

Alpena County 4-H



Market Animal Sale Rules



**These rules will be strongly enforced by the Alpena County
4-H Council and Michigan State University Extension office**

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ALPENA COUNTY 4-H MARKET ANIMAL SALE RULES

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- 1 MSU is an affirmative-action, equal opportunity employer. MSU Extension programs and materials are open to all without regard to race, color, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status or veteran status.
- 2 All 4-H members must reside in Alpena County and/or belong to a 4-H livestock Club, be enrolled in Alpena County 4-H Livestock Club, and be registered at the MSU Extension office by the proper date listed below. If a 4-H member has a sale available to them in the county in which they reside, they must sell at their sale. However, if one is not available to them they may be eligible to sell at the Alpena County fair.
- 3 The Alpena County 4-H Livestock Club will require youth to attend at least 4 Livestock Club Meetings. Clinics and any other educational sessions put on by the Alpena 4-H council will be countable towards meetings. Meetings will be determined around the first of the year. All meetings will remain optional except for the pre-fair meeting and the first yearly meeting (with the exception of the 2020 year). There will be an optional meeting and weigh-in for all steer projects in December.
- 4 Members must also enroll in Alpena County 4-H by the dates listed below in order to be eligible to sell. Livestock pictures and electronic and local ID for Beef project are due by December 1st and all other large animal pictures are due by spring weigh-in. The 4-H member must be visible in the picture and the animals ID. **Clear, hard copy, colored pictures must be submitted (no digital pictures will be accepted)**. Swine must have the USDA tag issued from the MSU Extension office visible in their picture. You may have to submit more than one picture in order to ensure the tag is visible.

Specific dates for club/ member registration at the MSU Extension office are as follows:

Beef Project	December 1
Large Animal Project	March 1 – Animals become registered at the MSU Extension office at spring weigh-in
Small Animal Project	March 1 – The number of animals to be sold need to be registered at the MSU Extension office by June 1

- 5 A 4-H member can only be a registered member in one county of residence to sell market animals. Example: mom lives in one county and dad lives in another county, the child cannot sell livestock animals in both counties.
- 6 4-H members ages 8-19 may sell livestock at the Alpena County 4-H Market Animal sale, in accordance with individual rules for each species. Age is determined at what age you are on January 1st of the current year.
- 7 Each member will be limited to three (3) market lots; 2 large animals and 1 small animal/pen OR (2) small animal/pens and (1) large animal, in accordance to individual rules per species.

- 8 All 4-H members must show in Fitting and Showmanship in the appropriate species at the Alpena County Exhibition. See specific species on showmanship rules.
- 9 In Fitting and Showmanship, equal emphasis is given to both the animal and the youth showing the animal.
- 10 Members should wear proper show clothing while showing in showmanship, market class, and the sale ring (see page 6). Clothing with club name, personal names, or slogans is not appropriate to be worn in the show or sale ring. If a second 4-H member is needed to help with market class it is recommended they wear proper showmanship clothing.
- 11 4-H members who exhibit any market animals at the Alpena County Exhibition will be expected to care for their animals unless other arrangements are made and approved by the MSU Extension office and the Alpena County 4-H Council.
- 12 Market animals will be owned, raised, housed, and cared for by the 4-H member. Permission must be granted by the MSU Extension office and the 4-H leader to house an animal at another location, prior to the start of the project.
- 13 All pens should be properly cleaned during the week of the Alpena County Exhibition.
- 14 All animals should be properly clean and fit for fitting and showmanship.
- 15 Sale order will be determined by the judge during the sale order class. Judges decision will be final. Except in the case of a 4-H member marketing two of the same species, for example two pens of market chickens, all members will sell one unit in that species before a second animal can be sold. In the case of the member taking Grand and Reserve, then the member will be allowed to sell both in order. The latter part of this is only in effect if it is accordance with the market guidelines/rules for that particular species.
- 16 If a 4-H member is showing 2 animals in a Market class it is the responsibility of the 4-Her to find another 4-H member to handle their second animal in the ring. The handler of your second animal must be another 4-H member. If the second 4-H member is from another county you must submit their name and county to the MSU Extension office by the July market club meeting.
- 17 All animals to be sold at the Alpena County 4-H Market Animal Sale must be weighed in at the weigh-in on the first day of fair. Any weight disputes must be discussed at the scales at the time of weigh in. Once the weigh master and scales are cleaned no animals will be eligible to be reweighed for any reason. First animal of each species on the scale has the option to be weighed again. There will be an spring weigh in for large animals preparing to be sold at the Alpena County 4-H Market Animal Sale held in April or May. If a 4-H member is unable to attend the weigh-in they must send their animal(s) with a representative. Exceptions are beef/dairy cattle animals because of TB requirements; however, an EIN number and local tag number must be recorded with the MSU Extension office by the spring weigh-in.
- 18 All animals will be checked for market eligibility before they enter the scale and when on

