneous Incomes	27,821.79	19,117.00	8,704.79
Monthly Rental/ Storage	13,133.67	15,861.00	-2,727.33
Stall Rental	0.00	60.00	-60.00
Total Income	<u>332,393.54</u>	<u>392,063.00</u>	<u>-59,669.46</u>
Gross Profit	332,393.54	392,063.00	-59,669.46
Expense			
Advertising & Legal	1,723.75	2,443.00	-719.25
Awards & Premiums	-113.50	0.00	-113.50
Board Member Expenses	2,005.52	1,505.00	500.52
Computer & Professional Service	89,288.14	67,616.00	21,672.14
Data Processing	6,289.37	4,654.00	1,635.37
Depreciation Expense	39,626.53	38,725.00	901.53
Equipment Rental	4,429.44	1,245.00	3,184.44
Insurance	5,650.83	7,784.00	-2,133.17
Maintenance Expenses	17,770.30	37,507.00	-19,736.70
Miscellaneous Expense	1,289.44	4,270.00	-2,980.56
Office Equipment/ Furnishings	1,705.79	1,836.00	-130.21
Office Expense	1,941.88	1,597.00	344.88
Payroll Expenses	196,786.47	246,417.00	-49,630.53
Processing Fees	7,522.35	16,672.00	-9,149.65
Public Relations Expenses	0.00	152.00	-152.00
Sponsorships/ Donations	0.00	835.00	-835.00
Travel Expenses	10.00	0.00	10.00
Utilities	114,539.44	119,017.00	-4,477.56
Total Expense	<u>490,465.75</u>	<u>552,275.00</u>	<u>-61,809.25</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-158,072.21	-160,212.00	2,139.79
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income	42,474.88	40,073.00	2,401.88
Net Other Income	<u>42,474.88</u>	<u>40,073.00</u>	<u>2,401.88</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-115,597.33</u></u>	<u><u>-120,139.00</u></u>	<u><u>4,541.67</u></u>

UTAH STATE FAIR CORPORATION
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison
January through August 2026

	Jan - Aug 26	Jan - Aug 25	\$ Change
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Contributions / Sponsorships	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00
Event Revenue	2,738,439.63	2,922,081.45	-183,641.82
Fair Revenue	147,406.40	146,923.90	482.50
Miscellaneous Incomes	74,886.13	97,501.75	-22,615.62
Monthly Rental/ Storage	162,304.10	176,253.42	-13,949.32
Stall Rental	670.00	298.00	372.00
Total Income	3,173,706.26	3,343,058.52	-169,352.26
Gross Profit	3,173,706.26	3,343,058.52	-169,352.26
Expense			
Advertising & Legal	22,467.72	16,659.17	5,808.55
Awards & Premiums	672.50	901.00	-228.50
Board Member Expenses	16,995.51	21,639.47	-4,643.96
Computer & Professional Service	606,119.94	557,860.24	48,259.70
Data Processing	54,400.94	45,091.97	9,308.97
Depreciation Expense	318,298.77	303,462.04	14,836.73
Equipment Rental	66,962.22	55,898.73	11,063.49
Insurance	46,906.70	68,870.39	-21,963.69
Maintenance Expenses	289,008.25	299,098.97	-10,090.72
Miscellaneous Expense	22,266.94	25,374.26	-3,107.32
Office Equipment/ Furnishings	4,743.19	3,346.76	1,396.43
Office Expense	9,311.87	8,462.27	849.60
Payroll Expenses	1,517,931.29	1,456,259.29	61,672.00
Processing Fees	44,138.91	61,679.93	-17,541.02
Public Relations Expenses	10,961.32	1,037.52	9,923.80
Sponsorships/ Donations	0.00	835.00	-835.00
Travel Expenses	9,685.36	4,423.94	5,261.42
Utilities	457,824.43	462,253.54	-4,429.11
Total Expense	3,498,695.86	3,393,154.49	105,541.37
Net Ordinary Income	-324,989.60	-50,095.97	-274,893.63
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income	313,518.15	308,533.78	4,984.37
Net Other Income	313,518.15	308,533.78	4,984.37
Net Income	-11,471.45	258,437.81	-269,909.26

UTAH STATE FAIR CORPORATION
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual YTD
January through August 2026

	<u>Jan - Aug 26</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Contributions / Sponsorships	50,000.00		
Event Revenue	2,738,439.63	2,641,438.00	97,001.63
Fair Revenue	147,406.40	146,942.00	464.40
Miscellaneous Incomes	74,886.13	97,518.00	-22,631.87
Monthly Rental/ Storage	162,304.10	176,501.00	-14,196.90
Stall Rental	670.00	228.00	442.00
Total Income	<u>3,173,706.26</u>	<u>3,062,627.00</u>	<u>111,079.26</u>
Gross Profit	3,173,706.26	3,062,627.00	111,079.26
Expense			
Advertising & Legal	22,467.72	16,662.00	5,805.72
Awards & Premiums	672.50	285.00	387.50
Board Member Expenses	16,995.51	21,504.00	-4,508.49
Computer & Professional Service	606,119.94	550,157.00	55,962.94
Data Processing	54,400.94	38,917.00	15,483.94
Depreciation Expense	318,298.77	303,462.00	14,836.77
Equipment Rental	66,962.22	53,398.00	13,564.22
Insurance	46,906.70	67,642.00	-20,735.30
Maintenance Expenses	289,008.25	323,722.00	-34,713.75
Miscellaneous Expense	22,266.94	32,513.00	-10,246.06
Office Equipment/ Furnishings	4,743.19	3,146.00	1,597.19
Office Expense	9,311.87	7,939.00	1,372.87
Payroll Expenses	1,517,931.29	1,698,865.00	-180,933.71
Processing Fees	44,138.91	59,700.00	-15,561.09
Public Relations Expenses	10,961.32	1,039.00	9,922.32
Sponsorships/ Donations	0.00	835.00	-835.00
Travel Expenses	9,685.36	2,922.00	6,763.36
Utilities	457,824.43	462,224.00	-4,399.57
Total Expense	<u>3,498,695.86</u>	<u>3,644,932.00</u>	<u>-146,236.14</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-324,989.60	-582,305.00	257,315.40
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income	313,518.15	308,532.00	4,986.15
Net Other Income	<u>313,518.15</u>	<u>308,532.00</u>	<u>4,986.15</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-11,471.45</u></u>	<u><u>-273,773.00</u></u>	<u><u>262,301.55</u></u>

UTAH STATE FAIR CORPORATION
Statement of Financial Position
As of August 31, 2026

	Aug 31, 26	Aug 31, 25	\$ Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings	13,475,593.97	12,169,724.82	1,305,869.15
Accounts Receivable	1,546,149.02	863,742.18	682,406.84
Other Current Assets	599,796.62	492,488.57	107,308.05
Total Current Assets	15,621,539.61	13,525,955.57	2,095,584.04
Other Assets	4,074,854.58	4,546,885.58	-472,031.00
TOTAL ASSETS	19,696,394.19	18,072,841.15	1,623,553.04
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	431,453.39	419,524.68	11,928.71
Credit Cards	11,949.12	15,497.87	-3,548.75
Other Current Liabilities	2,985,539.12	2,298,361.42	687,177.70
Total Current Liabilities	3,428,941.63	2,733,383.97	695,557.66
Long Term Liabilities	307.00	0.01	306.99
Total Liabilities	3,429,248.63	2,733,383.98	695,864.65
Equity	16,267,145.56	15,339,457.17	927,688.39
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	19,696,394.19	18,072,841.15	1,623,553.04



State Fair Park Authority
Executive Directors Monthly Review
October 15, 2026

Executive Summary

1. LHM Master Agreement

2. Red West Music Festival

Ticket sales are strong and the estimated attendance is 35K each night. The festival kicks off this Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

The Fairpark will be center stage for the music industry as Ella Langley will take the stage Friday night. Numerous talent managers and large production companies will be on hand to learn more about what makes the Fairpark such an attractive venue for festivals.

3. New Opportunities

We are currently in conversation with (two) new festivals that are looking to bring the event to the Fairpark in 2027.

4. Staffing;

This past season our Livestock Manager provided us with notice before the fair that she had elected to move back home to South Dakota. We will begin the search for a new livestock director later this month with the goal of having a new person in place at the beginning of the year.

Our F&B manager Fred Acebo informed us that for medical reasons he needs to move back home to San Francisco to care for his elderly parents. We wish him well. Our search for his replacement will commence after Red West. We would like to have his replacement onboard by the first of the new year.

5. 4th quarter forecast

We will not be hosting the EDM show for Halloween and when combined with a slightly smaller Red West. We anticipate softer gross revenues in October 2026 vs 2025.

On the positive front, we have partnered with a new walk through Christmas Light show that we anticipate will provide stronger year-over-year gross revenues for November and December. Please find a link to more information. We are extremely excited about this show and hope to have this as a reoccurring event for many years to follow.

<https://magicallanternnights.com>

Board Report - Nicki Claeys

Dept 60 – Marketing & Sponsorship | Dept 25 - Entertainment Department | Dept 20 - Administrative
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Marketing & Media

The 2026 Utah State Fair marked our 170th anniversary, and I was very pleased with our "Cheers to 170 Years" marketing campaign. The theme was well received and provided a fun, cohesive look across our advertising, merchandise, commemorative pins, staff shirts, and promotional materials. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the Fair's history while creating something fresh and recognizable for our guests.

One of our favorite moments was the Opening Day 170th Birthday Celebration. With the generous support of sponsors and community partners, we organized 170 giveaways, including hotel stays, concert tickets, merchandise, unique experiences, and other prizes. For the first time that I can recall, we had guests lined up at the gates before opening on a Thursday morning! It was exciting to see such enthusiasm for the anniversary celebration and a great way to kick off the Fair.

Media coverage was strong again this year, with all four major local television networks providing coverage leading up to and during the Fair. We also received excellent support from our radio partners through interviews, ticket giveaways, promotions, and onsite appearances.

