

GENERAL 4-H MARKET GOAT PROJECT RULES

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Membership

1. Allegan County 4-H Market Goat Projects are open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status.
2. Youth must be at least 8 years old and not older than 19 years old as of JANUARY 1ST of the current year to be enrolled in the 4-H Market Goat Project
3. Youth must be enrolled BY JULY 1ST in 4-HOnline in the Goat project, paid their participation fees and in an Allegan County 4-H club to participate in 4-H Market Goat project activities and sell an animal at the 4-H Livestock Auction during the Allegan County Fair.
4. A youth may enroll in a 4-H club at any time during a project, however, activity/event deadline dates must be adhered to, in order to maintain eligibility in those areas.

Project Animal(s)

1. All Goats must have a Scrapies tag. The Scrapies tag number must be recorded on the tag form which must be turned in by July 15th. Tag # on record must match tag on goat at weighin.
2. 4-H Members must have their Project animal(s) Scrapies tag recorded and in their possession by July 15th. Youth may raise up to 2 animals, but may only show one in a market class. The member must be the owner of the project animal(s).
3. Family Tagging – The tattoo/tag sheets are set up so that all 4-Hers in the same family are linked to all animals of that species in that family. (Example a Family has 2 youth enrolled in the 4-H market goat project. Since every youth can tag 2 the family can have a maximum of 4 goats. Giving the 2 youth the option of showing any one of four animals.
4. During weigh in each goat will be designated to an individual member and the member given a plastic numbered tag to be used to identify the goat for the auction and trucking. This tag needs to be put on a collar around the goat's neck after the goat show and must remain on the goat thru ship out at the end of fair. The collar and tag will be shipped with the goat.
5. Market goats must be wethers, either grade or purebred. Market wethers are classified as Dairy Market and Non-Dairy Market. Dairy market wethers must be 100% dairy breeds (A dairy breed crossed with another dairy breed would be acceptable). Non-Dairy Market wethers include purebred non-dairy breeds, crosses of non-dairy breeds, and any dairy breeds crossed with a non-dairy breed.
6. Youth must be certified per current YQCA Standards and a copy of the certificate turned in at the MSU Extension Office before July 1 of the current year. Members must turn in a signed 4-H Market Animal Agreement form during weigh in at the Fair.
7. Project animals and pens must be kept clean at the Fair.
8. Wether must be dehorned, with no more than a 2 inch scur.

Exhibition and Sale Rules

- A. Each market goat must weigh at least 50 lbs. and not be over one year old. Blankets must be removed for weigh in. Miniature Goat Breeds must weigh a minimum of 30 lbs. to show and sell at the 4-H Livestock Auction during the Allegan County Fair.
- B. Youth must declare what 2 species they are selling on their entry form August 10th and again at weigh in.
- C. Each project animal must meet State Health guidelines. Project animals and pens must be kept clean at the Fair.
- D. A market animal that doesn't make weight may reweigh ONE time by the end of the species weigh in. If the animal doesn't make weight at this time it will be sent home.
- E. An animal change due to injury or death of animal may be made up to the day of the show (the animal must be one of those tagged for the Family and must meet show requirements).
- F. It is the member's responsibility to prepare his/her animal for show. Members may be assisted in grooming by another Allegan County 4-H member, immediate family member and/or Allegan County 4-H Leader.
- G. 4-H Members must show their own animals. Livestock youth must show in showmanship and market classes in order to sell livestock.
- H. All Champions must sell. Champion animals do not count toward the two species limit at sale. Animals declared as no sale at scale and do not become champions do not sell.
- I. The 4-H Livestock Auction is held Wednesday in the Show Arena. All clubs are asked to help set up the Rumery Arena on Tuesday night before the auction. The Sale order rotates from year to year and is listed in the current Fair premium book. Following the sale of the Grand Champion the order of the Auction Sale Bill will be determined as follows: Reserve Champion(s) will be listed first, Carcass champion and reserve, then the species top & reserve showmen, followed by all remaining animals listed at random..
- J. In the case of fraud or deception discovered after MARKET LIVESTOCK has been judged and prior to sale in the appropriate 4-H Market Livestock Sale, the placing(s) will be voided, AND the animal(s) in question not permitted to sell in the sale. The exhibitor will be required to remove the animal(s) in question from the grounds.
- K. A commission fee will be determined by the Allegan County 4-H Livestock Leaders and deducted from the sale price of the 4-H member's animal. The commission fee covers expenses of the auction and 4-H Livestock program.

Dress Code for shows and auction

The 4-H Livestock Leaders policy for appropriate dress for 4-H members

- 1. Show attire should be dairy white, white shirt & black pants, or market attire. Dress neatly and professionally.
- 2. Leather or safety boots or athletic shoes must be worn for safety and appearance reasons.