La Plata County FAIR
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4-H/FFA CATCH-IT APPLICATION AND CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT

Applications are due between July 20 and July 24. You must have it in before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 24, 2026.

Applications will be considered on a first come, first served basis. All applications will be reviewed and are subject to approval by the Catch-it Committee and/or La Plata County Fair Board.

The parents / guardians hereby agree to permit _____ to apply for entry in the following 4-H Catch-it Contest. [Please list in order your choices (1, 2, 3 and 4)].

____BEEF ____SHEEP ____ GOAT

Applicant's Name _____ Phone _____

Complete Mailing Address _____

4-H Age (as of 12/31/23) _____ Year in 4-H_____ 4-H Club_____

**We are asking that each Catch-it hopeful, have an interview with the Catch-It committee on Thursday, August 6 between 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm. You will sign up for your interview time when you turn in this form. **

My Parent or Guardian and I understand that applying for the Catch-it Contest does not guarantee a spot in the contest. We have read the 4-H Catch-it Rules (page 45 & 46 of the Fair Book), and fully understand the requirements of the contest. We agree to comply with these rules and understand that failure to do so can result in my removal from the catch-it contest or project.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date_____

Parent's Signature _____ Date_____

Main Leader's Signature _____ Date_____

La Plata County Fair shall not insure nor be responsible for any accident or injury occurring as a result of this contest. Signature on entry form by the contestant and both parents/guardians shall be deemed acceptance of all rules, including those on Pages 6-7, & 40-45 of the 2025 La Plata County Fair Premium Book. The applicant thereby indemnifies the La Plata County Fair from any and all legal proceedings in regard thereto.

Approved By: _____

CATCH-IT CONTEST RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

1. **Insurance.** ***Beef, Sheep, and Goat.*** Beef, sheep, and goat animals must be insured by the member for the term of the project (Beef - $25; Sheep & Goats - $15). Failure to do so will be cause for the management to transfer the animal to another contestant. In case of a lost animal where the insurance company does not pay the claim, the member is responsible for purchasing another animal or reimbursing the Catch-It fund for the original cost of the animal.

1. **4-H Participation.** ***Sheep & Goats.*** Winners of sheep and goat catch-it must participate in 4-H with their catch-it animal as a 4-H project the following year. All animals and sheep fleeces must be shown at the 2026 Fair. ***Beef.*** Winners of beef catch-it must participate in 4-H with their catch-it animal as a breeding beef project for the following two years. Heifers & sows must be shown at the 2026 and 2027 Fairs.

2. **Letters to sponsors.**
   a. Winners must write & mail each of their sponsors by the seventh (7^{th}) of each month and submit a copy of each letter to the La Plata County Catch-it Committee. **Members who miss more than two letters will be subject to having their animal taken away by the Catch-It Committee.**
   a. Letters should be more than just three or four sentences. Letters should be either written neatly or typed with spelling checked closely. Letters should be friendly and informative, telling such things as what the animal is eating, how you are preparing for fair, funny things the animal does, your hobbies, activities you are involved in such as sports, 4-H, school, etc.

4. **Corrective Action.** At any point during the contestant's possession of the animal, the Catch-It Committee has the authority to take corrective action for negligence in care, grooming and feeding the animal. Corrective action extends to taking possession for the animal without reimbursement for feed. First violation - contestant will receive a verbal warning. Second violation - the contestant will be placed on a Last Chance Contract. Third Violation - contestant loses possession of the animal.

4. **Catch-it Tours/Home Visits.** The Catch-It Committee will conduct home visits/tours at least twice year. On these tours, we expect to see you, your animal, and an up-to-date record book.

5. **First Tour Requirement: Break to lead.** All catch-it calves, lambs, and goats must be broke to lead and properly presented to the Catch-It Committee on the first tour.

6. **Possession of Catch-It Animals.** No catch-it animal may be traded, sold, or otherwise disposed of unless prior approval is granted by the Fair Board and/or the Catch-It Committee. Catch-It Animals may not be removed from the county unless prior approval has been granted. The animals (including offspring) will not be branded until bill of sale is received after completion of project.

7. **If you have problems or questions** about your animal's care, health, feed, or your book, please call one of the Catch-It Committee members listed below. We will do our best to help you ourselves or get you the help you need. We want you all to have a successful, fun-filled, learning experience.

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