Our digital marketing efforts produced some encouraging results. Instagram views increased approximately 26% over our 2025 reporting period, reaching 2.9 million, while content interactions increased 57%. Facebook generated approximately 5.3 million views, with 87% coming from people who do not currently follow our page. Website traffic remained relatively consistent with last year, attracting approximately 283,000 active users, while ticketing page views increased approximately 22%, reaching nearly 300,000.

We also expanded our influencer and content creator partnerships this year, including a Media & Influencer Preview on Opening Day. These partnerships provided additional opportunities to showcase Fair food, entertainment, attractions, and ways to enjoy the Fair on a budget. This was a valuable program to build upon as we continue exploring new ways to reach different audiences.

As we look toward 2027, I am interested in learning more about marketing strategies and trends at other state fairs through upcoming industry conventions. These conversations are always valuable in helping us evaluate new ideas and continue strengthening our promotional efforts.

Sponsorships

Sponsorships continued to provide valuable support for the Fair this year. Our 2026 cash sponsorship agreements totaled **\$347,450**, reflecting growth over the \$320,940 reported in 2025. In addition, several important in-kind partnerships helped support Fair operations and enhance the overall guest experience.

We continued focusing on partnerships that offer more than traditional advertising, incorporating sponsors into entertainment, guest amenities, agricultural education, and interactive experiences throughout the Fairpark.

One particularly memorable moment occurred during the Demolition Derby, when we had the opportunity to participate in a special Make-A-Wish experience alongside Chartway Credit Union. Although it wasn't originally part of our sponsorship plans, it was a meaningful experience and a wonderful reminder of the positive impact our Fair and its partners can have in the community.

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Vita Coco also brought a colorful and engaging activation to the Fair, distributing product samples to guests as they exited. It was a fun addition to our sponsor presence and a great example of how simple, creative activations can add to the guest experience.

We are grateful for the continued support of our sponsors and look forward to building upon these relationships and exploring new partnership opportunities in 2027.

Entertainment

This year's entertainment lineup offered a wonderful variety of experiences, from major arena concerts and traditional Fair favorites to new attractions and free entertainment throughout the grounds.

We welcomed Lynyrd Skynyrd, Darius Rucker, and Matchbox Twenty with Dashboard Confessional to the Days of '47 Arena. These concerts brought a diverse mix of music and audiences to the Fair, and we were pleased to offer three well-known national acts as part of our anniversary celebration. Our arena schedule also included PRCA Rodeo, Jaripeo y Baile, Demolition Derby, and Monster Trucks, providing something for a wide range of interests.

Grounds entertainment was another highlight. Mighty Mike Strongman was a crowd favorite, and the Extreme Lumberjacks were very well received. Our Tribute to the Troops performances were a nice addition to the daytime schedule, especially for older audiences, and the AMirrorCan Men brought something unique to our roaming entertainment.

One of my ongoing priorities is making sure guests receive a great entertainment value simply by coming through the gates. With the variety of shows, attractions, and live performances included with admission, I believe we offered plenty of opportunities for guests to enjoy the Fair throughout the day.

Our VIP hospitality also went well this year, with R&R BBQ providing excellent catering for our arena events. We continue to refine our arena operations and guest services as we gain experience with the different types of events hosted in the facility.

I was especially pleased with the additional seasonal staff we brought onto our entertainment team this year. They were enthusiastic, hardworking, and genuinely invested in the Fair's success. Several have already expressed interest in returning next year and sharing their ideas for continued improvements. Building a strong, experienced returning team will be a great asset moving forward.

Guest Experience & Operations

One of the most valuable additions this year was our all-staff training session before the Fair. Bringing seasonal and full-time employees together helped establish consistent expectations, strengthen communication, and give everyone a better understanding of our guest service goals.

I felt this was a very worthwhile investment in our team. It helped seasonal employees become more familiar with department leadership and created a stronger sense of connection across the organization. We also gained valuable insight into how we can continue developing our department-specific training in future years.

The carnival introduced its new digital RFID system this year, adding another technology-based option to the guest experience. As with any new system, we will continue evaluating opportunities to make our processes as convenient and user-friendly as possible.

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Throughout the Fair, our teams also gained valuable experience in arena operations, hospitality, guest communications, and event coordination. Each year provides opportunities to refine these processes, and we are already gathering feedback and ideas that will help us build on this year's progress.

Looking Ahead to 2027

As we begin preparing for 2027, I would like to continue building on the improvements we have made in staff training, departmental coordination, and advance planning. Developing experienced teams and bringing seasonal support into the planning process earlier will help us continue improving efficiency and guest service.

I would also like to keep exploring new attractions, entertainment, Fair food experiences, and creative promotions that give guests something different to discover each year. Our traditions are what make the Utah State Fair special, but continuing to introduce fresh experiences is an important part of keeping guests excited to return.

I am proud of the work our team accomplished this year, particularly the 170th anniversary campaign, strong media and digital engagement, valuable sponsorship partnerships, and the growth of our entertainment and seasonal staff teams. I'm looking forward to taking what we've learned and continuing to make the Utah State Fair an even better experience in 2027.



UTAH STATE FAIRPARK BOARD REPORT

Sales and Event Department 30

October Board Report | August & September Notes
Utah State Fair 2026

Sales & Event Department 30

Aly Garcia: Events Director | Public Safety and Security

Corey Burns: Sales Manager | Group Sales

Kelli McCaffery: Event Coordinator | Community Outreach | Commercial Vendor Sales

Fred Acebo: Food and Beverage Manager

Lexie Lubbers: Event Lead

Crystal Nichols: Event Lead

August

- Jaripeo
- Garden Bros Nuclear Circus
- Craft Lake City
- Big Bounce America
- 5280 Race
- Unita Roller Derby Practice
- Swarm Speaker Testing
- Consolidated Electric Distributors Employee Party
- IRPCA Autocross Day
- Ron McBride Foundation Teacher Appreciation Banquet
- Titan CEO Awards Ceremony
- Victron Energy Employee Training
- Republic Services Bus Rodeo

September

- Unita Roller Derby Practice
- Westside Meeting 2026
- Utah State Fair 2026
- Health & Heritage Festival
- Industry Alice in Wonderland
- The Road Home Fundraiser
- Oakland Field Engineer Bootcamp

Department 30 Report – Aly Garcia

August and September were exceptionally active months for the Events Department, with the team balancing a diverse year-round event calendar alongside the planning and execution of the **2026 Utah State Fair**. Despite the demands of Fair preparation and operations, we continued supporting a wide variety of events while maintaining relationships with returning clients and welcoming new business to the Fairpark.

This year's Fair provided several opportunities to build on our existing programs and introduce operational improvements. Across Sales, Venue Experience, Food & Beverage, and Public Safety, the department saw encouraging results in group participation, commercial vendor engagement, catering and concessions operations, and the overall experience for guests and event partners. Improvements to access control, entrance communication, and coordination across the property also contributed to a more organized and consistent operation.

One of the department's continued strengths is the **versatility of the Fairpark and the relationships we build with our clients and partners**. Returning annual events, new attractions, and the adaptability of our facilities demonstrate the value of maintaining strong relationships while continuing to identify opportunities to better serve our clients. We are also seeing changing expectations around event budgets and service needs, reinforcing the importance of offering flexible options and finding new ways to support a broader range of events.

As we move into the final quarter of 2026, our focus is shifting toward evaluating departmental processes, strengthening communication and accountability, and identifying opportunities for continued improvement. Lessons learned throughout the Fair and our regular event operations will help guide how we approach planning, coordination, and service delivery in 2027. Our goal remains to build a department that operates efficiently, supports sustainable growth, and consistently delivers a positive experience for our clients, vendors, and guests.

Sales Report – Corey Burns

August and September reflected a diverse event calendar at the Utah State Fairpark, with activities ranging from large public attractions and cultural festivals to corporate gatherings, professional training, motorsports, and community events. Highlights included Craft Lake City, Garden Bros Nuclear Circus, Big Bounce America, the Titan CEO Awards Ceremony, and several corporate and private functions. This variety continues to demonstrate the Fairpark's versatility and its ability to accommodate a broad range of event needs.

In addition to regular event business, Sales dedicated significant attention to **2026 Utah State Fair Group Sales**, working with businesses, organizations, and community groups to promote attendance opportunities. The program saw encouraging participation, including two groups with approximately 700 attendees each, along with a previously secured \$20,000 group sale associated with the September 11 rodeo. These efforts demonstrate the potential of Group Sales to expand Fair attendance while building relationships with organizations that may generate future business.

As we move into the final quarter of 2026, Sales will continue focusing on future bookings, client relationships, and opportunities to increase venue utilization. Particular attention will be given to strengthening the sales pipeline, encouraging repeat business, and identifying opportunities to attract new events throughout the year.

Food & Beverage Performance

August and September were busy months for Food & Beverage, with significant attention dedicated to preparing for and supporting the **2026 Utah State Fair** while continuing to service our regular event calendar. Coordination with food vendors, concessionaires, catering partners, and event organizers remained a primary focus, with continued efforts to improve vendor communication, operational oversight, and service efficiency.

During the Fair, catering played an important role in supporting rodeo activities, livestock programs, arena events, and other functions throughout the property. Our **alcohol service partnership** also contributed to a positive guest experience, supporting more consistent and accessible beverage service throughout the Fair. These operations required coordination among vendors, service partners, and internal teams to accommodate a wide variety of needs across the property.

We are also seeing an increase in requests for **budget-conscious catering options**, particularly for private events. In response, we are exploring opportunities to expand and diversify our catering and concessions partner network, allowing us to better accommodate a wider range of event sizes, service styles, and budgets while maintaining quality and consistency.

Looking ahead to 2027, we see opportunities to further develop the Fair's food and beverage experience through programming that highlights the unique foods and vendors that are such an important part of the Fair tradition. Exploring ways to showcase signature Fair foods, encourage vendor participation, and create food-focused experiences will be part of our continued efforts to enhance the guest experience and strengthen the overall Food & Beverage program.

