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TOOLE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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Hello 4-H Families!

The 2026 Marias Fair Livestock Sale averages are here! We had a gross total of \$746,485 on 149 animals sold. With 76 swine for \$14.58, 25 sheep for \$14.85, 5 goats for \$13.20 and 43 beef for \$6.84!

Thank you to our generous buyers, bidders, auctioneers, and ringmen who make this possible year after year! You are truly helping to make the best better!

In 2025, our gross total was \$751,971 on 126 head. We had 47 steers at \$6.81, 5 goats at \$19.60, 15 lambs at \$19.87, and 59 swine at \$18.03.

It was a great year!

As always, please reach out if you have any questions at all!

Sincerely,
Kim & Jackie

TAKE A PEEK AT WHAT'S INSIDE:
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Shelby School Open House/Activity Fair

The Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce, MSU Toole County Extension & Shelby Public School District #14 have partnered to create a Family/Youth Activity Fair on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, starting at 5:00 PM during the School Open House, in the Shelby Elementary Gym. Last year was a great success and we look forward to another great year.

New 4-H Year

It is never too early to start thinking about the next year for 4-H. The new year starts on October 1st and you can check out the [Clover guide](#) to see what kind of projects you might be interested in taking next year!

https://store.msuextension.org/Products/4-H-Clover-Montana-4-H-Project-Selection-Guide-2023-2024-5173__5173.aspx

Thank You List

The link below is the link to the Thank you list for all of our volunteers. Please make sure to sign up for 1 or 2 and if possible, please do not duplicate; it would be nice that everyone on the list received one or two.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1rKu63xqauAvAvwlj2GNTWWhhGWZ5Akjq4mDL8pGZMft8/edit?pli=1&gid=0#gid=0>

2026 Marias Fair Cloverbuds

The Cloverbuds all recieved an ice cream coupon for the Dash-In for the Cloverbud Hersdmanship.



AWARDS

Congratulations to all of our 2026 Toole County Award Winners.

Dylan Clark

1st place Senior Swine Showmanship
Grand Over-All Swine Showmanship
Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair project
Top Simmental Influenced
Round Robin Showmanship Grand
Champion
Top Swine Herdsmanship
Top Swine Interview

Layla Blonde

2nd Place Junior Swine Showmanship

Evan Isakson

3rd Place Junior Swine Showmanship
2nd Place Junior Sheep Showmanship

Grace Hemmer

3rd Place Senior Cat Showmanship
3rd Over-all Cat- Longest Whiskers
1st Place over-all Cat Costume
Grand Over-all Hen or Pullet
Grand Champion Over-all Poultry
1st Place Senior Poultry Showmanship
Grand Champion Over-all Poultry
Showmanship
Top Over-all Cat Project (High Point
Exhibitor)
Best of Class- Senior Poultry

Gavin Vetch

1st Place Pre- Junior Pocket Pet
Showmanship
Top Baking Interview

Orion Vetch

1st Place Junior Pocket Pet Showmanship
Reserve Champion Over-all Pocket Pet
Showmanship
3rd Place Junior Market Goat Showmanship
Top Junior Demo/Illustrated Talk- Friday
2nd Place Over-all Demo/Illustrated Talk
Best of Class- Junior Veterinary Science
Best of Class- Junior Pocket Pet
Best of Class- Junior Swine
Top Leathercraft Interview
Top Goat Interview
Top Swine Interview

Rebecca Enneberg

3rd Place Pre- Junior Rabbit Showmanship
Top Rabbit Herdsmanship

Preslee Flesch

1st Place Senior Beef Showmanship
Grand Champion Over-all Beef Showmanship
Grand Champion Over-all Market Beef
Grand Champion Bred Heifer project
Top Purebred Black Angus Beef
Top Beef Interview

Brinlee Flesch

1st Place Junior Beef Showmanship
Top Angus Influenced (50% or more)
1st Place Junior Livestock Judging Individual

