



Kalkaska County 4-H Livestock Market and Show Rules



Exhibitor Requirements:

1. Kalkaska County Agricultural Fair 4-H division classes are open to youth who belong to a 4-H club and have trained with a livestock project leader. Only youth who are enrolled, active members of the Kalkaska County 4-H livestock market project may exhibit in 4-H market classes and sell at the 4-H auction.
2. There will be a mandatory meeting for all 4-H livestock project members. This meeting will take place in March of the program year. During this meeting, all members will sign a livestock project declaration stating what animals they have as projects for the year.
3. Youth participating in a 4-H class at the Kalkaska County Agricultural Fair must work for a minimum of two hours at the fairgrounds. A minimum of two different clean up dates will be set for the weeks before fair. Members may not show or market their animal in 4-H division classes if they (or a representative) do not work for two hours.
4. Each 4-H family is required to have an adult contribute a minimum of two hours of volunteer time for the Kalkaska County 4-H Program at some point throughout the program year. This can be during meetings, clubs, special activities, at the fair, MSUE office assistance, etc.
5. Each youth who markets an animal is required to participate in a livestock clinic before July 1 of the program year. A clinic includes, but is not limited to, Kettunen Center animal science workshops, statewide livestock showmanship/animal husbandry workshops, Exploration Days workshops related to animal science/care/show, county-wide or regional animal husbandry/showmanship workshops, Great Lakes Lamb Show Camp, etc. Youth who do not complete a clinic by July 1 will not be eligible to market their animal; youth will still be eligible for 4-H showmanship classes.
6. Code of Ethics:
 - a. Youth must abide by all rules in the Michigan 4-H Code of Conduct
 - b. IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics
Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics" fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they may impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.
 - c. All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.
7. Consequences of rule infractions may include dismissal from the fair or the inability to show or market the animal. Violation of 4-H rules will be subject to review by 4-H Program Coordinator and Barn Superintendents.
8. Any situation, or decision regarding the 4-H livestock project not covered by the project rules or these general rules will be directed to the 4-H Program Coordinator and put before the Kalkaska County 4-H Leaders Association for their consideration and cooperation. All efforts to cooperate with the Kalkaska County Agricultural Fair Board will be made regarding achieving common goals. Special exceptions to these rules may be allowed, and should be requested at least one month prior to fair. A determination will be made by at least a three-quarter majority vote of the Kalkaska County 4-H Leaders Association and a quorum of members present.

9. Grievance Policy: Complaints and appeals:
 - a. Any exhibitor may file a complaint regarding any of the following for 4-H Shows:
 - i. Conflict of interest of the judge
 - ii. Disqualification of an exhibitor or exhibit
 - iii. Exhibitor, group leader, or superintendent behavior
 - iv. Eligibility of the exhibit
 - b. All judging results are final. Exhibitors are allowed to file a written complaint by noon the day following the judging, to the Kalkaska County Leaders Association. The written complaint must be turned in with a \$10.00 protest fee to be retained by Leaders Association if the protest is not sustained. A protest hearing will be set by the 4-H Leaders Association with all parties notified 24 hours prior to the hearing.
 - c. If the exhibitor is not satisfied with the committees' findings, he or she may make an appeal to the MDA within 45 days of filing the initial complaint. MDA shall have 60 days after receipt of any appropriately filed appeal to investigate the complaint, and shall issue a finding of fact and notice of department action and any recommended actions for the association.

Registration requirements:

10. Youth showing/marketing a dairy or beef steer or a poultry production pen must be registered through 4-H online in their project by January 10th of the program year. Youth showing/marketing all other animals must be registered through 4-H online in their project by March 1 of the project year.
11. Youth showing/marketing a dairy or beef steer or a poultry production pen must have a livestock declaration form on file with the Kalkaska County 4-H office by the last Tuesday of January. Youth are still required to attend a livestock meeting in March, and can declare any other species at that time (see #2 above).
12. Livestock Declarations for a (see #2 above) must be completed, signed by exhibitors and parents, in March of the program year.
13. Livestock registration forms for 4-H classes held at the Kalkaska County Agricultural Fair are required by June 1.
14. 4-H charges members a \$5.00 fee per barn to help cover costs associated with the fair. This fee is paid with June registration forms. Cloverbuds who are showing another member's animal (see # 23) still pay this registration fee.