Event Coordination & Commercial Vendor Report – Kelli McCaffery

Utah State Fairpark Events

We had a busy August and September for events, which was somewhat unexpected with its proximity to the Fair. These events consisted of both large-scale public events, and smaller private programming. These past months we've also seen the return of several annual small events such as the republic services rodeo, Road Home Fundraiser, Okland Bootcamp, and IRPCA. Keeping these annual events on our calendar is a great way to project revenue and maintain regular bookings. It's a testament to our consistency as a team that they return while regularly providing positive feedback. Building and maintaining these smaller relationships is essential to meeting our financial goals when we aren't able to secure larger weekend bookings.

For our larger public facing events, we had multiple returning festivals, as well as new attractions bringing families to the Fairpark. As you may remember from the previous year, poor weather significantly impacted Health and Heritage festival's attendance as well as overall guest experience. Taking this into account, we adjusted their 2026 booking to include the Grand and Promontory buildings, so if poor weather persisted, it would be a smooth and easy transition. Thankfully, the event experienced wonderful weather and a significant increase in attendance over the previous year. The Fairpark's ability to remain adaptable is part of what draws in much of our clientele and encourages clients to return year over year.

Utah State Fair

Each Year, the fair provides an important opportunity for vendors to showcase their products and services while contributing to the fair's visitor experience and commercial success. This year was no different with a final count of 162 booths sold, a slight increase over the previous year.

One of the primary challenges this year was managing product oversaturation among commercial vendors. The availability of similar products across multiple booths (particularly toys and ponchos) created challenges in maintaining a diverse and balanced vendor marketplace. Moving forward, we should vet returning vendors more thoroughly, to ensure they aren't significantly adding to their inventory to expand their market appeal. I think putting a larger emphasis on this will improve the shopping experience and provide vendors with stronger opportunities to succeed.

We did also receive feedback from several vendors indicating that sales were lower than previous years; this seems to be following the overall economic climate and trends that we've seen this year. While many of these conditions and circumstances are out of our control, I believe we can provide additional support and advertising to vendors which may help bridge this gap. Next year I would like to include additional directional signage, highlighting vendors in lower traffic areas of the park.

A highlight from this year as always was the commercial vendor awards. We received lots of positive feedback from the vendors that both won and participated in the voting process; this included some vendors expressing interest in the addition of an audience choice category. The program provides an opportunity to recognize vendors for their displays, products, and contributions to the commercial marketplace. Based on this positive response, I recommend continuing the program in future years and exploring opportunities to increase its visibility and participation.

Public Safety & Security – Aly Garcia

Public Safety remained a significant focus throughout August and September, particularly during the **2026 Utah State Fair**. Extreme summer temperatures continued to require attention to heat-related safety measures, while periods of severe weather reinforced the importance of preparedness and coordinated response. During the Friday evening Matchbox Twenty concert, changing weather conditions were managed successfully through coordination among Fairpark staff, event partners, and public safety personnel.

One of the most significant operational improvements this year was the introduction of our **new credentialing and access-control system**. While implementation presented some challenges and identified areas for refinement in 2027, the overall response was positive. Vendors, contractors, and event partners benefited from clearer identification and access permissions, while security personnel were able to make faster, more consistent decisions at checkpoints and throughout the property. The system helped reduce confusion, improve movement across the Fairpark, and create a more organized experience for those working behind the scenes.

Another successful addition was the implementation of an **Entrance Audio Communication System** at Fair entrances. Speakers provided welcoming messages, entrance screening instructions, and general safety information to guests as they approached security checkpoints. This improved communication

before guests reached screening personnel, helped establish expectations, and created a more welcoming and organized arrival experience. The system proved to be a valuable addition to both our security operations and overall guest experience.

Overall, the 2026 Utah State Fair provided an opportunity to put our emergency planning, communication procedures, and layered security measures into practice. As we review this year's operations, our focus remains on refining these systems, addressing lessons learned, and continuing to improve both public safety and the overall experience for guests, staff, and event partners.

October 2026 Utah State Fair Board Meeting Information
Competitive Arts and Ag Education (and Livestock): Sakura Gallegos

General:

- This year we had 1400 read and win kids participate in the program. Nicki and I attended 2 conventions to promote the fair and read and win which I think helped to increase the participation. I also emailed libraries in the state with the information along with the superintendents of the school districts throughout the state.
- Our Legacy spotlight was a hit this year, we had one gentleman in Creative Arts and one in Fine arts. Next year I'll get the word out earlier to the various departments so hopefully we can showcase someone in every department. We are looking for people who have participated in the Utah State Fair for 15 fairs or more with their art. In Fine Arts we showcased Richard A. Miles, he got his first prize at the fair in 1947 at the age of 9. In creative arts we showcased Don Bradshaw, he's been entering his saddles into creative arts for the last 17 years. Don took it a step further and this year he hand stamped key chains every day of the fair for the fair goers. He counted over 2000 keychains were stamped during the 2026 Fair.
- This year we did something different for the discounted exhibitor tickets. We opened up a couple of ticket booths and sold them from there rather than in the buildings. This made it easier on my staff to balance their money boxes at the end of each take in day. Next year I'd like to have better signage in each of the buildings and in front of the ticket booths so they are easier to find for the exhibitor.
- The Rock Challenge – this has been a really fun contest to have for kids to earn a free ticket to the fair. In the last 3 years we've filled up the space I found to put the rocks on display. For 2026 I'd like to find something similar that's inexpensive and easy for the kids to make at home and turn in.

Overall I felt that the fair was a success for the Competitive Arts Department. We put a lot of time and thought into each building, my goal each year is to bring a better experience to the fair goer and to the staff we hire.

Each year I've noticed that the fair staff get so busy during take in hours that they don't have a minute to grab a bite to eat. This year Larry approved the fair providing a "box" lunch each day of take in to help out our staff. I have received so many thank you's from the various staff members for taking care of them during this time. A little kindness does go a long ways.

Overall our entries were up again this year we

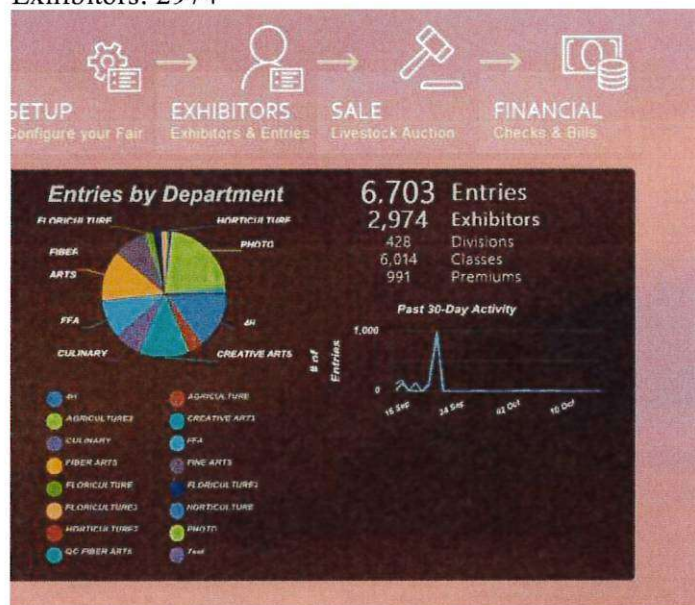
Departments:

This year each department added an America 250 Division in honor of our country's birthday. This helped to bring in some new art that we may not have seen this year.

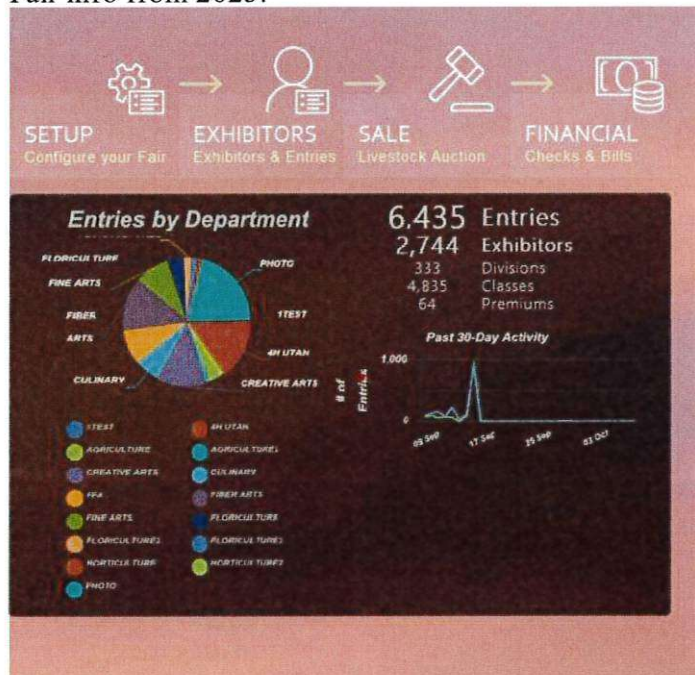
Overall Competitive Arts was up this year. In **2026** we had:

Entries: 6703

Exhibitors: 2974



Fair info from 2025:



Photography: 1456 entries

In the photography department Doug had a display set up to show photo's exhibitors took but didn't enter.

A lot of exhibitors have complemented on the Ask the Judge night that Doug has the first Friday night of fair.

Fine Arts: 580 entries

Sue does a great job with her Directors Invitational reception to welcome exhibitors of all skill level. She also has an area on the patio that she does art with the kids which is a great way to introduce kids to fine arts.

Fiber Arts: 969 entries

We had a new supervisor again this year in Fiber Arts, but this time she was a fiber artist and she had a degree in art. Teri did a great job setting up her building to feel open and welcoming and did an even better job of managing her staff and their time. This year we incorporated Quilt Challenge into Fiber Arts and awarded premiums along with flats and Rosettes. It's getting harder to find quilt shops that will donate to the Quilt Challenge so we brought it into fiber as a specialty competition. Each year QC increases in the number of participants they have. I would like to find a way to hang a few quilts from the ceiling, I get a lot of people asking why we don't that. It's something I'll need to look into with Bobby and Larry.