the scale. Any market sale eligibility disputes from the 4-H member/family must be handled before the animal exits the scale. Example this is when an animal should be checked for proper castration, dehorning or any other requirements to that specific species to be able to sell.

**The MSU Extension office has the right to make the decision on market sale eligibility during the week of fair, should any disputes arise.*

- 19 All 4-H leaders and members in the county will meet as a group in June or July to help plan and promote the Alpena County 4-H Market Animal Sale. This meeting will be handled by the MSU Extension office. ***This meeting is REQUIRED for all 4-H members marketing an animal and/or a family representative!***
- 20 4-H members must keep accurate records, aid in contacting potential buyers, help set up for the Alpena County 4-H Market Animal Sale and contribute to the Alpena County 4-H Market Animal Sale promotion.
- 21 A market animal **CAN NOT** be shown or sold in the market animal classes if it has been shown at any other fair in a market class in the same calendar year.
- 22 Market animals cannot be shown in breeding stock classes and vice-versa.
- 23 All large animals will be on finishing/fattening ration 60 days prior to the Alpena County Exhibition.
- 24 All market animals must be taken off medicated feed prior to the exhibition according to the recommendations of the feed manufacturer.
- 25 4-H member who exhibits an animal must complete a 4-H Market Animal record book and create a "Project Binder". The Project Binder must be turned in under the grandstands during fair week to be judged. You will obtain your binder after fair, complete it and turn it in to MSUE office. Finished project binders will then be due to the MSU Extension office by September 15th of that calendar year. Market sale checks will be held until your Project Binder is complete and turned in to the MSU Extension office. Record books will be reviewed by a committee. If your book is deemed to be incomplete you will be required to make revisions and return them to the MSU Extension office. If failed to meet these requirements you will not be eligible to participate in the Alpena County 4-H Market Sale the following year.
- 26 Upon the death of an animal, or replacement for another reason (before the sale), the member shall notify the MSU Extension office about a replacement. If approved by the MSU Extension office and the 4-H Council, the parents and the 4-H leader can assist the 4-H member in replacing the project animal with approximately same type, breed, and weight if possible.
- 27 Each member will send a thank you note to their buyer after the market animal sale. These are to be given personally or mailed to the buyer. Thank you cards and postage will be provided by 4-H Council if you coordinate with the MSU Extension office.

- 28 No market animal (underweight, or extra raised) will be marked for sale in the barns until after the Alpena County 4-H Market Animal Sale.
- 29 All Youth marketing animals that are sold at the Alpena County 4-H Market Sale are required to take their own market animal through the sale ring. Both Regular and Resale sales.
- 30 MSU Extension does not guarantee buyers or market price for all livestock sold at the Alpena County 4-H Market Animal sale.
- 31 All market animals must be shown in sale order class and will be sold in order placed by the judge. Judges decision will be final. Except in the case of second animals rule.
- 32 All animals shall be free of diseases, injuries and conditions that will affect the safety and quality of the meat. For example: blister, bruise, etc. If the judge suspects or finds your animal to have a disease, injury or other condition that could affect the safety and quality of the meat your animal is automatically disqualified from being eligible to market.
- 33 Non Compliance with Alpena County 4-H rules will forfeit the 4-H member's ability to sell at the Alpena County 4-H Market Animal Sale.

