

4-H MARKET ANIMAL PROJECT

Lamb, Steer, Hog, Goat

1. 4-H members must comply with General Health Fair Exhibitor Rules on the New Jersey State Fair®/ Sussex County Farm & Horse Show website, as well as the rules of the market project species.
2. Project animals are required to be on the member's property by a specific date: January 1st for market beef projects, and May 1st for market lambs, goats and hogs. If this requirement has not been met, a Lease/Borrow/Board contract between the 4-H member and the landowner/farmer must be completed and on file with the 4-H office by January 1st for market steers and by May 1st for market lambs, goats and hogs. Authorized adult club leaders must determine whether a project animal can be replaced due to sickness or injury. After July 1st a 4-H member can only replace a designated market lamb, hog, goat or steer with another animal that they have also raised at their farm.
3. Birth dates of each market project are as follows:
 - Market lambs must be born January 1st or later of the current year.
 - Market goats must be born January 1st or later of the current year
 - Market hogs must be born February 1st or later of the current year.
 - Market steers must be born after January 1st of the previous year and not be more than 20 months old or showing any permanent incisor teeth at the time of sale.
4. Market Project Finished Weight Requirements:
 - Market lambs must be a minimum of 75 lbs. and 150 lbs. maximum pay weight.
 - Market goats must be between 50 lbs. and 110 lbs..
 - Market hogs must be between 200 lbs. and 275 lbs..
 - Market steers must be between 900 lbs. and 1550 lbs..
5. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is required for every animal. No animal will be unloaded before a designated fair official does a health evaluation on the animal. CVI must include proof of rabies vaccine/BVD test (as required), by a licensed veterinarian.
6. A 4-H member may raise more than one market project species and may also raise more than one animal (lamb, steer, goat or hog) in each species. The member may enter all the animals for judging (two in one species or different species). ***If a member does raise more than one species he or she may only enter one of each species in the Market Animal Sale (MAS) and is limited to two animals overall in the MAS.*** The only exception to this rule is when the 4-H member has achieved both Grand and Reserve Champion in a single species. If this should happen, both the Grand and Reserve must be entered into the MAS.
7. ***No*** horned animals will be allowed in a 4-H show, barn and/or exhibit.
8. All market animals must be weighed in between 8:00 and 10:00 am on the first Monday of the fair at times to be announced by the division chairpersons. ***All animals must be prepared to be weighed by 8:00 am.*** Failure to do so will forfeit the right to show.
9. The following items must be completed and submitted by the designated deadline:
 - a. 4-H members must give a county level public presentation in order to qualify to sell their market animal in the sale.
 - b. Sussex 4-H Lease/Borrow/Board contracts must be submitted to the 4-H Office by January 1st for market beef projects and by May 1st for market lambs, goats and hogs.
 - c. Yellow market registration forms with photos of animals showing their tag/tattoo #'s, must be submitted to the club's organizational leader at their May meeting. A club leader (sheep, goat, swine) must submit all (yellow) registration forms and photos to the MAS Secretary no later than June 1. A club leader (beef) must submit all (yellow) registration forms and photos to the MAS Secretary no later than February 1.
 - d. Project book completed through May submitted at the June meeting of club species to club leader to be reviewed and signed.
 - e. NJSF/SCFHS entry form must be completed and handed in to species club leader at the June species club meeting.
 - f. MAS green booster form must be completed and handed in to species club leader or designated parent at June club meeting. ***All booster forms and money must be submitted to the MAS Treasurer by July 1st. Failure to comply with any of the above requirements will forfeit a member's eligibility to participate in the MAS.***

10. Only blue ribbon animals may be sold, and those may be sold at the option of the exhibitor, except that Grand and Reserve Champion animals of each species **must** be offered for sale. If a 4-H member chooses to withdraw his or her animal from the sale, they must inform their 4-H club leader and the chair of the Market Animal Sale Committee as soon as possible prior to the beginning of the sale.
11. When an animal sells in the 4-H Market Animal Sale, the sale is final. 4-H members or their parents, relatives or friends may not interfere with the transfer of the animal to the buyer or hauler. Under no circumstances will a 4-H member be allowed to keep his or her animal and also receive payment for the sale of the animal.
12. Dress for market sale show will be club designated show shirt. Dress for the Social and Auction will be clean blue jeans, and MAS T-shirt. No baseball hats or sandals will be allowed.
13. All members must meet in the Ag Arena show ring at 5:00 pm for group photo.
14. Any 4-H member who is not available to present his or her animal for sale at the appropriate time will forfeit the privilege of selling the animal. Extraordinary 4-H circumstances will be considered at the discretion of the leader.
15. 4-H members are responsible for picking up their meat for delivery to their buyer or charity. The meat is delivered by refrigerated truck on a specified date that is pre-arranged. If they cannot come, they must:
 - Make arrangements in advance for someone else to pick up and deliver their meat and;
 - Contact their club leader in advance to inform them that they will not be in attendance, and;
 - Contact buyer(s) and/or charities prior to the day of delivery.
16. ***All meat must be delivered to your buyer or the buyer selected charity on day of meat delivery, or agreed upon date by buyer.*** Failure to meet these responsibilities will result in a 10% penalty, deducted from his or her proceeds.
17. The 4-H member will receive no less than 90% of the sale price. The percentage the 4-H member receives will be for the sale of their market animal determined by the MAS committee.
18. The Buyer Social is offered to provide a meal and allow socialization for the buyers as a *thank you*, and as encouragement to purchase an animal. 4-H members who are selling animals may be present (in appropriate dress) for a short time, beginning at 5:30 to mingle with the buyers. All 4-H members shall be present for the opening ceremony at the beginning of the sale.
19. *Resale* of any market animals will be scheduled at the end of the sale. Only one animal of each species will be auctioned at the end of the sale. Funds generated by this resale are donated to Sussex County 4-H affiliated organizations such as the 4-H Foundation.
20. Proceeds from the Market Animal Sale will be mailed to 4-H members after all buyers have paid for their purchases.
21. A parent or guardian of any 4-H members intending to participate in the MAS must attend a mandatory parent meeting in the month of April. There will be ***no exceptions***, unless otherwise excused by a club's leader. If a parent or guardian does not attend this meeting, the 4-H member will not be permitted to participate in the MAS.
22. MAS reserves the right to make exceptions to any of the above rules under extenuating circumstances. 4-H club leaders of the sheep, steer, hog and goat project clubs must report any such situations occurring with individual members which cause conflict in conforming to the above regulations to the 4-H Market Animal Show and Sale Planning Committee which will take appropriate action.

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