Creative Arts: 829 entries

This department is one that I'm always amazed with. Tiffany supervises Creative and does a great job treating her staff like family. They go out of their way to get to know the exhibitors and encourages them to enter next year. This department is kind of the "catch all" for art and I love the freedom and creativity it gives artists when they are creating something to enter. For 2027 I would like to update the displays used in this department. All of the large displays are rundown and in need of updating.

Culinary: 483 entries

Culinary for me is a very hard department. We always talk about Farm to Table, but it's very hard to display in here. I think this year we did a great job in bringing more people into the building with added interactive displays like the Cake you could decorate for the 170 Anniversary of the State Fair, we have a couple of contests. The first one is our accidental contest of Guess the Spice and the second one we added this year is Name that Grain. I was able to get Great Harvest to sponsor the Name the Grain contest and they gave away a large Great Harvest gift basket to the winner at the end of fair.

We have a specialty contest in Culinary which is Table Settings. Last year I had 2 entries in table settings and this year we had 14 register with 12 actually showing up and entering. They were all so beautiful and everyone loved how they looked. I'm hoping to get 20 entries next year. I know this is something that is big at county fairs so I'm hoping more will enter.

We hung our County Banners in culinary this year and they were hit. I thought they looked great in the building, I hope some of the county participants were able to come and see they display. I'll try to get the rest of the counties next year.

This year we had 7 cooking contests, 2 were the 4H State Cookoff, 1 was for the cattle women, we also had a Pie Contest, Oakdell Egg Cookoff, Pork Cookoff, and a cookie bakeoff. The Cookie Bake off was sponsored by Kind Arthur Flour.

Floriculture: 399 entries

I was surprised by the number of entries we received in floriculture. With everyone struggling to get their flowers to bloom I didn't expect much, but we had 3 great shows. We are looking at adding some other decorations and display items to the department for 2027. I would like to see the tables have various heights to display the arrangements, I'd like to set up a fun photo op area that's fair branded for people to take pictures in front of. This would also be a fun place to take photo's of BOS and Grand winners. I've reached out to the Dahlia Society and the Rose Society to help make our Floriculture Fair Book a better representation of their groups.

Agriculture: 284 entries**Horticulture: 65 entries**

With the heat we had this year I was pleasantly surprised to have as many entries as we did in these 2 areas. This year we had a couple of education booths back out at the last minute but overall I think the building did well. Lillian helped to bring a hydroponic display from San Juan Jr High school the the Ag building which was very interesting. With our Fairpark being in a more urban area I would like to focus on alternative ways to grow your food along with the traditional gardens and farms. I'll work with Garick, Ag Supervisor, to come up with some new contests that we can have in the Ag building during the fair.

The Giant Pumpkin Weigh Off was a really fun time this year. Our winning pumpkin was 795 lbs. Mohammad Sadiq grows 2 pumpkins each year and he enters his smaller one into the State Fair and this year his larger pumpkin went on to win at the Cache Valley Pumpkin Festival just a few weeks after coming in at over 2000 lbs. The Utah Giant Pumpkin Growers have been a great partner of the fair, I'm grateful to have brought them here 3 years ago.

FFA: 664 entries**4H: 974 entries**

These two groups do a fantastic job working with their kids and encouraging them to enter their exhibits into the fair. I've developed a strong relationship with both Pam Van Wagoner (4H) and Georg Wardell (FFA) and look forward to continue growing our partnership.

Barnyard Friends:

This year we had fewer animals at BYF but the comment I received from their staff was the extra space was nice. They all work so hard with us and the Farm Bureau to bring a good experience and education to the fair. Next year we'll change some things up, Sadie had some great detailed follow up notes for 2027.

Little Hands on the Farm:

FFA did a great job manning LHOF this year. This exhibit needs a lot of TLC. We do the best we can with what's there, but all the tractors need to be replaced. I think they've outlived their life. The Milk Cow also needs to be replaced with one that works. I'm looking for a good alternative for the Grain Silo. I know the kids love this exhibit and I'd like to put some work into making it a better experience for 2027, provided there's money in the budget.

LIVESTOCK

Although livestock is not my department, I have finished entering all the results from the various shows and all the checks are printed and will be dropped at the mailbox on 10/14. There are 5 name I do not have addresses for, I've sent the names to my 4H and FFA advisors but I have not heard back from them yet. Please let me know if you know any of the kids listed below, I've included all the info I have on them:

Eliza Draper – Delta FFA

Emma England – Entered Open Boer Goats

Addyson Garcia – Entered Showmanship only

Wyatt Garcia – Entered Showmanship only

Nash Ostrup – Weber FFA

Home / Auctions / Utah State Fair Sale of Champions

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Facilities and Operations Report

October 2026

DFCM Projects/Status

1. UPDATE: Main entrance project to begin next week.
2. UPDATE: North food court RFP project to begin next week.
3. UPDATE: Admin/Bonneville floors and restroom project will shift all funds to admin because of hazmat concerns in Bonneville and push it to next year, planning still under way.
4. Restroom 25 and Deseret building roofing project now has a contractor onboard and is set to begin next week.
5. Electrical panel at gate 15 and light poles at fuel pump and behind barn 51 to begin next week.
6. We are waiting until after fair to start on the Zion HVAC replacement.

Fairpark Projects/Status

1. UPDATE: We are still working with Salt Lake City Public Utilities to add 10 new submeters to our irrigation system with very little progress.

Operations Update.

- Facilities & Operations have spent the last few weeks working on the very tedious post Fair cleanup and have set up and readied the campus to host several events since the end of 2026 Fair. Currently the operations team are fully embedded in preparation for this upcoming weekends REDWEST music festival. Immediately following this event we will move to ready the park for winterization of buildings and irrigation systems as well as prepping the grounds to host this year's holiday light show.

October 08, 2026

Miss. Taygan Johnson
7851 South 2450 W.
Benjamin, UT 84660

Dear Mr. And Mrs. Johnson,

This letter is an official notice that the market Goat exhibited by Taygan Johnson and subsequently chosen as Grand Champion Goat at the 2026 Utah State Fair, has tested positive for a substance in violation of show rules.

Utah State Fair Junior Livestock General Rules and regulations rule 6 under Market Animals states – “The Grand and Reserve Grand Champion of each species will be drug tested immediately following the show. An exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any illegal substance will be penalized according to the guidelines established by the Utah State Fair.”

Utah Junior Livestock Association, Rule 5A states – “The use of any drug, tranquilizer, sedative, or depressant, which alters the psychological or physiological state of the animal, is illegal. Exceptions to this rule would be licensed, certified veterinarians, treatment for a recognized disease or injury, or recommendation for tranquilizing breeding animals in heat that might compromise the safety of others. The drugs must be approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use in meat producing animals. All exhibitors will advise show management of any drug and/or medication administered to an animal that might be detected at the time of showing or at meat inspection. The name of the drug, its purpose, the person who administered the drug, time, and date of administration will be presented to show management prior to the showing and sale of the animals. Failure to report this information will result in severe penalty and/or disqualification. Any use of drugs or substances not approved by the Food and Drug Administration is strictly prohibited. All animals entered into livestock competition will be subject to testing for foreign substances that exceed acceptable levels established by the FDA, FSIS, USDA, or EPA. This includes any non-labeled feed additives or substances not approved for that species. During the livestock event, in the case of an animal requiring treatment, all medication shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian and the livestock show officials shall be notified. Use of an illegal drug is considered a premeditated act and any information obtained in the practice of illegal alteration of any animal will be turned over to the proper authorities for possible criminal prosecution.”

Utah Junior Livestock Association Rules also state – “The local show has the responsibility to enforce the rules and regulations at their show. Any further action needs to be submitted in writing to the Utah State Junior Livestock Shows Association Board. Shows that do not comply and enforce the rules adopted may lose Association funding.”



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October 14, 2026

Miss. Taygan Johnson
Mrs. Tasia Johnson
7851 South 2450 West.
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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Johnson,

In reference to your email dated October 13, 2026 and received on October 13, 2026. Your request to appeal against the disqualification of The Utah State Fair Grand Market Goat.

Consistent with rule 5A-5H of the Utah Junior Livestock Association rules, and the 2026 Utah State Fair 4H/FFA rules and regulations. Specifically, but not exclusively to the following sections. Livestock code of Conduct, Drug Testing, your request has been denied.

Utah Junior Livestock Association, Rule 5A states – "The use of any drug, tranquilizer, sedative, or depressant, which alters the psychological or physiological state of the animal, is illegal. Exceptions to this rule would be licensed, certified veterinarians, treatment for a recognized disease or injury, or recommendation for tranquilizing breeding animals in heat that might compromise the safety of others. The drugs must be approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use in meat producing animals. All exhibitors will advise show management of any drug and/or medication administered to an animal that might be detected at the time of showing or at meat inspection. The name of the drug, its purpose, the person who administered the drug, time, and date of administration will be presented to show management prior to the showing and sale of the animals. Failure to report this information will result in severe penalties and/or disqualification. Any use of drugs or substances not approved by the Food and Drug Administration is strictly prohibited. All animals entered into livestock competition will be subject to testing for foreign substances that exceed acceptable levels established by the FDA, FSIS, USDA, or EPA. This includes any non-labeled feed additives or substances not approved for that species. During the livestock event, in the case of an animal requiring treatment, all medication shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian and the livestock show officials shall be notified. Use of an illegal drug is considered a premeditated act and any information obtained in the practice of illegal alteration of any animal will be turned over to the proper authorities for possible criminal prosecution."