Purpose of Marketing a livestock project:

1. Youth can have a long term and/or short term large and/or small animal project
2. To give youth a valuable experience of raising, showing and marketing livestock
3. Develop responsibility

Showing of your livestock project:

- All 4-H members must show in the fitting and showmanship classes at the Alpena County Exhibition in order to receive 4-H credit for the year. All animals must be clean and properly fit for Fitting and Showmanship. If member doesn't receive credit in Fitting and Showmanship, he/she is not allowed to sell his/her project at the Alpena County 4-H Market Sale.
- Members must show market animals in the sale order class at an Alpena County Exhibition and will sell in the order placed by the judge. Except in the case of second animal rule. Judges decision will be final.
- Members must maintain clean water, feed, and bedding during the Exhibitions.
 - **This animal is to be marketed at the Alpena County 4-H Market Animal Sale!**
 - **All Animals must be taken off medicated feed prior to the fair according to the recommendations of the feed manufacturer.**
 - **Market animals cannot be shown in breeding stock classes and vice-versa.**

ALPENA COUNTY 4-H SHOW APPAREL Guidelines

All show apparel should be clean and fit properly and free of design and advertisements. This doesn't mean you have to spend a fortune on proper show apparel. The following are guideline to be used when putting a show outfit together.

- **Poultry**
Members should wear a white long sleeve shirt (long sleeves give the finished look to an outfit). Black pants or black jeans should also be worn. Some members choose a simple black tie to complete the look. Boots or shoes are appropriate footwear.
- **Rabbits**
Participants should wear a white long sleeve shirt, with black pants or jeans. A long white lab coat is appropriate attire while showing. Boots or clean neat shoes should be worn.
- **Goats**
A white shirt, long sleeves are preferred with white/black pants or white/black jeans. Boots or clean neat shoes should be worn.
- **Sheep**
A long sleeve shirt white or conservative colors, with black pants or black jeans. A tie completes the outfit. Boots or a good solid shoe must be worn.
- **Swine**
A white shirt or western shirt, long sleeves preferred, with black pants. A boot or good solid shoe should be worn.
- **Beef, Veal, Feeder, Baby Beef**
Members participating in Beef can be a bit more creative. A long sleeve shirt is still preferred. Western styles are acceptable and a tie or vest can be added to make an extra special outfit. Clean pants or jeans and a boot or solid shoe should be worn by the member.
- **Dairy**
A white shirt, long sleeves preferred, with white pants or white jeans. Boots or a good solid shoe must be worn.
- **Horse**
Members in the horse area can get real creative. Outfits can range from a long sleeve shirt, to shirts with a vest or a show jacket. (Long sleeves are a must.) Show pants or jeans finish the clothes. Western boots are required for safety reasons and a western hat completes the look.
- **Alpaca, Llamas**
Members exhibiting alpaca or llamas show in basic black and white clothing. Most members wear a white shirt with black pants.

These are guidelines for fitting & showmanship, and market classes. The most important thing to remember about show apparel is that it fits properly (for safety), is clean, and free of advertisements.

ALPENA COUNTY 4-H
BEST RATE OF GAIN CONTEST
“Finished Market Beef, Goats, Lamb, and Swine Only”

*This contest is subject to cancellation for swine due to PED (porcine epidemic diarrhea) virus. It is the 4-H program coordinators discretion to cancel the rate of gain contest for swine due to health and safety concerns. Contest canceled in 2014 until further notice. Weigh in for Beef projects will be set by the 4-H program coordinator in regards to TB regulations.

The Best Rate of Gain contest is available to all 4-H'ers enrolled in the 4-H Market Club project in Alpena County. Lamb and Goat projects are required to be weighed in at the spring weigh in. A finished Beef project is optional to be weighed in at the December weigh in.

1. All 4-H'ers in the Alpena County must be enrolled in 4-H by the specific date for club/member registration at the MSU Extension office by the specific dates of the 4-Hers project stated on page 2 rule #4 in order to be able to sell.
2. The rate of gain will be tabulated from the initial weigh in date (to be scheduled by the Alpena County MSU Extension office, The date of the weigh-in is set by the 4-H program coordinator) until the final weigh in (first day of Alpena 4-H exhibition/fair. Livestock must meet weight guidelines to be eligible for rate of gain.
3. Two awards will be presented, Best Rate of Gain and Runner-up, during the 4-H Market Animal Sale at the 4-H exhibition.
4. If a tie develops, it will be broken by awarding it to the animal that placed highest during the Market class judging/ sale order class.

ALPENA COUNTY 4-H MARKET ANIMAL SALE

FINISHED BEEF RULES

November 30, 1998, Revised January 11, 2002, November 12, 2010, January 20, 2015, November 16, 2016

Membership:

1. Any youth between 13 and 19 years of age as of January 1st of calendar year.
2. Registered at the MSU Extension office by December 1st of the calendar year.
3. 4-H members with beef must notify the MSU Extension with animal identification by December 1st of the current 4-H year in which the animal will be marketed. Market Beef will be identified by electronic ear tag number and bangle tag number. This information will be used for weigh-in identification and to acquire USDA moving permits after the market sale.
4. 4-H members may sell only one animal (beef project). If two animals are raised, member can show both animals in the Market Animal Sale Order class.

