

## 4H MARKET ANIMAL PROJECT -LAMB, STEER, HOG, GOAT-

4-H members must also comply with General Participant Rules and any other requirements of their specific market project species.

1. Ownership of animals is required by a specific date: January 1<sup>st</sup> for market steers, and May 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.
2. Birth dates of each market project are as follows:
  - a. Market lambs must be born January 1<sup>st</sup> or later of the current year
  - b. Market goats must be born January 1<sup>st</sup> or later of the current year
  - c. Market hogs must be born February 15<sup>th</sup> or later of the current year
  - d. Market steers must be born after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year and not be more than 20 months old or showing any permanent incisor teeth at the time of sale
3. Market Project Finished Weight Requirements:
  - a. Market lambs must be a minimum of 75 lbs and 150 lbs maximum pay weight
  - b. Market goats must be between 50 lbs and 110 lbs
  - c. Market hogs must be between 200 lbs and 275 lbs
  - d. Market steers must be between 900 lbs and 1550 lbs
4. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is required for every animal. No animal will be unladed before a designated fair official does a health evaluation on the animal.
5. A 4-H member may raise more than one market project species and can also raise more than one animal (lamb, steer, goat or hog) in each species. The member can 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 MAS and is **limited to two animals over all 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 that should happen both the grand and reserve must be entered into the MAS.
6. NO horned animals will be allowed in a 4-H show, barn and/or exhibit.
7. All market animals must be ready to 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. Failure to do will forfeit the right to show.

8. The following items must be completed and handled in 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. Yellow market registration form with photos submitted at the May meeting of club species
  - c. Project book completed through May submitted at the June meeting of club species to club leader to be reviewed and signed.
  - d. SCFHS pink entry form must be completed and handed in to species club leader at the June species club meeting
  - e. MAS green booster form must be completed and handed in to species club leader or designated parent at June club meeting

***Failure to comply with any of the above requirements will forfeit your eligibility to participate in the MAS sale.***

9. Only blue ribbon animals may be sold, and those may be sold at the option of the exhibitor, except that champion 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.
10. 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.
11. Dress for market sale show will be clean blue jeans, white collared shirt or Market Animal Sale shirt. NO hats or any kind of sandals will be allowed. Dress for the auction will be the same.
12. 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.
13. 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 prior arrangements for someone else to pick up and deliver their meat. Members must let the club leader know they will not be in attendance and buyers or charities prior to the day of delivery by the trucks. All meat must be delivering to your buyer or the buyer selected charity by September 7<sup>th</sup>. Failure to meet these responsibilities will result in a 10% penalty, deducted from his or her proceeds.

14. 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.
15. The Buyer Social is offered to provide a meal and socialization for the previous three years buyers as a “Thank You,” and as encouragement to purchase another animal. 4-H members who are selling animals may be present (in appropriate dress) for a short time (5:30-6:00 pm) to mingle with the buyers but should allow time to eat with their club and be ready for the sale. All 4-H members are to be present for the opening ceremony at the beginning for the sale.
16. “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 organizations/programs such as the 4-H Foundation Scholarship Fund.
17. A parent must attend a mandatory parent meeting in the month of May or guardian of all 4-H members intending to sell in the MAS must attend. NO EXCEPTIONS, unless otherwise excused by club leaders. If a parent or guardian does not attend, the 4-H member will not be permitted to sell, under any circumstances.
18. 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.

*These rules were reviewed and amended by the Market Animal Sale Committee in the fall of 2007 and approved in 2008*