Utah Junior Livestock Show Association under General Rules and regulations rule 5a through 5h states – The following practices and procedures are unacceptable in the care, fitting, preparation and showing of all classes of livestock. Any violations of association rules or specific rules as designated by the individual fairs and livestock shows may result in forfeiture or premiums, awards, disqualification, and may result in probationary status and/or loss of future participation in Association member shows.

Pursuant to our letter dated October 08, 2026 all awards, premiums and auction monies shall be returned and/or surrendered. Auction monies (excluding auction fees) will be returned to the respective bidder. No other penalties will be assessed to the exhibitor.

If you disagree with the decision, you can appeal my decision by requesting a hearing in front of the Utah State Fair Board of Directors. To request a hearing please email me and I will be happy to add it to our October 15, 2026 board meeting agenda.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry", written over the word "Regards,".

Larry R. Mullenax

Executive Director

State Fair Park Authority

Lmullenax@utahstatefair.com

Testing Lab: TVMDL - College Station Client: Utah State Fair Corporation
Case Coordinator: Brandon Dominguez, DVM, MS, DACVPM 155 1000 W.
Date Received: 09/21/2026 Veterinarian: Salt Lake City, UT 84116
Report Date: 10/02/2026 Nicole Cassey

FINAL REPORT

Medical History: Medical history on file.

Animal IDs: Domestic Pig :: NFS / Female / 8 months
Domestic Pig :: NFS / Male / 9 months
Cattle :: NFS / Male / 18 months
Cattle :: NFS / Male / 17 months
Sheep :: NFS / Male / 9 months
Sheep :: NFS / Male / 8 months
A1615 Domestic Goat :: NFS / Male / 10 months
Domestic Goat :: NFS / Male / 8 months

ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY

Test: Drug Screen - Performance Animals (LC/MS)

Animals::Specimens	Result	Drug
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A1615 :: C262640120-11 :: Serum Refer to Confirmation ¹

Footnotes

1: Specimens reported as "Refer To Confirmation" will undergo re-extraction and repeat analysis to confirm or deny the presence of drugs. When confirmation is complete, the final interpretations will be provided in a results table under the Drug Confirmation – Performance Animal (LC/MS). If confirmation is pending, the following statement will be seen at the bottom of this report: The following tests have been ordered but their results are not yet published: Drug Confirmation – Performance Animal (LC/MS).

Test: Drug Confirmation - Performance Animals (LC/MS) ²

Animal Number	Species	Sample Type	Test Code	Confirmation Result	Estimated Value	Unit
A1615	Domestic Goat	Serum	1654	Caffeine	15.0	ng/mL
A1615	Domestic Goat	Serum	1654	Paraxanthine/Theophylline	3.3	ng/mL
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UTAH JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW ASSOCIATION
OFFICIAL RULES
2026 Show Season

These rules and guidelines are aimed at standardizing junior livestock shows in Utah. Standardization will help provide the best possible educational experience for the young people in the state of Utah who have 4-H or FFA livestock projects. The Utah Junior Livestock Show Association is given this responsibility by the Utah Administrative Rule R65-8 and Utah Code Section 4-2-103(1)(i), 103(1)(m) through the Utah Department of Agriculture and the Utah Legislature. *These rules are to be in effect at any show receiving funds through the Association.* Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this information as it is distributed or published by member shows. However, exhibitors are cautioned that the current rules and regulations of the Utah Junior Livestock Show Association, as interpreted by the officers of the Association, will take precedence over such listings due to the possibility of typographical error or inadvertent omission.

- **A Total Experience:**

Exhibitors are encouraged to participate in the complete educational opportunity that junior livestock shows provide, such as the rate of gain, carcass, fitting and showing, record book, and livestock judging contests along with the judging of market and breeding animals. It is the purpose of these projects to develop life skills, animal husbandry and marketing skills among the participants.

- **Tagging:**

All market animals must be tagged with standardized tags to be eligible to show at any Utah Junior Livestock Association supported show. Exhibitors will be verified as 4-H and FFA members in good standing by their county office or FFA advisor. Contact your county extension staff, FFA advisor, or show director for specifics on tagging animals and being verified within your county. See tagging policy, B Market Animal Rules: 2. Tagging

A. GENERAL RULES

1. **Age: -- Utah 4-H Age Divisions are based on a child's school grade.** The Utah 4-H year will begin on September 1.
 - Junior 4-H Members 3rd* through 5th Grade
 - Intermediate 4-H Members 6th through 8th Grade
 - Senior 4-H Members 9th through 12th Grade

*Youth MUST be age 8 AND in 3rd grade to participate in large animal projects. Youth turning 8 AND in 3rd grade may participate after their 8th birthday during the 4-H year. Please note that youth must turn 8 by the ownership deadline (100 days prior to the show for cattle, 60 days prior to the show for sheep, goats, and hogs) to participate in the livestock program.

2. **Group Affiliation --** An exhibitor may enter a given show only as a 4-H or FFA member, but not both. Exhibitors must declare one or the other at time of entry.
3. **Ownership of animals -** The exhibitor will own, possess, feed, and care for his/her project animal(s) for not less than 100 consecutive days for market beef and 60 consecutive days for market swine, market sheep and market goats immediately prior to the opening day of the show in which they intend to participate. No interruption of ownership or possession can occur. Overall grand and reserve champion market animals in each species will be tattooed in the left ear with a CH for champion. Animals with this tattoo are not eligible to enter and show in any show sanctioned by the Utah Junior Livestock Association.
4. **Fitting on show grounds --** Parents, guardians, siblings, club leaders, extension/4-H agents and FFA advisors may assist and are encouraged to assist the younger exhibitors. However, each exhibitor must be working with the project animal and be in attendance with that animal during the entire fitting process.
5. **Code of Ethics (rules 5a through 5h) --** The following practices or procedures are unacceptable in the care, fitting, preparation and showing of all classes of livestock. Any violation of association rules or specific rules as designated by individual fairs and livestock shows may result in forfeiture of premiums and awards, disqualification, and may result in probationary status and/or loss of eligibility for future participation in Association member shows. Possible civil penalties may be imposed by the proper authorities based on evidence provided by the livestock show of exhibitors in violation of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic act/or the animal mistreatment, neglect, and abandonment laws that apply on the local, state, and national levels. Other member shows will be notified of any action taken by show management, which may affect the eligibility of the individual, group, or sponsoring organization for participation at other shows. The decision of the livestock show management will be final.
 - a. The use of any drug, tranquilizer, sedative, or depressant, which alters the psychological or physiological state of the animal, is illegal. Exceptions to this rule would be licensed, certified veterinarians, treatment for a recognized disease or injury, or recommendation for tranquilizing breeding animals in heat that might compromise the safety of others. The drugs must be approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use in meat producing animals. All

exhibitors will advise show management of any drug and/or medication administered to an animal that might be detected at the time of showing or at meat inspection. The name of the drug, its purpose, the person who administered the drug, time, and date of administration will be presented to show management prior to the showing and sale of the animals. Failure to report this information will result in severe penalties and/or disqualification. Any use of drugs or substances not approved by the Food and Drug Administration is strictly prohibited. All animals entered in livestock competition will be subject to testing for foreign substances that exceed acceptable levels established by the FDA, FSIS, USDA, or EPA. This includes any non-labeled feed additives or substances not approved for that species. During the livestock event, in the case of an animal requiring treatment, all medication shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian and the livestock show officials shall be notified. Use of an illegal drug is considered a premeditated act and any information obtained in the practice of illegal alteration of any animal will be turned over to the proper authorities for possible criminal prosecution.

- b. Surgery, injection, or insertion of foreign material under the skin and/or into the flesh of animal to change the natural contour, conformation, or appearance of an animal's body is illegal. This includes vegetable oil, silicon, or any other substance used to alter an animal's shape. Acceptable practices of physical preparations, which are allowed, include: clipping of hair, trimming of hooves, dehorning, or removal of ancillary teats.
 - c. Each exhibitor has absolute responsibility for the care and condition of the animal(s) they enter and bring to the show.
 - d. The use of inhumane fitting, showing, and handling practices or devices shall not be tolerated. For example: breaking of tails, striking of the animal to cause swelling or for bracing purposes, use of an electrical contrivance, etc. is not acceptable.
 - e. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited.
 - f. Market grand and reserve champion animals that pass through a sale, may be drug tested, at the discretion of the show.
 - g. At the time an animal is sold at auction at the livestock show, the exhibitors shall be held directly responsible for animals that are rejected at the processing center for any reason. The seller may be liable to the buyer for an amount equal to three times the purchase price and may also be liable for attorney's fees and civil penalties. Show management may share acceptable intelligence and evidence information with FDA or USDA. If, for any reason, the FDA or USDA inspectors must remove any part of a meat animal carcass, the market price will be discounted.
 - h. Show management reserves the right to require animal health certificates. Health inspection and diagnostic tests may be made before or after animals are on the livestock show premises for exhibitor and animal safety, or to inaugurate disease control procedures which may become necessary in emergencies as determined by animal health officials.
6. **Code of Conduct** - All 4-H and FFA members, family members, and associates will exhibit good sportsmanship at all times. Every exhibitor, family member and associate of exhibitor, is required to follow the Utah 4-H and Utah FFA Code of Conduct at any Utah Junior Livestock Association sponsored event. Here are a few points from the Code of Conduct that we want to remind you:
- Have positive character and behavior
 - Follow guidelines and rules
 - Be responsive to reasonable requests of show management and event staff
 - Be respectful of the safety of others
 - Dress appropriately, use appropriate language, and respect the rights of others
 - Be respectful of property
 - Do not behave recklessly, assault, threaten, or harm another person

Be aware that abuse of animals or people of any kind by any member or associate will be cause for disqualification of the 4-H or FFA exhibitor. If any participant, volunteer, or associate violates the Code of Conduct or jeopardizes the safe environment of any Utah Junior Livestock Association sponsored activity or event, that individual will be subject to suspension from further Utah Junior Livestock Association activities. A suspension is appropriate if there are multiple written statements regarding the aforementioned behaviors, and if measures have been taken to correct the behavior with no change. Each situation is evaluated individually and will be discussed with county 4-H and FFA faculty and staff as appropriate to determine when the suspension can or will be lifted.

