

ARENAC COUNTY MARKET LIVESTOCK SALE RULES

As of October 21, 2020

The livestock sale committee shall be made up of the following:

- 4-H Extension Educator
- 4-H Program Coordinator
- FFA Advisor
- 4-H Leaders of Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goat, Rabbit, Pheasant, Poultry and Dairy clubs
- **Two Arenac County Fair livestock superintendents**

Special meetings can be called, but an attempt must be made to reach all committee members.

This market livestock program is open to all registered Arenac County 4-H and FFA members that meet the following requirements:

- A) Eight to 19 years old for 4-H as of January 1 of current program year and/or**
- B) Twelve to 20 years old for FFA as of date of birth**

All members must exhibit, raise, **provide adequate care and shelter**, show and sell their own animals. Only under unusual circumstances, such as illness, will special dispensation be granted. Exceptions are under the jurisdiction of Sale Committee. If someone else shows a member's animal, they will not be allowed to show in showmanship.

Animals will be checked for weight, health, and showing by 4-H Leaders and FFA Advisors during the months of April, May, June and July. If these animals do not meet these standards, there will be a livestock committee meeting. Animals are to be groomed by the exhibitor. If at any time the member has a feeding problem or training problem, he/she is responsible to contact the 4-H Leader or the FFA Advisor.

Large animal (beef, sheep, swine) and dairy beef members must be enrolled with their leader and have their 4-H online enrollment accepted by Arenac County MSU Extension office by the second Saturday in December. All small livestock (dairy, goat, poultry, pheasant, rabbit) members must be enrolled with their leaders and have their 4-H online enrollment accepted by Arenac County MSU Extension office by the second Saturday in January. These deadlines will be strictly adhered to. Any member NOT meeting these deadlines will NOT be allowed to sell.

All livestock members must attend four (4) mandatory meetings for each species the member is selling. These meetings will be scheduled by livestock leaders.

The 4-H/FFA Livestock Committee will make the decisions regarding all disciplinary actions for infractions to these market rules on a case by case basis.

PLEASE NOTE:

- A. The participants will pay for their own pictures out of the profit from their individual sale;

- B. If an animal is not being properly taken care of during week of the fair (dirty pen, no food or water), the seller will forfeit the right to sell in the auction the following year.
- C. **All youth marketing livestock must have a current YPQA (Youth Pork Quality Assurance or YQCA (Youth Quality Care of Animals) certification on file with the MSU Extension 4-H office by May 1 of the current program year to be eligible to market.**

SALE RULES FOR BOTH LARGE & SMALL LIVESTOCK

1. Members are allowed to sell one large and one small species OR two small species.
2. All members should contact at least three prospective buyers and provide them with a sale invitation.
3. Market Livestock are the responsibility of the sellers until delivered to the place designated by the buyer.
4. Barns are to be completely cleaned after the Fair or the member will forfeit their privilege of participating the following year.
5. Exhibitors in showmanship class must dress appropriately [4-H polo & black pants (no holes) or official FFA dress; no hats].
6. A sale price assessment of 3% for beef, 4% for sheep and swine, 5% for dairy gallon of milk, goats, rabbits, poultry and non-livestock items will be withheld from each sale to cover the cost of sale-related expenses.
7. Checks will be released as soon as **all payments are collected**.
8. Large livestock; beef, sheep, and swine will be sold by the pound. Goats, rabbits, poultry and pheasants will be sold by the animal. Gallon of milk is various levels of donation.
9. Members may wish to raise a second animal or pen and use it as a floater. A floater can substitute in case of a problem with the first animal or pen, but only with approval of the sale committee.
10. In case of death or serious injury or other causes, an animal may be replaced with the permission of the sale committee. The replacement animal may not be considered for Grand Champ, Reserve Grand, or Rate of Gain.
11. Final weigh in will be held the 1st day of fair or 1 day prior determined by day of entry into fair. Weigh master shall be an adult that does not have a vested interest in the results plus the species superintendent.
12. Sale order will be determined by random drawing at final weigh in or **randomization by the FairEntry program**. After species show, the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will bump to the top.
13. The Rate of Gain/Heaviest Pen will have the choice of sale order (3rd, last, or where they would normally sell).
14. Any animal not making weight will sell only if approved by the sale committee. If allowed to sell, sale committee will determine sale order placement.
15. Record books will be handed out to exhibitors at a club meeting and are also available at the MSU Extension office. Record books will be registered and submitted as a still exhibit no later than 7:00 p.m. the day still exhibits are accepted. A record book **MUST** be completed and turned in for exhibit, in order to sell.
16. All animals will be drug free and may be randomly tested before the show and up to two hours after. Positive drug tests will be cause for immediate disqualification and will not be able to show or sell.