Requirements for 4-H youth showing livestock:

15. 4-H animals must be owned by the exhibitor. Market animal possession dates are set forth by individual species and outlined in their respective rules. Ownership means: in possession of, cared for, the responsibility of.
16. 4-H members may not show the same animal in 4-H and open showmanship classes at the Kalkaska County Agricultural Fair. Youth may bring a separate animal to show in open, pending open class and pen availability. The exception to this is animals used only for 4-H showmanship (non-market animals). Those animals may be shown in open breed/species classes if they have not been shown in a 4-H class other than showmanship.
17. Exhibitors will be responsible for following posted barn rules in their respective barns.
18. Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their animal until it is removed from the fairgrounds.
19. 4-H members showing in 4-H classes must be present to show their animals in showmanship and market classes, and to study the placing made by the judge.
20. All members must be able to lead and handle their animals at the time of weigh in. A committee of at least 2 members from the fairboard, the 4-H Program Coordinator, 4-H barn superintendents, will make this determination. If the youth is unable to demonstrate this they will not be permitted to show during fair. Dismissed livestock must leave the grounds.
21. The order of 4-H classes, as well as a roster of participants in each class, will be prepared by the 4-H office and made available prior to judging.
22. For the purpose of showmanship, youth are described below relative to their 4-H age (age of the youth on January 1).
 - a. Cloverbuds: youth ages 5-8.
 - b. Juniors: youth ages 9-11.
 - c. Intermediates: youth ages 12-14.
 - d. Seniors: youth ages 15-19.
 - e. (Exceptions may be made based on the needs/ability of youth. See rule #8 above)
23. Cloverbuds, ages 5-8, may bring their own animal or may borrow an animal from another member. This must be noted on the registration form (due June 1). Cloverbuds are not eligible to show in any market class.

24. No animals will be sold or advertised as for sale, **by sign or word of mouth**, until completion of the 4-H Market Livestock Auction. Non-market livestock animals are allowed to be sold via private sale, but buyers will not be sought until the auction is complete.
25. All animal entries must meet the current year's Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Exhibition requirements including proper identification of animals.
26. **Youth may not show or market the same species of animal at two Michigan fairs, in 4-H or open classes, in the same calendar year. State shows and non-fair shows (such as ARBA shows, Michigan State Fair, Michigan Livestock Expo, jackpot shows, Michigan Beef Showcase; Great Lakes Lamb Show Camp/show) are not considered fairs. Violators will not be eligible to participate for the following 2 years in Kalkaska County 4-H livestock shows/classes at the Kalkaska County Fair. (This rule does not apply to dogs or horse projects).**
27. 4-H animals shown at the Kalkaska County Agricultural Fair will be released upon the direction of the fairboard and 4-H Barn Superintendents. **Pens and stalls must be clean, and taken down and put in storage when appropriate, by 9 am on the closing day of fair (Sunday).**
28. Horse shows: All 4-H horse show participants will follow current rules put forth by MSUE. This includes class eligibility. 4-H horse show format will be determined by the number of enrolled horse project members when declarations are due in March.
29. **Dog shows: All 4-H dog shows (agility and rally) participants will follow current rules put forth by MSUE. This includes class eligibility. 4-H dog show format will be determined by the number of enrolled dog project members by June 1.**

4-H Market Animal Exhibitor Requirements:

30. 4-H Member age eligibility for Beef Steers and Dairy Steers: exhibitor must be 13 years old at time of fair. All other species: eligibility will be ages 9-19, 4-H age (age on January 1 of calendar year).
31. Youth may market one large animal (goat, sheep, swine, beef/dairy steer, feeder steer) and one pen of small animals (rabbits, broiler chickens, chicken production pen, geese, turkeys, ducks), OR two pens of small animals (different species) in the same year.
32. Youth marketing an animal must also participate in showmanship classes for that species. For large animals (goats, sheep, swine, beef and dairy steer, beef and dairy feeders), the market animal must be used for showmanship. For small animals (rabbits and poultry), an animal of the same species must be used but it does not have to be the market animal.
33. Any market animal cannot have been shown or sold at another county fair during this calendar year.
34. All 4-H market animals to be sold in the Kalkaska County 4-H Market Livestock Auction must weigh in on the designated day of fair, at the designated time. Members must be present at the time of weigh in and lead their animals across the scale. Members may request a re-weigh of their animal if their animal is under- or overweight. Reweigh may be done at the time the animal is discovered underweight or at the end of the species being weighed.
35. **All market animals will be tagged or tattooed. One number is used throughout possession. No two animals may be assigned the same number. All animals will be tagged within two weeks of possession. Tag numbers and possession dates will be turned in to the county office within two weeks of possession dates for large animals. Rabbit tattoo numbers will be turned in to the county office within one week of possession date. Numbered poultry leg bands will be assigned/passed out by the county office.**
36. Members may tag two large animals of the same species. **Both tag numbers must be sent in on time, and both must be listed on registration forms. Youth must inform barn superintendents at check in which animal they are using for market.** You may not wait until weigh in to determine which animal is being sold at auction.
37. **Members may tattoo/band up to 6 small animals for a pen of three, and 10 animals for a pen of five. Youth must inform barn superintendents at check in which animals are being used for market.**
38. To be eligible for 4-H Livestock Market Auction, a completed animal record book is required to be completed and handed in to a 4-H leader or barn superintendent by 9 am the day after weigh in. The supplemental page with final market weight will be due by 10 am Saturday of fair week.
39. **A sum of 5%** shall be collected for each animal or pen of animals sold at the 4-H Livestock Market Auction.
40. **Youth will be provided with a buyer's ribbon, two pictures of themselves and their project animal, and 1 frame, before the auction. The youth will present their buyer with a framed picture and a buyer's ribbon after the purchase of the animal.**
41. Checks from purchasers at the auction will be net, less the percentage/fee, and any other fee if not paid before the close of fair. Checks will be available for pick up from the Kalkaska County MSUE office after all invoices have been paid.

42. Allowing youth to sell underweight animals is handled on an individual basis each year. If a youth is allowed to sell an underweight animal, an additional page (Underweight Animal Report Form) will be required to be turned in with their record book.

Market animal weights, possession dates, and animal ages:

*Poultry must be ordered through Kalkaska County 4-H.

Species	Weight	Possession	Age
Beef Steer	900 lb. min	January 1	Max of 3 years of age at fair
Feeder Beef	300 - 600 lb.	May 4	Born after Nov 1 of previous year
Dairy Steer	900 lb. min	January 1	Max of 3 years of age at fair
Feeder Dairy	300-600 lb.	May 4	Born after Nov 1 of previous year
Prospect Swine	190-199 lb.	May 4	Born after December 1 of previous year
Market Swine	200 lb. min	May 4	Born after December 1 of previous year
Lambs	90 lb. min	May 4	Born after December 1 of previous year
Goat	60 lb. min	May 4	Max of 10 months old
Rabbit (pen of 3)	3-5.5 lbs. each	June 20	Max of 70 days old
Turkey (Pen of 3)	15 lb. min per bird	At date of delivery*	15-16 weeks old*
Chicken (pen of 3)	6 lbs. min per bird	At date of delivery*	6 - 8 weeks old*
Duck (pen of 3)	4 lbs. min per bird	At date of delivery*	10-12 weeks old*
Geese (pen of 3)	8 lbs. min per bird	At date of delivery*	15-16 weeks old *
Production Pen (pen of 5)	n/a	At date of delivery*	24-26 weeks old*

Market Beef Steer Projects

1. Market animals must be steers and exhibit dominant characteristics of beef breeds.
2. Youth must be 13 years old by the week of fair.
3. Possession Date: January 1.
4. Animal age: max 3 years.
5. Weight: minimum 900 lbs
6. Showmanship: market animal must be used.
7. Steers must be dehorned.
8. Animals must have an RFID tag from the original farm/breeder, in compliance with state regulations.
9. Animals should originate from a certified TB free county. If animal is purchased from a county that is not TB free, appropriate bloodwork and certificates must be presented before animal is brought into the barn. (See http://www.michigan.gov/mdard/0,4610,7-125-1571_7075-300958--,00.html for specific information regarding cattle/Bovine TB)
10. Members must keep halter and lead rope on animals at all times. Animal must always be tied with halter and neck rope when in assigned pen. No nose clamps or rings allowed.