7. **Dress Code -4-H** - A long or short sleeve shirt, which fastens down the front with a collar, is mandatory. Shirts must be solid white in color and need not be Western style. Black or blue pants are to be worn. **4-H patch with the 4-H emblem must be worn on the upper left sleeve.** Patches must be visible during the event. No patch or patch not visible is not considered Official 4-H Dress. Acceptable patches include any previously manufactured USU patch or other 4-H patches available for purchase through the 4-H mall that includes a big clover. These are available online at <https://shop4-h.org>. Embroidered or screen printed 4-H clover emblem are acceptable. Questions regarding official 4-H dress will be deferred to the Utah 4-H Website or the Utah 4-H representative in attendance of the show.
- FFA** - Either a white shirt, tie and FFA jacket, or a white collared shirt with the FFA emblem and tie.
- The following will not be allowed:** T-shirts, tank tops, tube tops, sleeveless shirts and vests.

- Exhibitors who fail to abide by dress standards will forfeit prize money.
8. **Sales Fee** - A sales fee not to exceed 5% will be withheld from sales checks by all state-assisted shows. Any purchaser(s) of animals from a Junior Livestock Show Auction must pay the Show the full purchase price of sale regardless of buy-back.
 9. **Show Eligibility** - Animals are eligible for any show for which they meet ownership and show requirements.
 10. **Change of Ownership** - Once an animal has gone through any stockshow sale, regardless of buyback or no-sale, it is no longer eligible to enter a state assisted show.
 11. **Lamb Docking Rule** – Scientific research indicates that the incidence of rectal prolapsed is reduced when the tail is docked in a non-extreme manner. The recommended method is to dock at the distal end on the caudal fold (3rd caudal vertebra). Complete tail removal (extreme docking) is not an accepted sheep production practice and is discouraged for all Utah Junior Livestock sheep projects. Market lambs or breeding sheep showing any signs of contagious disease or current or recent signs of prolapse, or with an open sore on the dock (rosebud), will be sifted from Utah Junior Livestock Shows at the discretion of the state show vet at the time of weigh in and their determination is final.

B. MARKET ANIMAL RULES:

1. **Drug Withdrawal** -- It is unethical, and in most cases even unlawful to administer drugs to livestock within 20 to 30 days of slaughter. Animals too unmanageable to show should be withdrawn from their class rather than be tranquilized. The local show committee and the show veterinarian will monitor this situation. By federal regulations, random testing will occur at slaughter, and animals will be condemned which have been given any injection or oral dosages of tranquilizers, pain killers, antibiotics, diuretics, steroids, or other foreign substances during withdrawal periods before slaughter. All sales money will be withheld in such cases. Bloat medicine and other medications with no withdrawal requirements may be permissible. Exhibitors need to be aware of potential health hazards to consumers who eat animals that have received any above-mentioned substances. Please do not put someone's life in jeopardy.
2. **Tagging** – Tagging policy and deadlines found at <https://utahjuniorlivestock.com/junior-livestock-tags>. Should a tag be lost or pulled out of an animal's ear, the exhibitor will advise the county extension staff, FFA advisor, or show director immediately so that the tag can be replaced.
3. **Entry Forms & Deadlines** – Exhibitors must check with each livestock show for entry deadline for that specific show. Exhibitors are responsible for mailing their own entry form. Entries postmarked by that date will be accepted. Exhibitors must declare which animals are to be shown and submit an entry form and entry fees to the appropriate shows, including State Association ear tag numbers. The tag number and alternate tag number must be specified on the exhibitor entry form to be eligible. Entries may not exceed the limits for each show (see form 4) including one alternate animal per species entered. Forms must be signed by a proper Extension/4-H agent or FFA advisor to verify exhibitors and animals are a legitimate entry for the show they are entering. Extension/4-H agents or FFA advisors should only sign forms for those youth enrolled in their programs. The Extension/4-H agent or FFA advisor and parents will verify eligibility for group and family feeding programs. Entry forms for fitting and showmanship classes must also be submitted by the entry deadline of the show and need to indicate class to be entered (species) and age of exhibitor. Entry fees will not be withheld from sales checks. Entry fees are to be sent along with all entry forms.
4. **Poultry** - In keeping with the desire to help eliminate disease problems, certain counties will not be eligible to receive turkey poultry from the Moroni hatchery. Exhibitors may, however, have turkey projects along with family commercial operations. An exhibitor will own, feed and care for his/her project turkeys for not less than 20 weeks prior to the turkey show. Birds must not be more than 24 weeks of age at the time of the show.

C. BREEDING ANIMALS:

Exhibitors are encouraged to expand their scope of livestock project experience to include breeding livestock projects.

D. RULE ENFORCEMENT:

The local show has the responsibility to enforce the rules and regulations at their show. Any further action needs to be submitted in writing to the Utah State Junior Livestock Shows Association Board. Shows that do not comply with and enforce the rules adopted may lose Association funding. If immediate action is needed, the board of the Utah State Junior Livestock Shows Association is empowered to make the ruling decision. The State Veterinarian has the final ruling on lamb tail docking and any health issues.

UTAH JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW ASSOCIATION RULES for member show organizers

RULES:

All member shows must print or publish the Utah Junior Livestock Show Association Official Rules in effect for that year and any conflicting local show rules must be eliminated. Once individual shows publish rules for that given year, every effort should be made to follow and uphold what was published. All shows must be represented at the annual meeting, or a \$100.00 penalty is to be paid by the show to the Utah Junior Livestock Show Association. Any show that has not turned in their annual show report form by the annual meeting is required to pay a \$100.00 penalty to the Utah Junior Livestock Show Association.

NEW SHOW ELIGIBILITY:

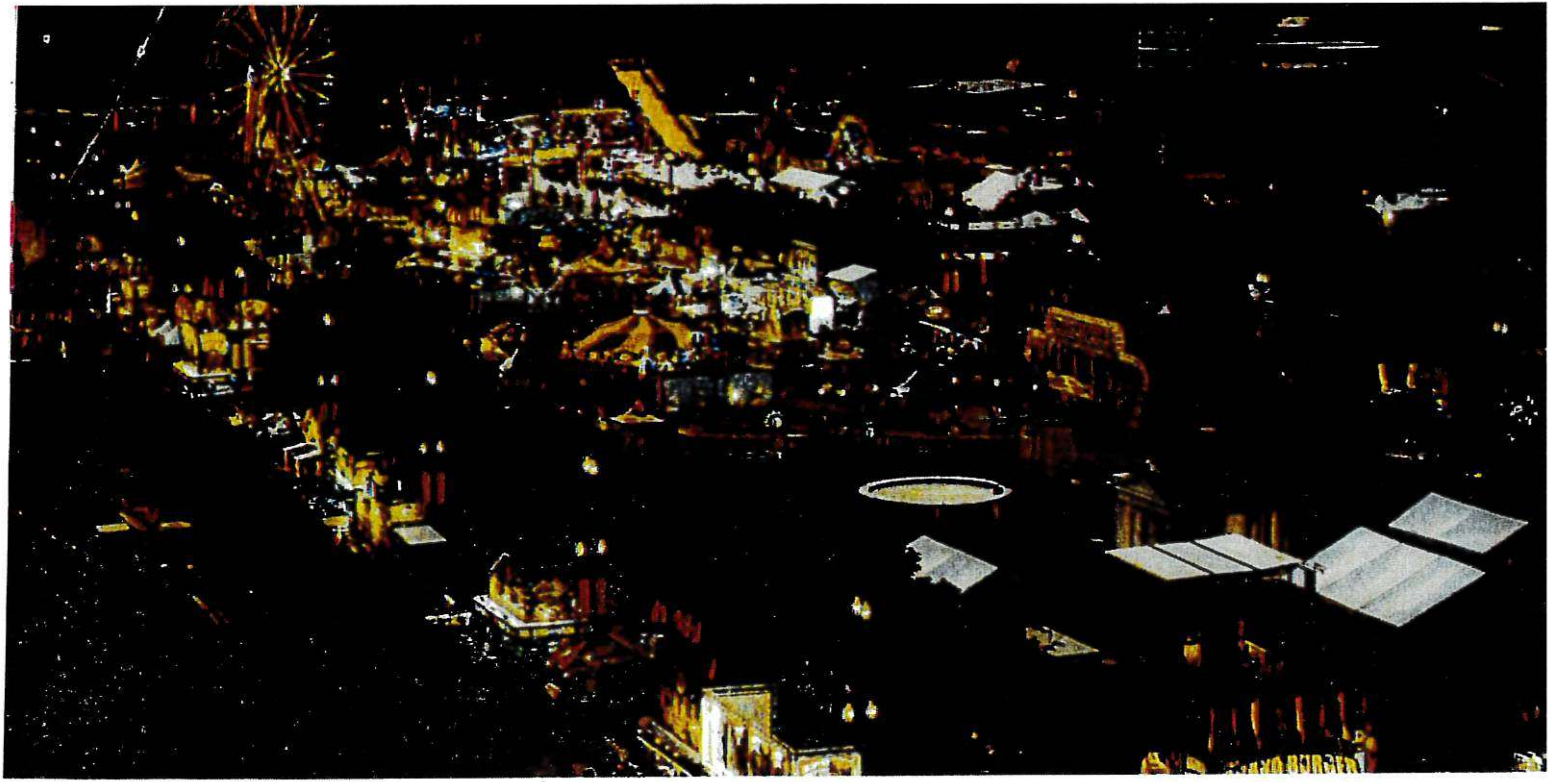
Any established show that makes an application for funding from the Utah State Junior Livestock Shows Association must provide the required numbers from their previous year's show. New shows must exist one year before receiving funding in order to establish base line numbers.

