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Laramie County Fair Statement on 4-H Livestock Sale and Clarification of Rule #8

Cheyenne, WY – August 1, 2025 – At the Laramie County Fair, we are proud to support the future of agriculture and honor the hard work and dedication of our local 4-H youth. As we step into a new role this year—helping oversee the 4-H Livestock Sale at the request of the Laramie County 4-H program—our primary goal remains unchanged: to ensure the sale is a successful, positive, and meaningful experience for all exhibitors, buyers, and supporters.

In light of recent questions, we would like to offer clarification regarding **Rule #8 of the Livestock Sale Guidelines**:

Rule #8: Exhibitors may not buy back their animal at the time of the sale. Exhibitors shall not ask their buyer for their animal to be donated back to them. Violations may disqualify the exhibitor from participating in future Laramie County Fair 4-H Livestock Sales.

This rule is **not new** and has been part of the livestock sale's guidelines in previous years, including 2024. It has been carried forward to maintain consistency, transparency, and professionalism during the sale event itself.

To be clear, **this rule does not prevent exhibitors from having conversations with potential buyers before the sale**. In fact, we **encourage** exhibitors to reach out, build relationships, and engage in professional networking ahead of time—an essential and valuable part of their 4-H journey.

The purpose of Rule #8 is to keep the auction process running smoothly and professionally during the sale. It ensures that all transactions happen respectfully and in a way that honors both the buyer's role and the exhibitor's work.

We value our partnership with the 4-H program and are grateful to work together in support of the young people who represent the future of agriculture. Our shared commitment is to uphold the integrity of the sale, celebrate the achievements of our youth, and provide a positive experience for everyone involved.

If you have further questions or would like more information about the sale, we welcome your inquiries and invite you to reach out directly. If you are an exhibitor or interested buyer, please feel free to stop by the 4-H office on the fair grounds to pick up a buyer brochure.

More information on the sale can be found at: www.laramiecountyevents.com/fair/sale/

Thank you for your continued support of the Laramie County Fair and our incredible 4-H exhibitors.