Basics:

5. Maximum age of steers is 20 months by sale time (previous years calf)
6. Recommended starting weights:

Calves purchased in October	425 – 625 pounds
Calves purchased in November	450 – 650 pounds
Calves purchased in December	475– 675 pounds

7. Finished weights: 1,000 pounds steer, 800 pounds heifers no maximum.
8. Steers and heifers must be owned by December 1st and may be weighed at the optional December weigh-in (to be scheduled by the Alpena County MSU Extension office). The date of the weigh-in is set by the 4-H program coordinator in regards to TB regulations. Replacement due to death of animals can be made no later than 100 days prior to the opening of the Alpena County Exhibition. Replacement can only be done with the approval of the Alpena County MSU Extension Office.
9. Steers and heifers must be housed and cared for by the 4-H member on the member's property unless prior permission is granted by the MSU Extension office and the 4-H leader(s).
10. The farm in which the 4-H member's animal is housed must be a risk mitigated farm. This is to comply with the USDA requirement as of January 1, 2015 that any beef sold in the TB zone must come from a risk mitigated farm.
11. It is recommended that all animals to be sold must be on grain at least six months prior to the

sale date (grain should constitute 2 – 2½ percent of the steer or heifer body weight. *Example* if calf weighs 500 pounds, they should have 10-12½ lbs of grain per day*). If steer or heifer has not been grain fed the 4-H member will not be allowed to sell the next calendar year.

12. Steers and heifers are not to be more than 1/4 dairy breeding in the beef animal raised to be sold as a finished steer or heifer.
13. Market steers and heifers to be sold will be judged at an Alpena County Exhibition on conformation, cut ability, cover, finish and dressing percent. Animals to be selected and finished so to achieve a choice grade carcass.
14. Market class will be judged as a terminal class, with the goal of hanging up a desirable carcass.
15. 4-H members must be able to control the animal while showing the proper Fitting and Showmanship class at an Alpena County Exhibition, (must have control by themselves).
16. All finished beef must be dehorned by December 1st.

ALPENA COUNTY 4-H MARKET ANIMAL SALE

FEEDER CALF RULES

November 30, 1998, Revised February 1, 2002, Revised December 30, 2003, Revised January 2011,
Revised November 16, 2016, January 2019.

Membership:

1. Any youth between 8 and 19 years of age as of January 1st of calendar year.
2. Enrolled in a regular 4-H Livestock Club and registered at the MSU Extension office by March 1st of the calendar. However, they must still be a member of the Alpena County 4-H Livestock Club.
3. If there is 5 or 6 youth in an area that want this project, they can organize their own club with an adult leader.
4. 4-H'ers 8 through 13 may sell one feeder calf, 4-H'ers 14 through 19 may sell two Feeder calves (revised November 16, 2016).

Basics:

5. Calves of large dairy breed make the best gainers. Dairy/Beef Crosses make a good project.
6. Calves with a 90 pound or better birth weight make the most rapid gain.
7. Calves should appear healthy, a slick coat, alert, and have a cold, dry nose.
8. Calves must weigh no less than **250** pounds with a maximum weight of **700** possible pounds (revised November 16, 2016). Weights must be verified on the first day of the Alpena County Fair.
9. In order to market a **250-700** pound feeder-calf for the Alpena County 4-H Market Animal Sale, it is recommended you purchase the calf in February or March and he should weigh at least 100 pounds. Calves cannot be born before January 1st of the current market year [Revised February 25, 2015]. Calves must be purchased and owned by the 4-H member by the spring weigh-in of the calendar year.
10. Calves should gain 1.5 to 1.75 pounds per day from date of birth to 6 months of age.
11. **All feeder calves must be dehorned and castrated at least 30 days prior to the first day of fair.**

ALPENA COUNTY 4-H MARKET ANIMAL SALE

BABY BEEF RULES

Established November 16, 2016. Revised January 2019.

Membership:

1. Any youth between 8 and 19 years of age as of January 1st of calendar year.
2. Enrolled in a regular 4-H Livestock Club and registered at the MSU Extension office by March 1st of the calendar. However, they must still be a member of the Alpena County 4-H Livestock Club.
3. If there is 5 or 6 youth in an area that want this project, they can organize their own club with an adult leader.
4. 4-H'ers 8 through 13 may sell one baby beef, 4-H'ers 14 through 19 may sell two baby beef calves.

