

**Sale Commissions & Fees**—Commissions shall be charged against each animal sold in the sale to help cover expenses. Commissions are:

Basic Commission of 4% for:

- Beef
- Goats
- Prospect Beef
- Sheep
- Swine

Head State Check Off for:

- Beef —\$1
- Prospect Beef—\$1
- Sheep—\$4
- Swine—\$4

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**LIVESTOCK GUIDELINES**

Expectations for 4-H & FFA Participation in the Clinton County  
4-H & Youth Fair Livestock Show & Sale

July 29<sup>th</sup> - August 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- Fair set-up

**Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>**

- Tack haul-in and decorating

**Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>**

- Animal entry

**Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>**

- Poultry show
- Goat show

**Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup>**

- Prospect show
- Sheep show

**Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>**

- Rabbit Show
- Swine Show
- Beef Show

**Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- Auction

**Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**

- Fair clean-up



**SALE PARTICIPATION:** Participation in the Clinton County 4-H & Youth Fair Livestock Sale is limited to registered members of Clinton County 4-H clubs and/or members of Ovid-Elsie or Laingsburg FFA chapters. Members must meet eligibility requirements for their groups.

**SALE REGISTRATION:** 4-H members who wish to sell livestock in the Annual 4-H/FFA sale must be enrolled in an organized club no later than April 1st and must be enrolled in the appropriate 4-H market livestock project.

FFA members must be active FFA members and must notify the Fair Office (through the MSU Extension office) of their intent to participate no later than April 1st.

**ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION POLICIES:** Market animals of all species must be identified by ear tag, tattoo (rabbits) or leg bands (poultry) by the pre-determined tagging date each year.

If an animal should lose its tag prior to the Fair, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to contact the appropriate species chairperson and make arrangements to have the animal re-tagged as soon as possible. No animals will be re-tagged at Fair entry and all lost tags must be replaced prior to the start of the Fair.

**SWINE:** All pigs shown in Michigan need to have official ID in the form of a USDA 840 tag, a PIN tag with a unique animal number, or a NUES tag. Effective December 2020, MDARD no longer provides bulk orders of official NUES ID tags for fairs or exhibitions so the exhibitor is responsible for acquiring official ID, prior to tagging. Official ID tags will NOT be provided by the fair.

**ALL SHEEP AND GOATS:** including both breeding and market animals, must be identified with a USDA approved form of identification regardless of age and include weathers and intact animals. Following are officially approved options:

- USDA official Scrapie tag
- Certificate must accompany the animal when moved. Check with the USDA (517/324-5290) for approved breed associations. Copy of breed certificate must be kept on file with Department Chair. (Goats only)
- Pygmy goats registered with National Pygmy Goat Association (NPGA) can use the NPGA microchips. Exhibitors must carry the NPGA registration certificate with the goat when moved. Copy of breed certificate must be kept on file with Department Chair.

**SPORTSMANSHIP AND CODE OF CONDUCT:** The Fair Board has adopted an exhibitor sportsmanship conduct policy. It is important that all exhibitors, parents and leaders be aware of this policy and the consequences. The policy is as follows:

*"All Fair participants (exhibitors, leaders and parents) are expected to conduct themselves with honesty, integrity and good sportsmanship in all events and activities related to and a part of the Clinton County 4-H & Youth Fair.*

*All participants are expected to treat Fair and show management personnel, Fair officials, judges, security personnel and other exhibitors with courtesy, cooperation and respect and not direct any abusive or threatening conduct towards them.*

*Exhibitors will not direct criticism or interfere with Fair and show management personnel, Fair officials, judges and exhibitors in conducting the activities associated with the event.*

*Exhibitors are expected to read and be familiar with all Exhibition Rules and Regulations set forth for involvement in the Clinton County 4-H & Youth Fair and to abide by same. Not having read the rules and expectations will not be considered an acceptable reason for non-compliance.*

*Concerns regarding Fair rules and regulations or complaints regarding the behavior and/or actions of other exhibitors and participants, shall be handled as outlined in the Fair Complaint Policy which is printed in the front of the Fair Book. Complaint forms are available in the Fair Office.*

*In the event that Fair participants are not in compliance and the concern is brought to their attention, immediate action to correct the situation is expected.*

*Any conduct that is contrary to these expectations will be brought before the Fair Board for review and may result in individuals being asked to leave the grounds; the disqualification of individual exhibitors and animals from the activities associated with the Clinton County 4-H & Youth Fair; and/or the forfeiture of all premiums and awards."*

Exhibitors and parents must sign the sportsmanship and code of conduct on the back of the Fair Entry forms.

**Swine** - Swine that are not being shown but have been tagged for the 2023 Clinton County 4-H & Youth Fair will have the option to ship to Bellingars for processing on Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> for a \$10.00 fee paid to cover trucking. Payment must be made to the Fair Office by 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Other** - Market Beef, Market Prospect, Market Sheep, and Market Goats that have been tagged for the 2023 Clinton County 4-H & Youth Fair, but will not be shown have the option to deliver themselves to Bellingars for processing on Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Arrangements must be made with Bill Harris (517)749-3243 by 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>.

## Attention

If arrangements were not made with Bill Harris and an animal was dropped off at Bellingars without being on the approved list then a \$500 fee will be deducted from the exhibitors check. In the event that a sale check is under \$500, the entire check will be forfeited. This seems steep but these rules are made for the safety of our volunteers and the courtesy to the packers.

**PROJECT RELEASE AND CLEAN UP—** All exhibitors that remove their animals on Thursday evening must return to complete their assigned clean-up job on Friday morning to claim their stall deposit refund. Stall deposit cards will not be signed until Friday morning. No stall deposit refunds will be made without a signed Stall Deposit Card. Exhibitors must sign-up for a clean-up job in the Fair Office when they retrieve their stall card.