Aaron Isakson

2nd Place Senior Sheep Showmanship
Top Swine Interview

AWARDS

Annika Isakson

3rd Place Senior Beef Showmanship
Runner Up Beef Showmanship
1st Place Senior Sheep Showmanship
Grand Champion Over-all Sheep Showmanship
Grand Champion Over-all Market Lamb
1st Place Senior Market Goat Showmanship
Grand Champion Over-all Market Goat Showmanship
Best of Show- Large Animal Exhibit
Senior MRLA Sheep Public Speaking Contest
Best of Class- Senior Beef/Dairy
Best of Class- Senior Sheep Fleece

Jagger Flesch

Reserve Champion Over-all Market Beef
Grand Champion Over-all Breeding Animal
Reserve Champion Over-all Breeding Animal
Top Breeding Heifer, Toole County
Reserve Champion Bred Heifer Project

Moira Hemmer

Reserve Champion Over-all Hen or Pullet
1st Place Junior Poultry Showmanship
Top Poultry Herdsmanship
Junior Fashion Revue
Best of Show- Sewing and Textiles
High Point Toole County
4th Place High Point Over-all
Best of Class- Pre-Junior Sewing and Textiles

Hadley Ergenbright

Grand Champion Over-all Cock or Cockerel
1st Place Pre-Junior Poultry Showmanship
Reserve Champion Over-all Poultry Showmanship
Reserve Champion Over-all Old or Young Trio
Top Poultry Interview

Bridger Ergenbright

3rd Place Pre-Junior Livestock Judging Individual
Top Junior Prepared/Impromptu Speech

Gilbert Salois

High Point Dog Project Over-all Toole County

Laura Flesch

Sheep Best Rate of Gain

Curtis Kimmet

Top Pre-Junior Demo/Illustrated Talk- Friday
1st Place Over-all Demo/Illustrated Talk

Desirae Salois

Top Senior Career Communications
1st Place All Other Categories- Overall
Best of Class- Senior Swine
Top Leadership Interview

Clara Blonde

Marias Fair Premium Fund Scholarship

AWARDS

Morgan Riphenburg

Best of Class Sewing and Textiles- Junior

Paxton Flesch

Top Swine Interview

3rd Place Senior Livestock Judging Team

Wyatt Fix, Preslee Flesch, Aaron Isakson, and Carson Nickol

2nd Place Junior Livestock Judging Team

Brinlee Flesch, Bridger Ergenbright, Kaylee Nickol, Ella Fix

2nd Place Pre-Junior Livestock Judging Team

Hadley Ergenbright, Oran Nelson, Carter Nickol, Laura Flesch



2026 Marias Fair Carcass Awards

In 2026 there were 3 of 5 goats (60%) that were certified as Carcass of Merit, while 8 of 26 (31%) of lambs were Certified Lamb carcasses, 16 of 78 (21%) of swine were Symbol of Excellence, and 5 of 43 (12%) steers were Steer of Merit certified carcasses. Additionally, the Livestock Committee awards 1st place finishes \$100, 2nd place: \$75, 3rd place: \$50 and 4th place: \$25.

Lamb: 1st Place- Mayson Helgeson, **3rd Place-** Evan Isakson

Goat: 2nd Place- Orion Vetch

Swine: 3rd Place- W Denno

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- 4th-** Carcass Awards @ Exhibit Building 6:30pm
- 6th-** Farmers Market @ City Park 4-6pm
- 7th-** Meat Pick up @ Exhibit Building 12pm
- 13th-** Farmers Market @ City Park 4-6pm
- 20th-** Farmers Market @ City Park 4-6pm
- 25th-** Activity Fair @ Shelby Elementary School 5-7pm
- 27th-** Farmers Market @ City Park 4-6pm

SEPTEMBER

- 3rd-** Farmers Market @ City Park 4-6pm
- 7th- Office Closed- Labor Day**
- 10th-** Farmers Market @ City Park 4-6pm

Toole County 4-H Club Contacts

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West Butte

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Cloverbuds

Barb Larsen 460-2765