Basics:

5. Baby beef calves must be 75% or greater beef.
6. Calves with a 90 pound or better birth weight make the most rapid gain.
7. Calves should appear healthy, a slick coat, alert, and have a cold, dry nose.
8. Calves must weigh no less than **250** pounds with a maximum weight of **700** possible pounds. Weights must be verified on the first day of the Alpena County Fair.
9. In order to market a **250-700** pound baby beef for the Alpena County 4-H Market Animal Sale, it is recommended you purchase the calf in February or March and he should weigh at least 100 pounds. Calves cannot be born before January 1st of the current market year. Calves must be purchased and owned by the 4-H member by the spring weigh-in of the calendar year.
10. Calves should gain 1.5 to 1.75 pounds per day from date of birth to 6 months of age.
11. **All baby beef calves must be dehorned and castrated at least 30 days prior to the first day of fair.**

ALPENA COUNTY 4-H MARKET ANIMAL SALE

VEAL RULES

November 30, 1998, Revised December 30, 2003, Revised November 16, 2016

Membership:

1. Any youth between 8 and 19 years of age as of January 1st of the calendar year.
2. Youth is enrolled as a member in a 4-H Livestock club and is registered at the MSU Extension office by March 1st of the calendar year.
3. If there is 5 or 6 youth in an area that want this project, they can organize their own club with an adult leader. However, they must still be a member of the Alpena County 4-H Livestock Club.
5. 4-H'ers 8 through 13 may sell one veal calf, 4-H'ers 14 through 19 may sell two veal Calves (revised November 16, 2016).

Basics:

6. Selected calves should be born between April 15 – May 10
 - Calves should weigh between 80 and 100 pounds at time of purchase.
 - Bull calves of dairy breeds or dairy-beef cross make great veal projects.
 - Ideal project should be between 14 and 18 weeks old at market sale time.
7. Calf may be raised on the cow (not in pasture), with milk replacer (no grain, hay or grass), and/or other milk sources (bought cow milk).
8. Calves are to be tagged and on file at the MSU Extension office by the spring weigh-in.
9. Calves are to be sold at the Alpena County 4-H Market Animal Sale at the Alpena County Exhibition.
10. Minimum weight is 175 pounds; Maximum weight is 450 pounds.
11. Animals to be weighed on official scales on the first day of the Alpena County Exhibition.
12. Veal will sell in the order as placed by the market class judge. All judges decisions are final.

ALPENA COUNTY 4-H MARKET ANIMAL SALE

GOAT RULES

Revised December 30, 2003, January 2011, January 20, 2015, November 16, 2016. January, 2019.

Membership:

1. Any youth between 8 and 19 years of age as of January 1st of the calendar year.
2. Youth enrolled as a member in a 4-H Livestock club and is registered at the MSU Extension Office by March 1st of the calendar year.
3. If there are 5 or 6 youth in an area that wants this project, they can organize their own club with an adult leader. However, they must still be a member of the Alpena County 4-H Livestock Club.
4. 4-H'ers 8 through 13 may sell one (1) goat, 4-H'ers 14 through 19 may sell two (2) goats.
5. Goats must be born after January 1st of the year in which the animal will be marketed.

Basics:

6. 4-H market goats will be this year's kid.
7. Market goats will be purchased on or before spring weigh-in of the calendar year (normally beginning of May). Market goats are required to be weighed at the spring weigh-in (revised November 16, 2016). It will be the responsibility of the 4-H member to transport market goats to and from weigh-in.
8. All market goats be identified by tagging and/or tattoo, plus breed. All goats must have required USDA tags, including scrapies tags. Tattoo's and registration papers are acceptable. A copy must be kept on file during the week of fair week.
9. If you do not participate in the optional spring weigh-in you must report your animals identification tags to the MSU Extension office by June 1st of the current year
10. Market goats will have a minimum weight of 50 pounds with no maximum at the Alpena County Exhibition weigh in.
11. Market goats may be either male or female. They must be properly dehorned and healed prior to the first day of fair. Dairy breeds must be properly dehorned, meat breeds are optional to have dehorned due to the growth patterns of a goats horns (dairy breeds grow straight up and are a safety hazard) (revised November 16, 2016). If they are males, they must be properly castrated or have a band on by the spring weigh-in.
12. Market goats will be sold by the head.

