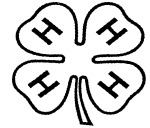


2022/2023 4-H MARKET LIVESTOCK SWINE LITTLE BUDDY PROJECT REQUIREMENTS



1. **Age Requirement:** The 4-H Member must have reached their **5th birthday by January 1, 2023** to participate as a little buddy in the lamb project.
2. **4-H Enrollment:** 4-H'ers must have completed the 4-H Enrollment through <https://v2.4honline.com/>
3. **Registration/Applications Time Frame:** Little buddies may sign up beginning October 24, 2022 until June 1, 2023 in the lamb project.
4. **Notebook Requirements:** Little Buddy members will be required to complete a project notebook that is age appropriate. The project notebook that will chronicle the time and care you spent helping your Big Buddy take care of the project animal. The notebook will be designed to include a table of contents and appendixes. The notebook must be kept in table of contents order with additional information you would like to include in the notebook within the appendixes. The "Journal of Care" record will be mandatory for all members to complete. If I earn a "B" ribbon or better on my notebook, I will be eligible to sell a lamb the following year upon meeting the age requirement. **The notebook must be presented at the time the 4-Her's animal is being weighed.** Failure to do so will result in not being able to sell at the 4-H Market Livestock Sale. **The notebook must then be submitted to the 4-H Exhibit Building before 5:00 p.m. on Entry Day.** Once your notebook has been placed in the 4-H Exhibit Building you will not be able to retrieve it to add additional information.
5. **Potential Buyer's Names:** Member's that are age 8 or older must provide a list of potential buyers and their complete Mailing addresses (including zip codes) to the Extension Office on or before Tuesday, August 1st at 4:00 p.m. This list maybe submitted in-person, via email to schaner4@msu.edu or pumford5@msu.edu or faxed (231-873-2129) to receive a stamp and initials from the Extension Staff. Members must have 3 different buyers from that of their siblings participating in the same auction. Buyer's names should be submitted on sheet provide in the notebook and not one name per sheet. All potential buyer's names must include phone numbers. Please note: Buyer's email addresses and after-hours contact numbers are being requested again this year. Any buyer's names submitted without complete address, zip code or phone number will be returned to the 4-H Member. Buyers will have the option to indicate if they would like their letter emailed or delivered through the postal service. Any buyer letters returned for incorrect addresses (either email or postal delivery), the Extension staff will not make any attempts to find the correct address. The buyer will be removed from the mailing list. Failure to provide the required buyer's list (with correct and complete information) will result in not being able to sell at the 4-H Market Livestock Sale. Those members between the ages of 5 -7 are not required to complete a list of buyers.
6. **Non-Club/Club Points:** Project participants must earn six (6) meeting attendance to complete their 4-H year. Little Buddy members 8 years and older are also required to earn three (3) non-club/volunteer points to be eligible to sell an animal in the next year's project. The additional **three (3)** points required must be earned from attending various non-club 4-H events as listed on the 4-H Market Livestock Committee's Approved Non-Club list or may be given at the discretion of other 4-H Extension Staff or superintendents. Extra curricular school or community projects (above normal school requirements) may count for 1 non-club point, when the MSU Extension Office is notified and can verify project. If you require signatures from the Extension Staff for non-club points, you must have all event, location and date information completed. If these **nine (9)** points are not achieved you will not be eligible to sell an animal in the following year's project. Those members between the ages of 5-7 years are required to earn six (6) meeting attendance points and may optionally earn the non-club points. **There will be no signatures provided by MSU Extension Staff during workbee or on entry day.**
7. **Animal Care During Fair:** You and your Big Buddy are responsible for feeding, cleaning and removal of your animal until the end of the Fair. The 4-H Market Livestock Committee permits the use of sawdust (provided by the Fair Board) or kiln- dried wood shavings (you may provide) as bedding material. **NO STRAW PERMITTED! All pens/stalls must be cleaned before 9:00 a.m. each day the Fair is open.** Failure to comply with the rule can result in forfeiture of premiums, \$50.00 disciplinary charge from sale proceeds and/or a one year suspension of 4-H Market Livestock Project privileges. Borrowing of cleaning equipment should be done with permission granted by equipment owner. If your animal requires a veterinary exam during fair, the 4-H'er will be responsible for the cost of the vet service.
8. **Showing/Selling Requirements:** As a Little Buddy participant you will be eligible to show your Big Buddy's animal in either the Little Buddy Showmanship Class or the Open Showmanship Class at the Fair and either compete for a participant ribbon or placement ribbon, depending on the class you enter.
9. **Big Buddy Drops/Animal Not Coming to Fair:** In the event that your Big Buddy should drop from the project or there is a situation that prevents the animal from coming to fair, Little Buddies are encouraged to work with their leaders to potentially be paired up with another club member to allow the Little Buddy to complete the project. The MSU Extension Office needs to be notified if a switch in assigned Big Buddies happens.

