

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 31st - Aug. 5th

Sunday

- Goats

Monday

- Poultry
- Prospect Beef
- Sheep

Tuesday

- Pigs
- Beef

Wednesday

- Auction

Thursday

- Sale Animal Delivery



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 May 1st and must be enrolled in the appropriate 4-H market livestock project.

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

ANIMAL OWNERSHIP: In accordance with rules established by the Michigan Department of Agriculture, Fairs & 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.

ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION POLICIES: Market animals of all specie 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 specie chairperson & make arrangements to have the animal re-tagged as soon as possible. No animals will be re-tagged at Fair entry & all lost tags must be replaced prior to the start of the Fair.

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

- USDA official Scrapie tag
- USDA approved breed association registry tattoo. The breed registration 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)

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

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

All participants are expected to treat Fair & show management personnel, Fair officials, judges, security personnel & 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 & show management personnel, Fair officials, judges & exhibitors in conducting the activities associated with the event.

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

Concerns regarding Fair rules & regulations or complaints regarding the behavior and/or actions of other exhibitors & 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 & 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 & may result in individuals being asked to leave the grounds; the disqualification of individual exhibitors & animals from the activities associated with the Clinton County 4-H & Youth Fair; and/or the forfeiture of all premiums & awards."

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

Other Sale Information— This years sale will be in-person at the Fair grounds. Animals will be exhibited on screen with a picture provided by the exhibitor at fair entry and only the youth will be representing their project on the auction block.

The final price for all Livestock sold through the ring shall be that price announced by the auctioneer at the drop of the gavel & that buyer shall be the official buyer of record. The youth will stand on the auction block with the picture previously uploaded at the time of fair registration. A live sale will be held on Wednesday. There will be no live animals.

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 will be collected and secured after the sale on Wednesday. Exhibitors should get an email by Thursday morning letting you know where to deliver these sale animals on Thursday.

Attention

A \$500 fee will be deducted from an exhibitors check if an animal is delivered outside of the destination drop off parameter's given. In the case that a sales check is under \$500 the entire check will be forfeited. This seems steep but these rules are made for the safety of the volunteers and the courtesy to the packers.

Show and Go Style— All animals will be shown out of the exhibitors trailer. If the exhibitor is not able to show from their trailer then they must reserve to rent stall space.

All hogs must be broke to walk.

Project Release & Clean Up- Each exhibitor **MUST** clean up and take home their own manure, bedding and trash for final disposal.

- 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.

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

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

TAGGING LIMITS & 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 floater”. This “floater” may be shown & 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 4-H or FFA members 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 4-H or FFA members 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.

No bovine bulls, aged rams 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.

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 calves must be castrated prior to tagging & 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.

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

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

All cattle must have an official radio frequency identification device (RFID) ear tag prior to tagging & 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 prospect calves must be vaccinated for shipping fever.

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

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

An animal may only be shown & judged in one class (i.e. the same animal may not be shown in both market & breeding classes).

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 & LIMITATIONS:

Sale Weights

The weight at the official entry at the Fair will be the weight used for show & as the official site weight. The first weigh shall be used & 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 & 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.

Group A:

- One Market Steer/Heifer/Dairy Steer
- One Prospect Beef
- One Market Hog
- One Market Lamb

Group B:

- One Market Goat
- One Pen of Rabbits
- One Pen of Poultry

Exhibitors are limited to selling a maximum of two (2) market lambs however, each counts as one lot unless it is the Champion or Reserve Champion.

Exhibitors are limited to selling a maximum of two (2) market goats however, each counts as one lot unless it is the Champion or Reserve Champion.