17. All youth must fully participate with their respective animals in the show preceding the sale. The **fair species superintendent** will determine the classes.
18. All livestock donated back for resale will be resold at the end of the auction.
19. Parents and all members exhibiting livestock must sign these rules and turn in signed copy to their leader or the MSU Extension office by June 1 of the current program year.
20. **All youth participating in the 4-H/FFA Livestock program and meeting all requirements must market their animal during the 4-H/FFA Livestock sale.**

DAIRY BEEF / HOLSTEIN CALF MARKET ANIMAL

1. This program is specifically for 4-H Members aged 8 or older and be first year Market Steer, with the understanding that market rules do not apply to a dairy beef calf.
2. Calves must be January-February born (of the current year) and must be under your care by April.
3. Calves must be dehorned and castrated by May 1.
4. Special attention should be given to the health care of the animal.
5. All animals must comply with sale and transport regulations approved by the Michigan Department of Agriculture.
6. In case of death or serious injury or other causes, a calf may be replaced with the permission of the livestock committee and the Dairy Beef Leader. The replacement calf may not be considered for Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion.
7. To be eligible for sale at the fair (as a Market Dairy Beef Steer), the dairy beef calf must have been shown at the prior year's fair. The calf's tag ID number will be registered before leaving the fair and the ID number must match the following year.
8. **All Dairy Beef Steer shall participate with Beef Steer for mandatory weigh-ins.**
9. The Dairy Beef Steer shall attain a minimum final fair weigh-in weight of 1250 pounds **to be eligible to market. Dairy Beef Steers weighing over 1500 pounds will sell at 1500 pounds.**
10. If there are concerns about the condition of the animal, the Livestock Committee will be the deciding factor as to whether or not the animal may be sold.

BEEF

1. Members with steers must be registered with a 4-H Leader or FFA Advisor by the December weigh-in.
2. Steers must be born after January 1st of the year prior to the livestock sale and be a beef breed.
3. All Steers being raised for the Arenac County Market Stock Sale must be on feed by or before the December weigh-in and not weigh more than 800 lbs.
4. Steers must be weighed-in at a (TBD) to be determined Saturday in December and recorded. These weights will serve as the official entry weight for beginning the RATE OF GAIN AWARDS. Second weigh in will be held in April and is also mandatory.
5. Steer shall weigh a minimum of 1000 pounds at fair weigh-in **to be eligible for market.** Steers weighing over 1400 pounds at fair weigh-in will sell at 1400 pounds.
6. All animals must comply with sale and transport regulations approved by the Michigan Department of Agriculture.
7. No heifers will be included in sale.

8. All animals must be dehorned for safety reasons.
9. Special attention should be given to the health care of the animals.
10. All animals will be led by members after weigh in on the first day of the Fair in the arena to make sure members can handle their animals for everyone's safety. Leaders will check before the fair to see if animals can be led safely.
11. Members, whose steers CANNOT be led safely, as determined by the superintendent/4-H volunteer, will NOT be allowed to sell at the current year's 4-H/FFA Livestock Auction.
12. When purchasing a steer you should ask for a knife cut rather than a clamped steer.
13. Mandatory meetings are: Weigh-in, 2nd weigh-in, barn clean-up and pre-show (date TBD).

SWINE

1. Market hogs and a floater will be marked and identified as market entries by April 15th or before. Identification consists of MDARD issued NUES plastic tag.
2. Hogs must weigh a minimum of 220 pounds at final weigh in on the first day of fair to be eligible to market. Hogs weighing over 280 pounds at final weigh-in will sell at 280 pounds.
3. Only one market animal will be brought to the fair.
4. All male hogs must be castrated.
5. Mandatory meetings are: Organizational meeting, fitting and showing, barn clean-up (prior to and after the fair).

SHEEP

1. Market sheep and a floater will be marked and identified as market entries by the May 1st deadline.
2. Market lamb must weigh a minimum of 100 pounds at fair weigh-in.
 - a. All male lambs must be castrated.
 - b. Lambs must be a meat-breed.
 - c. All lambs shall be slick sheared.
 - d. Only one market animal will be sold at auction.
3. Mandatory meetings are: Weigh-in, organizational meeting, fitting and showing, barn clean-up.

GOATS

1. Scrapies Tags required
2. Must be 10 months of age or younger at final weigh-in
3. Market goats must be a wether or ewe and dehorned.
4. Market goats must weigh a minimum of 50 pounds to participate in market class and auction.
5. Must be at least 50% meat breed
6. Pigmy breeds may not be entered in market classes.
7. All market goats must be ear tagged and in the possession of the youth by the May 1st deadline.
8. Mandatory meetings are: Weigh-in, organizational meeting, fitting and showing, barn clean-up.