Market Dairy Steer Projects

1. Each animal must be a steer of straight dairy breeding.
2. Youth must be 13 years old by the week of fair.
3. Possession date: January 1.
4. Animal age: max 3 years.
5. Weight: minimum 900 lbs.
6. Showmanship: market animal must be used.
7. Steers must be dehorned.
8. Animals must have an RFID tag from the original farm/breeder, in compliance with state regulations.
9. Animals should originate from a certified TB free county. If animal is purchased from a county that is not TB free, appropriate bloodwork and certificates must be presented before animal is brought into the barn. (See http://www.michigan.gov/mdard/0,4610,7-125-1571_7075-300958--,00.html for specific information regarding cattle/Bovine TB)
10. Members must have lead ropes and halter on steers at all times during the fair. No nose leads or rings allowed

Market Feeder Beef Steer

1. Market animals must be steers and exhibit dominant characteristics of beef breeds.
2. Possession Date: May 4.
3. Animal age: born after November 1 of previous year.
4. Weight: 300-600 lbs.
5. Showmanship: market animal must be used.
6. Steers must be dehorned.
7. Animals must have an RFID tag from the original farm/breeder, in compliance with state regulations.
8. Animals should originate from a certified TB free county. If animal is purchased from a county that is not TB free, appropriate bloodwork and certificates must be presented before animal is brought into the barn. (See http://www.michigan.gov/mdard/0,4610,7-125-1571_7075-300958--,00.html for specific information regarding cattle/Bovine TB)
9. Members must keep halter and lead rope on animals at all times. Animal must always be tied with halter and neck rope when in assigned pen. No nose clamps or rings allowed.

Market Feeder Dairy Steer

1. Market animals must be steers of straight dairy breeding.
2. Possession Date: May 4.
3. Animal age: born after November 1 of previous year.
4. Weight: 300-600 lbs.
5. Showmanship: market animal must be used.
6. Steers must be dehorned.
7. Animals must have an RFID tag from the original farm/breeder, in compliance with state regulations.
8. Animals should originate from a certified TB free county. If animal is purchased from a county that is not TB free, appropriate bloodwork and certificates must be presented before animal is brought into the barn. (See http://www.michigan.gov/mdard/0,4610,7-125-1571_7075-300958--,00.html for specific information regarding cattle/Bovine TB)
9. Members must keep halter and lead rope on animals at all times. Animal must always be tied with halter and neck rope when in assigned pen. No nose clamps or rings allowed.

Market Swine and Prospect Swine

1. May be either gilt or barrow.
2. **The Kalkaska County Agricultural Fair** is deemed a terminal fair. Therefore, all swine must go straight to slaughter at the conclusion of the fair.
3. Possession Date: May 4.
4. Weight: 200 lb minimum. There is no top weight for market swine, but buyers will only be charged for 300 lbs max. For example, you may market a 345 lb pig, but your buyer will be billed for a 300 lb pig.)
5. Showmanship: market animal must be used.
6. **Animal Age: born after December 1 of previous year.**
7. All swine must originate from a farm/breeder in Michigan.
8. **All swine feeding must be supervised by 4-H member. Self feeders will not be allowed in pens. Feed dishes must be removed after animal is done eating.**
9. Swine in the "Prospect Class" (weighing in at 190-199 lbs) will be able to sell at auction, but will not be judged. They will be placed in auction order by weight.

****Note: beginning in the 2018-2019 program year, youth who market a swine will be required to have Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) certification by July 1.**

Market Lambs

1. May be either wether or ewe.
2. All market lambs must be **clean shorn** within 10 days of show.
3. All sheep shall be identified with official USDA scrapie program identification.
4. Possession Date: May 4.
5. Animal age: born after December 1 of previous year.
6. **Weight: minimum 90 lbs.**
7. **Animals must not have horns (or buds).**
8. Showmanship: market animal must be used

Market Goats

1. May be either wether or ewe.
2. Possession Date: May 4.
3. All goats shall be identified with official USDA scrapie program identification.
4. Animal age: born after December 1 of previous year.
5. Weight: minimum 60 lbs.
6. Animals must be dehorned.
7. Showmanship: market animal must be used

Market Rabbits

1. Pen of three.
2. All rabbits must be tattooed.
3. Possession Date: June 20.
4. Weight: 3.0-5.5 per animal.
5. Animal age: max 70 days.
6. Youth are responsible for processing of rabbits if desired by buyer. Youth are responsible for working out delivery of animals to buyer.
7. Showmanship: youth must participate in showmanship class, but may use an animal different than their market pen. It is recommended that the showmanship rabbit be the same breed as the market pen whenever possible.