ALPENA COUNTY 4-H MARKET ANIMAL SALE

SWINE RULES

November 30, 1998/ Revised January 11, 2002/December 30, 2003/January 2011, November 28, 2012. January, 2019.

Membership:

1. Any youth between 8 and 19 years of age as of January 1st of that calendar year.
2. Enrolled in a 4-H Market Club and be registered at the MSU Extension office by March 1st of the calendar year.
3. If there are 5 or 6 youth in an area that want this project, they can organize their own club with an adult leader. However, they must still be a member of the Alpena County 4-H Livestock Club.
4. Members 8 through 13 may sell one (1) hog; members 14 through 19 may sell two (2) hogs.

Basics:

5. All hogs to be shown and sold must have been owned from feeder pig size (target weight at weigh-in is approximately 40 to 60 pounds).
6. Market hogs will be purchased on or before spring weigh-in of the calendar year. Weigh in will take place in April or May. It will be the responsibility of the 4-H member to transport market feeder hogs to and from weigh-in. All market hogs to be sold at the market auction MUST be weighed-in. However, due to the PED virus the 4-H program coordinator has the discretion to cancel the spring weigh-in; which would result in cancelling the rate of gain contest.
7. If a spring weigh-in occurs the 4-H'er must specify roaster or market hog at time of weigh in. There is an opportunity to adjust according to weight at final weigh in.
8. All market hogs are tagged at weigh-in, in order to sell at the 4-H Market Animal Sale; this makes them eligible for the "Best-Rate of Gain Contest". If the spring weigh-in is cancelled market hogs must be tagged the first day of fair immediately upon arrival. Or 4-H members can submit the required information and check out a tagger and ear tags for their market swine. The 4-H office is subject to change this based on USDA tag requirements for swine.
9. There will be two weight classes for market swine in the Alpena County 4-H Market Sale. Market hogs must weight no less than 180 lbs. and a maximum weight of 300 lbs. at weigh-in to be eligible for auction at the 4-H Market Animal Sale. Weights will be verified the first day of fair. The ideal market hog weight is 260 lbs. Hogs over the weight of 300 lbs are still allowed to be sold but will be sold as 300 lbs.
10. There will be a roaster class for pigs that did not make weight, those animals weighing

under 180 lbs. These pigs can be shown but will not be eligible for the Alpena County 4-H Market Sale. These animals can not be advertised for sale until after the 4-H Market Sale.

11. Market hogs weighing 180 pounds to 240 pounds will be shown and marketed in the light weight class. Hogs weighing 241 pounds to 300 pounds will be shown and sold in the heavy weight class.
12. Sale order will be determined by the judge. The judge will select one Grand Champion and one Reserve Champion hog in the market hog classes. They will then pick sale order from the remaining market hogs (all hogs to be sold will be shown in this class). Hogs will be sold in order of judges decision except in the case of the second animal rule. Heavy weight hogs will be sold before lightweight hogs. Sale order will be determined by judge.
13. The 4-H'er may start the program with 1-4 feeders and select up to the best two (2) hogs to bring to the exhibition.
14. Hogs cannot be garbage fed.

ALPENA COUNTY 4-H MARKET ANIMAL SALE

LAMB RULES

November 30, 1998, Revised January 11, 2002, December 30, 2003, January 2011, April 2014, November 16, 2016.
January 2019.

Membership:

1. Any youth between 8 and 19 years of age as of January 1st of that calendar year.
2. Enrolled in the 4-H Market Club and registered at the MSU Extension office by March 1st of the calendar year.
3. If there is 5 or 6 youth in an area that want this project, they can also organize their own club with an adult leader. However, they must still be a member of the Alpena County 4-H Livestock Club.
4. Member ages 8-13 may sell one (1) market lamb, members 14 and over may sell two (2) market lambs.
5. Registration deadline March 1st of the program year.

