

4-H MARKET ANIMAL PROJECT

Lamb, Beef, Hog, Goat, Rabbit

1. 4-H members must comply with General Health Fair Exhibitor Rules of the New Jersey State Fair®/ Sussex County Farm & Horse Show, as posted on their website, as well as the rules described here.
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, and April 1st for rabbits. If this requirement has not been met, a Boarding 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 beef and by May 1st for market lambs, goats, hogs, and rabbits. Authorized adult club leaders must determine whether a project animal can be replaced due to sickness or injury. Should the situation arise, the club head leader must notify the MAS Committee immediately. After July 1st a 4-H member can only replace a designated market lamb, hog, goat, beef, or rabbit pen (3 rabbits), with another animal that is already in their project record book and has been raised at their farm.
3. **Birth dates of each market project are as follows:**
 - Market Rabbit pens may not be older than 10 weeks on the date of the sale.
 - 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 beef 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 Rabbits must be a minimum of 3.5 to 5.5lbs. per rabbit. (Maximum pen pay weight is 16.5 lbs.)
 - 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. maximum pay weight.
 - Market hogs must be between 200 lbs. and 275 lbs. maximum pay weight.
 - Market beef must be between 900 lbs. and 1550 lbs. maximum pay weight.
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, goat, beef, hog, rabbit pen) in each species. The member may enter up to two animals per species for judging. If a member does raise more than one species, he or she may only sell one of each species in the Market Animal Sale. However, the 4H member is limited *to sell 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 sold in 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 for the current project year, in order to qualify to sell their market animal in the sale.
 - b. If the market project animal is not on the 4-H member's property, a Sussex 4H Boarding Contract must be submitted to the 4-H Office by January 1st for market beef projects and by May 1st for market lambs, goats, hogs and rabbits.
 - c. Yellow market registration forms must be completed and submitted to the club leader and MAS Secretary on the following dates. Members must attach two photos for each animal- 1 full body shot, and 1 head shot with ear tag/tattoo clearly visible. If ear tag is lost or has fallen out, the member must contact the leader & provide the new tag number and new photos. The leader must notify the Head Chair of the MAS Committee and submit new tag # and photos.

NOTE: Animal cannot be re-tagged in the same hole in the ear. It must be re-tagged in the opposite ear.

NOTE: Lambs and goat kids must have Scrapie ID ear tags.

	Members give to Club Leaders	Club Leaders give to MAS Secretary
Beef	January club mtg.	By Feb. 1
Pig	May club mtg.	By June 1
Lamb	May club mtg.	By June 1
Goat	May club mtg.	By June 1
Rabbit	July club mtg	By July 15

- d. Project book completed through **May** submitted to club leader at the **June** species club meeting to be reviewed and signed by the club leader.
- 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 at their 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, and prior to the beginning of the sale.

11. When an animal is sold 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 should have their photo taken with their animal, based on the schedule that has been pre-arranged with the photographer. Leaders will notify their club members of their scheduled photo time. All members must meet in the Ag Livestock Arena show ring at 5:00 pm for group photo. Bio cards and drug forms will be collected at that time.
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 circumstances will be considered at the discretion of the leader.
15. 4-H members are responsible for picking up their meat at the processing plant, for delivery to their buyer or charity. 4-H members will be notified via E-Mail of meat pick up date and time, along with the buyer's name(s) and contact information, to arrange for delivery of the meat.
If the 4-H member is not able to pick up the meat, s/he must:
 - Make arrangements in advance for someone else to pick up and deliver their meat and;
 - Contact buyer(s) and/or charities *prior to the day of delivery*.
16. All meat must be delivered to the buyer or the buyer selected charity on day of pick up, or agreed upon date by the 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 for the sale of their market animal will be 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. Each club is responsible for purchasing, cooking and carving their club's meat contribution to the social meal. 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, or 4-H MAS Scholarship Fund.
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 the MAS executive board. If a parent or guardian does not attend this meeting, the 4-H member will not be permitted to participate in the MAS.

22. Parents of 4-H members will be asked to donate food to the MAS Social. Additionally, 4-H parents will be asked to help with set up and cleanup of the social. Parents **must** sign up at the mandatory parent meeting in April.
23. If a 4-H member violates any of the rules, the 4-H member may not show or sell their animal(s) in the 4-H MAS.
24. MAS reserves the right to make exceptions to any of the above rules under extenuating circumstances. 4-H club leaders of the sheep, beef, hog, goat and rabbit 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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