



## Sussex County 4-H Market Animal Sale

May 2017

**Re: 2017 Sussex County 4-H Market Animal Sale**

Dear 4-H Market Animal Sale Supporters,

On behalf of the Sussex County 4-H Market Animal Sale Committee, I would like to invite you to attend this year's Market Animal Sale. The Sale will be held Tuesday, August 8th, 2017 at 7:00 PM. A Social gathering before the Sale featuring barbecued meats, local corn and other fine foods will commence at 5:00 PM.

Sussex County enjoys impressive participation in 4-H programs which offer positive and hands-on development opportunities for our youth. The Market Animal Sale provides a selling opportunity for the 4-H'ers who complete all the program requirements in raising project animals. As a reminder, all market animals raised by 4H'ers are natural!

The Market Animal Sale has been successful because of the interest and generosity of people such as you. Your participation is tremendously appreciated by the 4-H'ers and their families. I look forward to seeing you on August 8, 2017; should you have any questions about the Sale please contact me by email or call. If you know of anyone else in the surrounding communities that would be interested in supporting the 4-H'ers in the Market Animal Sale, please contact us, and we will be more than pleased to extend an invitation to them!

Please complete and return the enclosed Registration Form by July 15th, 2017 if you would like to attend. To help reduce costs and expedite registration at the social, name tags and bidder cards will be pre-printed only for registrations that are submitted in advance of the social.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Irene Zeberl".

Irene Zeberl  
Head Chair, Sussex County 4-H Market Animal Sale Committee  
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Enclosures



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Dear 4-H Friend:

Each year 4-H members purchase market animals (lambs, goats, pigs, steers and new this year, rabbits) to raise for showing at the New Jersey State Fair<sup>®</sup>/Sussex County Farm & Horse Show in August. This year the Fair will open August 4<sup>th</sup> with 4-H livestock shows taking place August 6 and 7. Many 4-H members from these clubs opt to sell their project animals at auction through the 4-H Market Animal Sale (MAS).

For these 4-H members, the MAS culminates their efforts in raising an animal. Members often use profits from the sale to cover college expenses, or fund next year's project. Selling their project animal at auction provides the 4-H youth knowledge of the business of agriculture.

You can contribute to the success of our MAS by participating as a buyer. It is a great way to fill your freezer with fresh, homegrown, all-natural, beef, lamb, pork, or chevon (goat meat). *This year we will also be offering rabbit for the first time!* It is not uncommon for several supporters to pool resources in bidding for an animal, especially when purchasing a steer.

If you prefer, your purchase may be donated to a local charity. Arrangements have been made to have the meat processed under USDA inspection. The 4-H member who raised the animal you purchase will deliver packaged meat to you or the non-profit you choose.

A Social to welcome potential buyers will be held **Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 5:00 pm in the Sussex County Board of Agriculture BBQ Pavilion. Following the Social, market animals judged Excellent will be offered for sale at the 4-H Blue Ribbon Market Animal Sale (MAS) in the Livestock Arena at 7:00 p.m.

Please complete the enclosed registration form and mail or email it to the address indicated. In return, you will receive passes for admission to the New Jersey State Fair/Sussex County Farm & Horse Show, a parking pass, and we will reserve a place for you at the Social.

We look forward to your participation at the 2017 4-H Market Animal Sale.

Sincerely yours,

Dave Foord  
4-H Senior Program Coordinator

**4-H MARKET ANIMAL SALE AND BUYER'S SOCIAL REGISTRATION**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2017

SOCIAL BEGINS AT 5:00 P.M./SALE BEGINS AT 7:00 P.M.

*RSVP BY JULY 15, 2017*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE RETURN TO:

**SUSSEX COUNTY 4-H MARKET ANIMAL SALE**

c/o Jane Hammond  
31 Union Turnpike  
Branchville, NJ 07826

(862) 686-1563

Payment is greatly appreciated on the day of the sale!