**ANIMAL OWNERSHIP:** In accordance with rules established by the Michigan Department of Agriculture, Fairs and Racing Division and the Clinton County 4-H & Youth Fair, market animals must be owned by the exhibitor. "Ownership" means in possession of, cared for by, and are the responsibility of the named exhibitor. Youth are required to have the project animal(s) in their care no later than the official tagging date for the specific specie.

**EAR TAGGING:** Participating youth must make arrangements to have their market animal(s) tagged on dates and at locations designated by the Livestock Committee.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Absolutely no bulls will be tagged and they must have been castrated prior to the tagging date.

No bovine bulls, aged rams, bucks or boars may be shown at the Clinton County 4-H & Youth Fair. No bovine bulls may be tagged, shown or sold at the Fair.

Ram lambs entered in breeding classes are exempted from the castration rule. All market goats must be castrated.

Prospect calves must be castrated prior to tagging and weigh-in. Calves may be castrated by banding or cutting. If banded, the sac must have dropped by entry at the Fair. Prospect calves that have not been castrated will not be tagged and cannot be shown or sold.

**TAGGING LIMITS AND FLOATERS:** Each individual 4-H or FFA youth may tag an additional animal giving them an alternate should they need it. As an alternative to purchasing an extra animal for each child, a family has the option of tagging one additional animal per specie to serve as a "family float-er". This "floater" may be shown and sold by any member of the family as long as the previously described maximums are not exceeded. "Floaters" are limited to the family, which they are tagged for. There are no provisions for "club floaters". This in no way impacts the number of sale lots that an individual youth may have.

Individual youth may show up to two market lambs and may tag up to three market lambs giving them a spare should they need it.

Individual youth may show up to two market goats and may tag up to three market goats giving them a spare should they need it.

If a family so chooses, they may have one family floater rather than tag a spare animal for each child. They may not do both.

Individual youth shall be limited to tagging 2 market steers/heifers including dairy steers.

Individual youth may show up to two Market Hogs and may tag up to three hogs giving them a spare should they need it.

Individual youth may tag up to two prospect beef calves. They will only be able to show one as beef prospect and/or one as dairy prospect.

**SHOW LIMITS:** Individual 4-H or FFA members shall be limited to showing five (5) breeding sheep and a maximum of two (2) market lambs. Exhibitors are limited to six (6) breeding goats and two (2) market goat.

Individual 4-H or FFA members shall be limited to showing two (2) market steers/heifers including dairy steers.

Exhibitors are limited to showing two prospect animals with a maximum of one per class. Prospect Beef/Dairy Weight limit is 275-600 pounds.

Individual 4-H or FFA members shall be limited to showing two (2) market pigs.

**STATE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** Exhibitors, leaders and parents are responsible for knowing and abiding by all “Michigan Department of Agriculture Health Requirements for Livestock Exhibited in Michigan”. These policies are available at [www.michigan.gov/mda](http://www.michigan.gov/mda).

All cattle must have an official radio frequency identification device (RFID) ear tag prior to tagging and entry at the Fair. Exhibitors may contact North Star Cooperative at 888/203-3398 or the National Holstein Association at 800/952-5200 to order tags. It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to comply with this rule.

All pigs shown in Michigan need to have official ID in the form of a USDA 840 tag, a PIN tag with a unique animal number, or a NUES tag. The exhibitor is responsible for acquiring official ID, prior to tagging. Official ID tags will NOT be provided by the fair. Check with the USDA 517/324-5290 for tag information.

All prospect calves must be vaccinated for shipping fever. (This will be provided at Tagging)

**ANIMAL ENTRY:** All animals (including dogs, rabbits and poultry) must enter through the Townsend Road entrance.

**SHOW REQUIREMENTS AND POLICIES:** Exhibitors, leaders and parents are responsible for knowing and abiding by all rules and regulations applying to their specie.

Each animal exhibited at the Fair, including all market animals, must be shown by the youth owning that animal (with the exception of 4-H Explorers).

In the event that an exhibitor is unable to show their own animal due to illness, injury or emergency situation, it may be shown by another exhibitor providing advanced approval is granted by the Department Chairperson.

In the event that the exhibitor has two animals in the same class, another exhibitor may assist the owner.

**SALE REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS:**

**Sale Weights**—The weight at the official entry at the Fair will be the weight used for show and as the official site weight. The first weigh shall be used and re-weighing later in the day will not be allowed except in the case of scale error identified by Department Chairperson.

**Sale Quality**—The 4-H Livestock Committee and the Clinton County 4-H & Youth Fair Board reserve the right to reject animals meeting the weight requirements if the animal is not properly finished, exhibits any health problems or is not in good market condition.

Members will be notified prior to the sale if their animal cannot be sold due to poor quality.

**Sale Limits**—Eligible exhibitors shall be limited to selling a total of three lots, however no more than two can be in either group A or B. Specific individual specie limits also apply.

<u>Group A:</u>	<u>Group B:</u>
One Market Beef(Beef Steer/Heifer/Dairy Steer	One Market Goat
One Prospect Beef	One Market Rabbit
One Market Hog	One Pen of Rabbits
One Market Lamb	One Pen of Poultry

**Other Sale Information**— The final price for all Livestock sold through the ring shall be that price announced by the auctioneer at the drop of the gavel and that buyer shall be the official buyer of record.

In the event that a buyer donates their purchase back to be resold, any funds raised will go to the 4-H program and not to the individual seller.

**Sale Shipping**

Sale destinations – Sale destinations must be collected during the sale on Wednesday.