10. **Disciplinary Action:** If disciplinary action is warranted, the 4-H Market Livestock Committee reserves the right to impose one or more of the following actions: additional percentage deducted from 4-H'ers Animal Sale proceeds, suspension from 4-H Market Livestock Project areas and/or forfeiture of premiums.
11. **Rules/Requirements Acknowledgement:** Signing the 4-H Market Livestock Lamb project application and being accepted into the project, indicates that you have read all the rules and requirements for the project in addition to the Oceana County Animal Project Code of Ethics and agree to abide by these rules.
12. **Issues/Complaint Process:** In questioning project rules or issues with your project you should contact the following people/groups in this order: 1) Your leader; 2) MSU Extension—4-H Program Coordinator; 3) 4-H Market Live stock Committee. If you should have any issue related to your project during Fair, please contact the following people/groups in this order: 1) Your leader; 2) Leader will contact Barn Superintendent; 3) Barn Superintendent will contact Executive Committee of project area; 4) Executive Committee will contact Youth Council Members.

Big Buddy Requirements to be aware of:

1. **Returning vs New Member:** A “Returning” Market Livestock Member is a 4-Her that has been enrolled at least one year in a market livestock project (Large, Small or Junior). A “New” Market Livestock Member is a 4-H'er enrolling in a market livestock project for their first year. All returning 4-Her's must have achieved a grade of B or better on their most recent market animal notebook. If you are registered in the 4-H Market Livestock Project you are not eligible to participate in the 4-H Small Market Animal Association.
2. **Optional Two Animal Registration:** Those enrolled in the 4-H Market Livestock Swine Project have the option of raising two hogs. If they choose to raise two animals, they will be required to pay a non-refundable \$5 fee for the second animal and acquire a second ear tag from the MSU Extension Office for this animal by 4:00 p.m. on June 1, 2023. The second animal will be registered as the “backup” animal. Breeds, ear tag numbers and pictures, with the 4-H ear tag visible (or signature of leader for those not visible) will be required for both animals. At this time the 4-H'er will declare which animal is their “Primary” animal and which will be their “Backup” animal. One backup animal maybe registered to more than one 4-H'er, but each 4-H'er must pay the \$5 backup animal fee.
3. **Backup Animal Notification Deadline:** The 4-Her raising two animals will have until **Tuesday, August 8th** to notify the MSU Extension Office, in writing, that they will be bringing their backup animal. If notification is not made, the primary animal will be the one expected to come to fair. If a 4-Her brings the backup animal without notification, in writing, to the fair they may be disqualified from exhibition and the 4-H market program.
4. **Waiting List System:** **If needed, a waiting list of at least 5 names will be taken. Those placed on the waiting list will be notified if a space should become available. Applications will be numbered in the order they are received. If a member is notified of available space prior to the June 1st deadline for breed, picture and ear tag, they must submit this information on or before June 1st. If a member is notified after the June 1st deadline, they will have 2 weeks to submit breed, picture and ear tag numbers. There will be no filling of open spots after July 1st.**
5. **Animal Housing:** **The location of where the lamb is housed must be recorded on your application form.**
6. **Ear Tag Requirements/Deadlines:** All 4-H Market Livestock swine project animals will be required to have an Oceana County 4-H Ear Tag, and a MDA RFID required tag, placed in their animal's ear. The 4-H tag will be provided to the leaders from the Extension Office. For those members registering two animals, you will be required to get your second tag from the Extension Office prior to the June 1st deadline. All hogs are required to have a MDARD tag in their ear that should have been provided at the time you purchased your hog. It is preferred to have the MDARD tag in one ear and the 4-H tag in the other. All ear tags, breeds and pictures must be turned into the Extension Office by **Thursday, June 1, 2023**. NO EXCEPTIONS!
7. **Lost/Fallen Out Ear Tags:** If ear tags are lost or fall out, the Extension Office must be notified at once. An Oceana County 4-H Ear Tag replacement tag will be issued from the MSU Extension Office. **If you need to get a new RFID tag you need to contact where you purchased your animal and then notify MSU Extension Office with the new number, no later than July 28th** in order to get their records updated. Any project animal coming to the fair without a 4-H ear tag and the required Scrapies tag will not be allowed to enter the barn.
8. **Picture & Breed Requirement:** All 4-H Swine project members raising hogs will be required to submit a color picture of their animal (s) with a visible ear tag and animal breed by **Thursday, June 1, 2023**. Pictures that do not have a visible ear tag must be initialed by the leader to verify that the ear tag has been placed in the animal's ear. **A physical copy of the picture is preferred, but email copies will be accepted if submitted in the digital picture format provided by MSU Extension. No other forms of digital pictures will be accepted. No faxing of pictures.**
9. **Recommended Starting Weight/Feed Date:** All 4-H Swine project animals should be on feed by Monday, May 1, 2022 to reach the fair weight range of 90-185 pounds. The 4-H Market Livestock recommends a starting weight of 65-75 pounds.

