

San Miguel Basin Fair Board

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Dear Junior Market Livestock Exhibitors and Parents,

This year, the Fair Board voted to conduct an **on-the-rail carcass contest** for market beef, lambs, goats and pigs, meaning the animal's carcass will be judged after it has been slaughtered. An on-the-rail carcass evaluation is the most accurate measure of true carcass value and the board believes the educational experience will be tremendous. We realize this is a major change, and we want to make sure that you are informed about how the contest will run.

The Fair Board will cover the cost of the evaluation for one animal per specie, per exhibitor. Exhibitors may also enter an alternate in the contest as long as the alternate was exhibited in a market class at the 2017 San Miguel Basin Fair. Also, alternates must be shipped along with the junior livestock sale animals and slaughtered on the same day as the sale animals.

Exhibitors must notify the Fair Board after the Junior Livestock Sale if his or her alternate will be shipped to one of the designated packing facilities in order to compete in the carcass contest. Exhibitors are responsible for paying for the cost of the additional animal's carcass evaluation, if they enter more than one animal per specie. The Fair Board must receive payment for alternate animal carcass evaluations by the end of the Junior Livestock Sale. This year the cost to enter a second animal will be \$5 per animal. The exhibitors of the grand champion carcass animals will receive a \$1,000 prize.

The board is excited to offer a new educational experience to the junior livestock exhibitors. Please do not hesitate to contact the board if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
San Miguel Basin Fair Board