Dwight Liddiard, President

Shane Sorensen, Vice President

Mitchell Garrett, Treasurer

Lisa Olsen, Secretary



UTAH STATE FAIR

4H/FFA RULE BOOK



Exhibitors will receive one (1) season pass wristband and four (4) one-day passes upon successful entry into the fair. Exhibitors will also receive one (1) parking pass for Lot A and one (1) trailer tag for trailer parking.

Animals entered in the 4-H/FFA Junior Market Livestock divisions are ineligible for exhibition in any other State Fair livestock show, including both the 4-H/FFA Junior Breeding Livestock shows and Open Class Livestock shows.

Junior breeding animal exhibitors who also enter animals in the open show must do so in the same exhibitor's name as their Jr Livestock entry. If desiring to enter in both the Junior and the Open Class Breeding Shows, exhibitors must submit an entry form and fee for both shows. Entering in the Junior Show does not constitute entry in the Open Class Show.

Health Regulations

All sheep and goats must be identified with an ear tag showing premises number and individual ID number in accordance with the Federal Scrapie Eradication Program.

No animal(s) will be allowed to be shown that originate from a quarantined herd or area, or that show evidence of a contagious or infectious disease, or a severe pathological condition.

Animals showing lesions of ringworm or excessive warts will not be permitted to show.

A veterinarian from the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food will be allowed to inspect animals upon request.

Market animals (swine, steers, lambs, goats) will be inspected upon arrival to the fairgrounds by accredited veterinarians.

Drenching: See drenching policy. [Utah State Fair Animal Drenching Policy 2026](#)

Muzzles: The use of muzzles and other anti-grazing devices are strictly prohibited without the recommendation of the show veterinarian and informing show management.

Per Class - Showmanship

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
\$20	\$19	\$18	\$17	\$16	\$15	\$14	\$13	\$12	\$11

Showmanship

Divisions for youth showmanship contests will be as follows:

Junior: *3rd – 5th Grade

Intermediate: 6th – 8th Grade

Senior: 9th – *12th Grade

If more than 12 exhibitors are entered in a division, the division may be split into classes. Divisions with less than 12 exhibitors may be shown all together in one champion drive with premiums and placings being given as if classes had been shown separately.

Special Rules:

1. Exhibitors must have an animal entered in the 4-H & FFA Market Show.
2. Exhibitors must show their entered animal to participate in showmanship.
3. Exhibitors will be judged on compliance with dress code as well as ability to show the animal.

*Youth must be 8 years old AND in 3rd grade to be eligible.

*Youth who have graduated 12th grade in the season immediately prior to the Fair, so long as they have not passed their 19th birthday by the day of exhibition, will be considered eligible in the 12th grade level.



Vehicles will be allowed to park near barns for a limited time only for the feeding of animals. All vehicles parked near the barns for feeding must be removed by 8:00 a.m. or risk being towed. Exhibitors are encouraged to travel through Gate 14 from Parking Lot A to the livestock area whenever possible to help limit the number of vehicles parking near the barns.

Exhibitor Liability and Responsibility

Each exhibitor has absolute responsibility for the care and condition of the animal(s) they enter and bring to the Fair. Animals must be properly fed and cared for at all times while on Utah State Fairpark property, failure to do so may result in loss of premiums and disqualification from future shows at the Utah State Fair.

Each exhibitor shall be responsible for any injury that may be occasioned by any person, whosoever, by any animal exhibited, and each exhibitor shall indemnify the Utah State Fair and officers thereof, against all claims or demands of any kind or nature that may grow out of any injury occasioned by the animal exhibited or to arise from the negligence of the person in charge of such animal.

The Utah State Fair and its staff shall not be held liable for any injury, illness, loss, or death of livestock while on Fairpark property. All animals are exhibited at the owner's sole risk, and exhibitors assume full responsibility for their care and well-being. By participating, exhibitors agree to release and hold harmless the Fair from any related claims.

4-H & FFA Breeding Livestock – Special Rules

Entry Information

Entry Deadline: August 28, 2026 – 11:59 p.m.

Entry Fee: \$8/head

Enter online at www.utahstatefair.com by the deadline posted above. Showmanship entries must also be submitted online by the deadline posted above.

Junior breeding animal exhibitors who also enter animals in the open show must do so in the same exhibitor's name as their Jr Livestock entry. If desiring to enter in both the Junior and the Open Class Breeding Shows, exhibitors must submit an entry form and fee for both shows. Entering in the Junior Show does not constitute entry in the Open Class Show.

Registration and Pedigrees:

1. Animals must be registered and entered in the name of the owner. An exhibitor may assign a representative to show his or her animals, but the animal must be entered in the name of the owner. The animal must be registered to the owner at the time of judging.
2. Registration numbers must be shown on entry forms. Entries received without registration numbers may not be processed. Animals entered with pending registration numbers must have registration papers or proof of submission to the appropriate breed association at time of check-in.
3. Registration papers and tattoos may be checked prior to judging by the barn supervisor, Fair Management, and/or a national breed association representative.
4. Beef cattle must have a legible tattoo which can be compared with identification on registration papers. If a discrepancy or falsification is found, the animal in question will be ineligible for competition.

Breed Shows and Divisions:

1. A minimum of 15 head of any given species, provided by a minimum of two exhibitors not from the same farm or family, is required to establish a separate breed show. If the qualifying number are shown in any given year,

4-H & FFA Market Livestock – Special Rules

Committee Chairman: Dennis Christensen

Entry Information

Entry Deadline: August 14, 2026 – 11:59 p.m.

Entry Fee: \$25/head – limit **ONE** (1) entry per exhibitor

Late entries will not be accepted. Enter online at www.utahstatefair.com by the deadline posted above. Showmanship entries must also be submitted online by the deadline posted above.

Animals entered in the 4-H/FFA Junior Market Livestock divisions are ineligible for exhibition in any other State Fair livestock show, including both the 4-H/FFA Junior Breeding Livestock shows and Open Class Livestock shows.

Health Regulations

All market animals must go through vet checks upon arrival to the Fairpark at the designated vet check area. All decisions made by the veterinarian(s) are final.

Drug Testing

All market animals (swine, beef, sheep, goats) placing either Grand or Reserve Champion in their respective species are required to undergo drug testing via blood sample. During the collection of blood samples, the exhibitor and designated responsible adult must be present. Only the exhibitor, designated adult, assigned veterinarian and assistant, species committee chairman, and designated USF staff/board member are permitted in the blood draw area.

The species committee chairman and designated USF staff/board member will escort the exhibitor, designated adult, and animal to the blood draw area immediately following the selection of Grand and Reserve Champion animal in that species' show. The animal is only allowed to travel from the showing to the blood draw area once the Grand and Reserve Champion has been selected.

The Utah State Fair/ State Fair Park Authority will in no way be liable or responsible for the condition of carcasses or the sale price of the animal. In such cases, the exhibitor forfeits all rights to all proceeds including Auction Price, Scholarships, Premium Awards, Market (Floor) Price and Special Awards.

Tagging and Ownership

USJLA ear tags must be recorded on entry and in animals' ear by official tagging date. All tag numbers will be verified through 4-H/FFA officials. Exhibitors in violation of this rule will be asked to leave the premises.

The tagging and ownership deadlines are as follows:

Market Beef – **June 1**

Market Goats, Sheep, Swine – **July 11**

Exhibitors may designate alternate animals at the time of entry; however, only one animal per exhibitor is permitted on the grounds and is eligible for exhibition. All alternate animal(s) must be assigned to a specific exhibitor at time of entry. An animal may be listed as an alternate for more than one exhibitor **only** when the exhibitors are within the same immediate family. Immediate family members are defined as siblings, including biological, step-, and half-siblings, who reside in the same household; cousins and other extended family members are not included.

Release

All Market animals (including Champion and Reserve) must be cared for by the exhibitor until 6 PM on Saturday the 19th when they are released to the care of the packer for shipping. Each exhibitor has absolute responsibility for the care and condition of the animal they enter and bring to the Fair.

Sifted animals (not for health reasons) will be released and able to leave during or immediately after weigh-in unless the exhibitor is competing in showmanship.

Animals which are not eligible for the auction or are pulled from the auction by the exhibitor, for any reason, are the responsibility of the exhibitor and will be released under the approval of Fair Management at one of the designated times:

1. Friday evening following the conclusion of Market Goat Showmanship
2. Saturday morning from 6:00-9:00 a.m.
3. Saturday evening after 6:00 p.m.

Walking animals out of Fairpark gates and across the bridge is STRICTLY PROHIBITED. Exhibitors found in violation of this rule will face disciplinary action.

Tasia Johnson
Parent and Legal Guardian of Taygan Johnson
7851 S. 2450 W.
Benjamin, Utah 84660
tasialee@hotmail.com
801-691-9741

October 14, 2026

Utah State Fair Corporation
Mr. Larry Mullenax
155 North 1000 West
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Subject: Formal Appeal Request under Utah Administrative Code R325-1-4

Dear Mr. Mullenax:

In your letter dated October 13th, you indicated that Taygan's Goat tested positive for Caffeine and Theophylline. We adamantly deny ever intentionally or knowingly giving our goat any products containing such things. As previously indicated in the email sent to you on October 13th, 2026, it is our position that there were serious contamination and/or cross contamination issues concerning testing by the State Veterinarian resulting in a false and/or inaccurate positive testing of our Goat. We have had multiple vets review our video of the testing completed by the Utah State Veterinarian. I am attaching hereto letters written by both vets who are experienced in state drug testing at livestock shows as well as other shows at county and national levels indicating the significant and numbered issues that occurred in our testing. We are also attaching a copy of the video recording of our drug test for your review.

Since the time of my email, we have learned that the Grand and Reserve Champion Market Lambs tested immediately prior to our goat being tested, tested in the same location, using the same testing materials used afterwards on our animal, tested by the same individuals in the same manner also tested positive for the same exact products you indicated our goat having tested positive for, further supporting our claims and assertion that our testing was cross contaminated and invalid. Upon information and belief, it is our understanding that this same family also tested positive for the same substances at The Show in Reno in June of this year.