10. **Replacement Deadline:** If the hog should die or some other special problem occur prior to or on **July 1st of the project year**, the 4-H'er may request the 4-H Market Livestock Committee to grant a replacement. The MSU Extension Office must be notified no later than July 15th so that the Executive Committee/or Full Committee can be contacted for the replacement permission. Replacement animal requests will only be considered after the deceased/special problem animal has been viewed by the leader, 4-H Market Livestock Committee member or submission of a veterinarian's written explanation of the cause of death or special problem. **All pictures, ear tags and breeds for replacement animal must be on file at the Extension Office no later than July 28, 2023.** Failure to do so will result in disqualification from project. Those raising two animals, you may elect to have the "backup" animal as your replacement animal and would need to notify the MSU Extension Office in **writing of this decision by July 28, 2023 since the request for a replacement was made prior to July 1st.**
11. **Barrow and gilt market hogs** are eligible for 4-H market classes. A Barrow is a completely castrated male. Animals with evidence of staginess, testicles, incomplete castration, or with late castration will be disqualified from the 4-H market livestock swine program. **No boars will be allowed in the 4-H Market Project.**
12. **Entry Day/Weigh-In:** Hogs must arrive and be placed in their assigned pens by 11:00 a.m. on Entry Day. **All animals must be washed prior to arriving and ear tags must be clean and visible.** All animals must be weighed at a central scale designated by the 4-H Market Livestock Committee or a designated weigh master. Weighing of hogs will begin following the weighing of all available lambs or no later than 11:15 a.m. All animals will be weighed to the nearest pound. **All hogs must weigh between 220 lbs. to 310 lbs. to be eligible to sell.** There will be no re-weighing of animals. Any animal that does not fall within this weight range will not sell. Animals that do not make weight can be taken home or may stay for showing and selling out of the barn as a 4-H animal, but the 4-H member will be assessed a "participation fee" that will be used towards program costs. Failure to pay the assessed fee can result in disqualification from next year's project. Hauling fees will be extra if the animal should sell and buyer would like it taken to a Market Livestock arranged processor. If hauling fees are not paid, it will be the responsibility of the 4-Her and/or buyer to remove the animal from the grounds at the close of the Fair.
13. **Grading of Animals:** All lambs will be graded at the Fair. Any animal determined to be below quality by weight, age, or grade by the judge will not be eligible to be sold at the Market Livestock Sale at the Fair. All eligible animals must be sold at the 4-H Market Livestock Sale.
14. **Auction Sale Checks:** Those selling their animals through the 4-H Market Livestock Auction will receive their sale checks no sooner than the 4-H Market Livestock Annual Meeting. Determination of the date of the Annual Meeting will be dependent on when all sale proceeds have been received from the buyers. A 4-H'er's check will have the following deductions: Percentage & Dollar amount to cover program expenses, picture fee for two 8x10 pictures by the Committee's contracted photographer, hauling fee and any promotional fee required by the animal industry. 4-H'er's must present a signed Buyer's Receipt, for delivery of their picture and thank you to the buyer, in order to receive their auction check either at the 4-H Market Livestock Annual Meeting or at the MSU Extension Office following the Annual Meeting. All auction sale checks are valid for 60 days. Any checks after the 60 days will be assessed a \$25 re-issue fee. Any animal "Sold out of the Barn" is a private sale and should be handled between the 4-Her and Buyer. If assistance is needed from the MSU Extension Office, these transactions will be handled on Friday morning following the auction. As a sale "Out of the Barn", the buyer will not receive credit for purchasing that year, a ribbon or a picture as this is a private sale.
15. **Financial Loss:** The exhibitor will bear financial loss of any market livestock animal until that animal leaves the Fairgrounds at which time the hauler or buyer assumes responsibility unless the animal is condemned for any reason.
16. **Final Authority:** The 4-H Market Livestock Committee will be the final authority on all matters of concern and can grant exceptions to the above rules. They will consult with Youth Council if necessary.

Market Swine Project Dates: all deadlines are by 4:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted!

Market Swine Project Automatic Enrollment for returning members who meet requirements:

Tier 1 - 10/24/22– 10/28/22 (completed 6 meetings, got a passing grade on their notebook and sold at auction)

Tier 2 - 10/31/22 - 11/04/22 (completed 6 meetings, got a passing grade on their notebook but had extenuating circumstances such as did not make weight)

Tier 3- 11/12/2022 from 8:00 a.m.– 8:15 a.m. (new to the project or did not meet requirements)

Registration Deadline for Market swine registrations– **Thursday, June 1, 2023**

Pictures/Bred/Ear Tag Numbers—**Thursday, June 1, 2023**

Little Buddy Registration Deadline—**Thursday, June 1, 2023**

Replacement Request Deadline (death or special issue) - **Friday, June 30, 2023**

Paperwork for Replacement Animal— **Friday, July 28, 2023**

Potential Buyer’s Names—**Tuesday, August 1, 2023**

Written declaration of switch to “back-up” animal—**Tuesday, August 8, 2023**

Entry and Weigh-In at Fair—**Animals in pens no later than 11 a.m. Tuesday, August 22, 2023**

Notebooks—**Tues., August 22, 2023 at time animal is weighed and then entered in the Youth Exhibit Building by 5:00 p.m.**

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