Basics:

6. Market lambs may be either male or female. If they are males, they must be properly castrated prior to weigh-in. (Testicles removed or cords severed).
7. Lambs must be weighed in at spring weigh in.
8. Market lambs must be born after January 1st of calendar year.
9. Lambs must weigh at least 80 pounds at time of the Alpena County Fair weigh-in; no maximum weight.
10. 4-H'ers will show their market lambs in one weight class 80 pounds and over) [updated April 16, 2014]
11. Pens of lambs are for show only (Not For Auction).
12. Sale order will be determined by the judge. The judge will pick a Grand and Reserve market lamb, then place the remaining lambs in sale order. All 4-H members will sell one market lamb before a second animal is sold by a member (except Grand and Reserve). The judge's decision is final.
13. All market lambs should be slick sheared 10 days prior to Exhibition.
14. Each member may weigh-in one extra market lamb at the spring weigh-in and at the Alpena County exhibition weigh-in the first day of fair.

ALPENA COUNTY 4-H MARKET ANIMAL SALE

POULTRY AND RABBIT RULES

November 30, 1998-Revised August 2003, Revised December 30, 2003, Revised January 2007, Revised 2011,
Revised November 2012, Revised April 16, 2014, Revised November 6, 2017. January 2019.

Membership:

1. Any youth between 8 and 19 years of age as of January 1st of the calendar year.
2. Youth is enrolled as a member in a 4-H Livestock club and is registered at the MSU Extension office by March 1st of the calendar year.
3. If there is 5 or 6 youth in an area that want this project, they can organize their own club with an adult leader. However, they must still be a member of the Alpena County 4-H Livestock Club.

Basics:

4. Each 4-H member shall be allowed to sell a maximum of two market pens either in the same category or in different categories. Example– you may sell:
 - 2 pens of rabbits or
 - 1 pen of rabbits and one pen of chickens or
 - 1 pen of chickens and one duck or
 - 1 pen of quail and one pen of chickens
5. All Market animals shall be weighed in *by MSU Extension staff, or assigned representative and tagged* on the first day of the Alpena County Exhibition. *Market rabbit pens must have individual tattoos prior to arrival at fairgrounds, contact MSU office for use of the office tattooer, if needed.*
6. Market pens of chickens must be of the same breed, **same sex**, and approximately the same weight. Cornish game hens must all be female.
7. Market pens of rabbits **MUST** be of the same breed, variety, and approximately the same weight. Market pens of rabbits may be **mixed sex** [Revised February 25, 2015].
8. Stewer rabbits must be born after January 1st of the current 4-H year and must be at least 6 months old at fair time.
9. All members must have proof of age of the animal being marketed.
10. Market rabbits must be in possession by the 4-H member at 6 weeks old from the first day of fair.
11. Locks are optional to be on poultry and rabbit pens. All locks on market poultry and rabbit pens must be removed on the day of the market sale upon conclusion of the sale or prior to loading for processing. Locks left on pens will be cut in order to load market poultry and

rabbits for processing. The 4-H office and Alpena County Fair Board will not be responsible for replacing any broken or damaged locks. 4-H members marketing poultry and/or rabbits are required to help with loading for processing.

12. Due to the fragility of poultry it is highly recommended to raise additional animals.
13. Poultry exhibitors may show a different poultry species in showmanship, as long as the species they are showing is in the same large or small animal category as their market species.
 Large Animal Poultry: Duck, Goose, Turkey, Quail, Pheasant
 Small Animal Poultry: Chicken/Broiler, Cornish Game Hen
14. The following animals must be pre-ordered by the MSU Extension office to ensure proper age, breed, proof of hatch date, and to receive large order discount; unless determined differently by the MSU Extension office. Chicken/broilers, ducks, geese, turkeys. **4-H members are required to order their own poultry starting in 2015 [Revised January 1, 2015].**
15. If there is a poultry exhibition band in the state of Michigan, market sale rules for poultry are subject to change.

A pen shall consist of the following number of animals, minimum weights, maximum weights and maximum age:

Category	Number of Animals	Min. Weight	Max Age	Max. Weight
Rabbit	3 animals	12 lb pen	12 weeks	18 lb pen
Stewer Rabbit	1 animal	8 lbs	See Rule #8	
<i>*Notify the office if you are intending to sell a pen(s) of rabbits.</i>				
Chicken/Broiler	2 animals	10 lbs per pen	7 weeks	---
Duck	1 animal	6 lbs	14 weeks	---
Goose	1 animal	9 lbs	24 weeks	---
Turkey	1 animal	Toms 20 lbs Hens 15 lbs	24 weeks	---
Quail	4 animals	1 lb per pen	10 weeks	---
Pheasant	2 animals	4 lb pen	16 weeks	---
Cornish Game Hen	3 animals	5 lb pen	4 weeks	---

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