RABBITS

1. Animals must be healthy and free of disease.
2. All market rabbits being raised for auction must be under the member's ownership and management **and care** six (6) weeks prior to the first day of fair.
3. Limit of one (1) market pen (3 rabbits) per exhibitor. Market pens should be pedigreed.
4. Before entering cages, animals must be checked by superintendent OR a designated representative.
5. Animals must be groomed by exhibitor.
6. No clipping or powdering.
7. All animals must be legibly tattooed.
8. Meat rabbits must weigh at minimum of 3 pounds and no more than 6 pounds to market, be no more than 90 and no less than 70 days old.
9. Meat pens must be shown to sell.
10. Cages will be assigned by the superintendent.
11. No food will be stored in the Rabbit Building during the fair.
12. Meat pens must be taken by the seller directly from the fair to be butchered, if buyers want them butchered.
13. Mandatory meetings are: Organizational meeting, 6 week health check, barn cleanup and weigh-in.

PHEASANTS

1. All market pheasants must be under the member ownership and management at least six weeks prior to the first day of fair.
2. One pen of three (3) game birds per exhibitor.
3. Participants must be 4-H Pheasant Club members.
4. Members must participate in showmanship in order to sell.
5. Members must be present at the sale.
6. Birds are sold for release ONLY. Youth and buyer agree to time and place to meet for the release of birds.
7. All pheasants will come from either a Pullorum Free hatchery OR be Pullorum tested by the appointed person to provide said testing, and have proof of said test on file in the 4-H Office AND Fair Office.

POULTRY

1. All birds must be healthy and free of disease, be from either a Pullorum Free hatchery OR Pullorum tested by the Poultry Superintendent and have proof of said test on file in the 4-H Office AND Fair Office.
2. Market chickens must be ordered and picked up from the poultry leader (contact poultry leader to make arrangements)
3. One market pen of three (3) birds per exhibitor.
4. Member must participate in showmanship in order to sell market pen (show bird must be pedigreed, not part of the market pen).
5. Before entering cages, birds must be checked by the superintendent or representative. Cages will be assigned by the superintendent.

6. Birds must be groomed and shown by the exhibitor.
7. Market pens will be judged for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand champion by the poultry judge.
8. Market chickens must weigh at least five (5) pounds each.
9. Market ducks must be 10 weeks old, a minimum weight of six (6) pounds each and must be White Pekin breed.
10. No food will be stored in the barn during the fair.
11. Market pens must be taken directly from the fair to be butchered, if buyers want them butchered.
12. A record book along with feed record is required to sell.
13. Mandatory meetings are: Organizational/Bird Order (16 weeks prior to fair weigh-in), market bird pick-up, fitting and showing, barn clean-up.

TURKEYS

1. All birds must be healthy and free of disease.
2. One market pen of one (1) bird per exhibitor.
3. Market birds must be ordered and picked up from the poultry leader (contact poultry leader to make arrangements).
4. Before entering cages, birds must be checked by the superintendent or representative. Cages will be assigned, by the superintendent.
5. All birds must be groomed and shown by the exhibitor.
6. Member must participate in showmanship in order to sell a market pen (show bird must be a pedigreed chicken to accommodate fairness as turkey, duck and poultry members compete in showmanship together).
7. Market turkeys must weigh at least 20 pounds each.
8. No food will be stored in the barn during the fair.
9. Market pens must be taken directly from the fair to be butchered (if the buyers want them butchered).
10. Mandatory meetings are: Organizational/Bird order (16 weeks prior to fair weigh in), meat bird pick-up, fitting and showing, barn clean-up.

DAIRY GALLON OF MILK

1. Dairy Gallon of Milk is considered to be a "small animal" project
2. Cloverbud youth (aged 5-7 as of January 1 of current program year) are not eligible to receive Gallon of Milk funds.
3. The Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) Michigan 4-H Dairy Cattle Lease/Borrow Program is available to all youth enrolled in the Dairy Club with condition to calf availability. This agreement is between the sponsor and the 4-H/FFA Youth including all objectives and guidelines and is not under control of the 4-H/FFA Livestock Committee. See club leader for program information.
4. After sale commission is deducted, the balance of the Gallon of Milk Donations will be divided as follows:
 - a. 50% to the Arenac County 4-H Dairy Club
 - b. Balance divided to eligible youth as follows:
 - i. 20% Grand Champion Dairy youth

- ii. 20% Grand Champion Dairy Beef youth
 - iii. 15% Reserve Grand Champion Dairy youth
 - iv. 15% Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Beef youth
 - v. 30% balance is split between remaining club members not to exceed 10% of Gallon of Milk youth allocation per remaining youth
- c. If at any time there is a balance left that is not distributed to the youth, it will be allocated to the Dairy Club

Signature Page

(4-H/FFA youth copy)

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I have read, understand and agree to abide by these rules in order to participate in the Arenac County 4-H/FFA Market Livestock Program.

Species (circle all that apply): Beef Market Lamb Swine Market Goat Dairy
 Market Rabbit Poultry (chicken/turkey/duck) Pheasant

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RETURN THIS PAGE TO THE MSU EXTENSION OFFICE BY JUNE 1ST EACH YEAR.