Market Poultry

All market poultry must be ordered through the Kalkaska MSUE office and paid for at time of ordering.
All poultry shown/marked must NOT have received the ILT vaccine.

Production Pen

1. Pen of five birds
2. Birds must be banded with numbered bands provided by Kalkaska County 4-H.
3. Each bird must have tested negative for pullorum-typhoid before it is placed in a cage/pen at the fairgrounds.
4. Animal age: 24-26 weeks at time of fair.
5. Order due date: first Tuesday in May.
6. Showmanship: youth must participate in showmanship class, and must use a chicken. Showmanship animal does not have to be from market pen.
7. Birds must be a dual purpose chicken (egg and meat type), and a recognized breed, not a mixed breed. Acceptable breeds: Orpingtons, Barred/white/buff Rocks, Rhode Island Red, Wyandottes, Jersey Giants, Brahmas, Sussex. Unacceptable breeds: Araucana/Americana, Anconas, Andalusian, Leghorns, Rainbow Layers, Black and Red Sex-Link, Minorcas.

Market Broilers

1. Pen of three birds.
2. Birds must be banded with numbered bands provided by Kalkaska County 4-H.
3. Each bird must have tested negative for pullorum-typhoid before it is placed in a cage/pen at the fairgrounds.
4. Animal age: 6-8 weeks at time of fair.
5. Order due date: first Tuesday in May
6. Animal Weight: 6 lbs minimum per bird.
7. Showmanship: youth must participate in showmanship class, and must use a chicken. Showmanship animal does not have to be from market pen.
8. Processing:
 - a. If processing is done prior to auction, youth will be responsible for sending a picture of them and their birds to the 4-H Program Coordinator by July 10. Youth will also be responsible for providing a small educational display in the poultry barn for the remainder of fair week.
 - b. If birds are not processed prior to auction, youth will be responsible transporting their market pen to a processor.

Market Turkey

1. Pen of three birds
2. Birds must be banded with numbered bands provided by Kalkaska County 4-H.
3. Each bird must have tested negative for pullorum-typhoid before it is placed in a cage/pen at the fairgrounds.
4. Birds must be a meat breed.
5. Animal age: 15-16 weeks at time of fair.
6. Order due date: first Tuesday in March
7. Animal Weight: 15 lbs minimum per bird.
8. Showmanship: youth must participate in showmanship class, and must use a turkey. Showmanship animal does not have to be from market pen.
9. Processing:
 - a. If processing is done prior to auction, youth will be responsible for sending a picture of them and their birds to the 4-H Program Coordinator by July 10. Youth will also be responsible for providing a small educational display in the poultry barn for the remainder of fair week.
 - b. If birds are not processed prior to auction, youth will be responsible transporting their market pen to a processor.

Market Ducks

1. Pen of three birds
2. Birds must be banded with numbered bands provided by Kalkaska County 4-H.
3. Birds must be a meat breed.
4. Animal age: 10-12 weeks at time of fair.
5. Order due date: first Tuesday in April
6. Animal Weight: 4 lbs minimum per bird.
7. Showmanship: youth must participate in showmanship class, and must use a duck. Showmanship animal does not have to be from market pen.
8. Processing:
 - a. If processing is done prior to auction, youth will be responsible for sending a picture of them and their birds to the 4-H Program Coordinator by July 10. Youth will also be responsible for providing a small educational display in the poultry barn for the remainder of fair week.
 - b. If birds are not processed prior to auction, youth will be responsible transporting their market pen to a processor.
 - c. Exhibitor can determine if ducks will be sold as live or processed animals, if processing is offered prior to auction.

Market Geese

1. Pen of three birds
2. Birds must be banded with numbered bands provided by Kalkaska County 4-H.
3. Animal age: 15-16 weeks at time of fair.
4. Order due date: first Tuesday in March
5. Animal Weight: 8 lbs minimum per bird.
6. Showmanship: youth must participate in showmanship class, and must use a goose. Showmanship animal does not have to be from market pen.
7. Processing:
 - a. If processing is done prior to auction, youth will be responsible for sending a picture of them and their birds to the 4-H Program Coordinator by July 10. Youth will also be responsible for providing a small educational display in the poultry barn for the remainder of fair week.
 - b. If birds are not processed prior to auction, youth will be responsible transporting their market pen to a processor.
 - c. Exhibitor can determine if geese will be sold as live or processed animals, if processing is offered prior to auction.