We have also learned that there were significant and concerning issues involving the drug testing of the Grand Champion Market Steer, the Grand Champion Market Hog and the Reserve Grand Champion Market Hog. We are in the process of obtaining all the video recordings from each of these families showing these serious, inhumane and concerning testing issues and the trauma of families and animals because of the negligence involved

Based upon the foregoing, we are requesting a finding that our “positive” test as indicated by the State in your letter is deemed invalid and not accurate because of the State’s gross negligence and misconduct in the State Veterinarians testing and testing procedures resulting in contamination and/or cross contamination and a false “positive” in the testing of our Goat. We request that you provide all premium monies due to Taygan Johnson from the State in the form of her added premiums as well as her sale proceeds and that she specifically be allowed to retain all premiums and awards and no further action be taken in this matter.

In the event the State chooses not to do so, we intend to fully defend ourselves and prove the State’s negligence in their testing and testing procedures and formally request the following as we continue to build our case and defend ourselves in this matter:

- a. That further testing, including a quantitative analysis be immediately done on the levels of the Caffeine and Theophylline levels found the Grand Champion Market Lamb, Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb as well as our Grand Champion Goat to further prove our case that the levels found in our goat were a result of the negligence of the States testing and cross contamination and not as a result of anything we intentionally and/or knowingly gave our Goat.
- b. Verification and records of the second vile of blood collected on our Goat including whether it was tested and the results of such testing. As well as all other records and all communication with Texas A&M regarding testing and the results of the testing.
- c. The complete records showing the testing results for all Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market animals tested at State Fair this year to confirm if there are other instances where the animals tested positive for the same substances, other substances or had other contamination issues.
- d. That the state signs a release for us to receive the records of our testing directly from the testing facility believed to be the Texas A&M testing offices and release for them to discuss the results of testing with us and/or our attorney and veterinarians.
- e. All video and/or audio recordings the state took of all Champions and Reserve Champions drug testing at the 2026 Utah state fair.
- f. All emails, text messages, records and communications from the Utah State Fair park and its affiliates with the Utah State Veterinarian regarding all testing completed at the Utah State Fair in 2026 both before and after state fair and through the date of their reply.
- g. Records and details of any policies, procedures, quality control protocols, etc. from the State of Utah for the drug testing of their Champion animals.
- h. The name, phone number, and contact information for each and every veterinarian, veterinarian assistant and other individuals involved in the testing

From: Tasia Johnson <tasiale@hotmai.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2026 12:51 PM

To: Larry Mullenax <lmullenax@utahstatefair.com>

Subject: Taygan Johnson Formal Appeal Request under Utah Administrative Code R325-1-4

As per our phone conversation, please see the attached formal appeal request letter. In addition, here are several links including the videos, letters, rules, etc. referenced in the letter. If you have any issues opening the files, please let me know.

I will be attending the meeting in person, our Veterinarian as referenced in the letter will be available by phone and looks forward to speaking with the board tomorrow. Please send those details over as soon as possible. As discussed by phone, please ensure each board member has a copy of the attached and that some method of us showing the committee the videos are ready and available so we can walk them through our position and concerns.

Sincerely,

Tasia Johnson
801-691-9741

Link for vet letters, video and rules identified in letter

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Link for videos of other champion families referenced in letter

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October 13, 2026

To Whom it May Concern:

I was contacted by the Johnson family in regard to the letter received regarding the drug testing results of their Goat at the Utah State Fair. I am a licensed professional veterinarian with extensive knowledge and experience in drug testing of animals for both personal clients and livestock show testing. I was asked to review the video of the testing performed by the State Fair and asked to give my professional opinion as the quality control of the testing and possible contamination.

I have watched the video provided to me by the Johnson Family of the drug testing of their Goat. In watching the video, I noticed numerous concerning and negligent issues surrounding the contamination and/or potential contamination of their test. A few of those issues that particularly stood out to me as being highly concerning are the fact that the blood tubes were placed in the pocket of the testing veterinarian, additional tubes and testing materials were also pulled out of and placed in various pockets throughout the testing process contaminating the tests and testing materials. There were testing materials dropped into the shavings on the floor which were subsequently picked up and placed into the hand with the testing tubes and handled using the same gloves. There was a red rag which appeared to have been previously used on other animals touching the testing tubes and materials and subsequently used to wipe down the testing tubes multiple times. There was blood contamination of the vacutainer. Gloves were removed and ungloved hands were touching the unsealed testing tubes. Based upon this and other issues noted in the video there is substantial concern for me as a professional as the validity of the test and serious concern for contamination.

Based upon such, in my opinion additional testing should be performed, including the testing of the levels of the substances of the Goat in question. It has also been brought to my attention that two other animals tested immediately prior to the Johnson Family's goat tested positive for the same substances, which causes me even greater concern for cross contamination. I have serious concerns as to whether the Johnson Families test was placed in the same vacutainer as those that tested positive before her. I believe their levels should be tested as well as used as a comparison if needed for the levels of the Johnson Families Goat which would be a good indicator as to the validity of the test performed and indicator of cross contamination. If the levels are very low of substance in the blood consistent with the animals bled prior to this animal I would have serious concerns of contamination.

Sincerely,

Bryan Roe electronically signed 10/13/2023 8:48pm

Bryan Roe DVM



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10/13/2026

Utah State Fair Board,

I am writing this letter in regards to the drug testing of the show goat owned by Taygan Johnson. My name is Dr. Annette Darcey and I have been providing veterinary care for the Johnson's goat operation. I also have experience with collecting samples for drug testing at livestock shows. The Johnson's contacted me and let me know that they were contacted by the state fair informing them that the goat owned by Taygan tested positive for caffeine. I recommend that the sample be sent for quantitative analysis to determine the concentration of the caffeine in the sample. I reviewed all feeds and supplements that the goat received with the owner, and no caffeine was noted in the ingredients.

It is important to determine the concentration of the caffeine in the sample due to the potential for trace environmental contamination. Drug testing is incredibly sensitive for even small amounts of drugs so knowing how much drug was in the sample can help us determine if this was incidental contamination.

There are several places where trace environmental contamination can occur when drawing blood. Unfortunately, the blood draw station is located behind a wash rack in a very wet environment. This can result in trace amounts of substances that were either poured into the wash area such as drinks that contain caffeine, urine from other animals that may have been intentionally or unintentionally given medications, and feces that also can contain drug residues. In the case of drug testing where the tests are incredibly sensitive, trace environmental contamination can result in positive tests from aerosolization of substances.

In regard to other potential issues with the sample collection problems include the is the use of a communal bottle of spray alcohol which is set on the floor and not unique to each animal. There is no need to wet the area prior to a blood draw. Trace substances can end up on the bottle and the goat was touched after touching the bottle. Another issue is the person collecting the sample repeatedly reached in their pocket for supplies. All supplies should be handed to the person to prevent contamination from pockets/other things within the pocket. The blood samples were also then wiped with a communal rag. The supply box was also set on the floor which can also result in contamination. The samples should have also been sealed with taper resistant evidence tape and placed into an evidence bag.

Once they have the results of the quantitative analysis then we can determine the next steps with addressing the positive result.

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Cordially,

Annette Darcey, DVM

4-H & FFA Market Livestock – Special Rules

Committee Chairman: Dennis Christensen

Entry Information

Entry Deadline: August 14, 2026 – 11:59 p.m.

Entry Fee: \$25/head – limit **ONE** (1) entry per exhibitor

Late entries will not be accepted. Enter online at www.utahstatefair.com by the deadline posted above. Showmanship entries must also be submitted online by the deadline posted above.

Animals entered in the 4-H/FFA Junior Market Livestock divisions are ineligible for exhibition in any other State Fair livestock show, including both the 4-H/FFA Junior Breeding Livestock shows and Open Class Livestock shows.

Health Regulations

All market animals must go through vet checks upon arrival to the Fairpark at the designated vet check area. All decisions made by the veterinarian(s) are final.

Drug Testing

All market animals (swine, beef, sheep, goats) placing either Grand or Reserve Champion in their respective species are required to undergo drug testing via blood sample. During the collection of blood samples, the exhibitor and designated responsible adult must be present. Only the exhibitor, designated adult, assigned veterinarian and assistant, species committee chairman, and designated USF staff/board member are permitted in the blood draw area.

The species committee chairman and designated USF staff/board member will escort the exhibitor, designated adult, and animal to the blood draw area immediately following the selection of Grand and Reserve Champion animal in that species' show. The animal is only allowed to travel from the showing to the blood draw area once the Grand and Reserve Champion has been selected.

Market Auction

All Market Animals that go through the show are eligible for the auction, except for animals designated a white ribbon by the judge.

Animal owners who wish to sell private treaty to the packer must notify the livestock office no later than 30 minutes following the conclusion of final market show, Thursday, September 17th, 2026.

Exhibitors who wish NOT to sell in the auction MUST notify the livestock office no later than 30 minutes following the conclusion of final market show, Thursday, September 17th, 2026. **Failure to inform the office of decision could result in forfeiture of premiums or fines.**

Exhibitors MUST show and sell their own animals without exception.

All Grand Champion and Reserve Champion animals in each species are considered terminal and must be sold. Champion and Reserve animals will be delivered directly to the packer designated by the State Fair Park and harvested upon results of a clean drug test. It is strictly prohibited to replace or buy back Champion or Reserve animals from the packer.

All animals that go through the auction are subject to a 5% auction administration fee. **If an exhibitor wishes to buy back their animal on the auction (excluding Grand and Reserve Champions), payment must still be made to the Utah State Fair.** Any exhibitor who chooses to buy back their animal on the auction and does not submit proper payment to the Utah State Fair will face disciplinary action, including loss of any additional premiums and ineligibility at future Utah State Fair Junior Livestock Auctions.