

LIVESTOCK RULES & REGULATIONS

REGISTRATION & FAIR ENTRY

1. All market animals must be tagged at a place and time designated each year by the Junior Livestock Sale Committee in order to be eligible for showing and sale. In the event your market animal loses an ear tag provided by the St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to contact their superintendent. It is the superintendent's responsibility to ensure that no market animal enters the fairgrounds at fair time without proper St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair identification.
2. Ear tags, tattoo markings, ear notches or color markings must correspond to the registration papers.
3. All state sanitary and health regulations must be met, and will be checked prior to unloading animals.
4. Refer to individual project areas for check in times of animals, or the chart in this book.
5. **ALL MARKET LIVESTOCK MUST BE WEIGHED IN AT FAIR AT THE DESIGNATED TIME. FAILURE TO WEIGH IN DURING THE DESIGNATED TIME WILL MAKE THE MARKET ANIMAL INELIGIBLE FOR SHOW AND SALE. IF YOU ARE RUNNING LATE TO WEIGH IN DUE TO EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES, CONTACT SUPERINTENDENT IMMEDIATELY.**
6. All livestock projects must be registered by a date set by the Fair Board, found in the Rules & Regulations division of this book. Animals not registered will be subject to the Fair Board policy regarding ineligibility for grand and reserve champion, denial of premiums, up to not being allowed to exhibit.
7. All exhibitors must have viable proof of ownership available to prove length of time animals have been owned. Market animals (beef, sheep, swine, goats) must be owned and under exhibitor's daily care according to established rules and regulations for the fair or livestock exposition. This also includes all small market animals (rabbits & poultry). The official ownership date is the date shown on the bill of sale, unless the animal was bred by the exhibitor, in which calving or birth records must be shown. (Local rules may determine ownership requirements for non-market animals). Registered breeding livestock must show the exhibitor as the sole owner of the animal on the breed association papers or certificates.
8. No exhibitor may show an animal which has been previously sold at an auction or sale as a market animal through another fair, livestock show, whether or not there is an actual change of ownership (progressive level shows excluded). Any method used to misrepresent the age of an animal for a class in which it is shown is deceptive and considered illegal. Showing an animal for another individual by claiming ownership in order to

show in a specific livestock class or event is prohibited. False ownership is illegal.

9. Livestock dairy, beef, sheep, swine, llamas, goats, poultry & rabbits cannot be exhibited at another exhibition within 14 days prior to the first day of fair.

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITION GUIDELINES

1. Market sale animals released starting at 9 p.m. on Saturday. Animals will not be released before this time unless express permission has been granted by the Society. Livestock going home with exhibitors (beef, sheep, swine, dairy, goats, llamas) are released at 8 p.m. on Saturday of fair. Livestock not specifically stated must stay at the fairgrounds until hour of release as stated by project area.
2. All exhibitors exhibiting livestock must clean and help set up and tear down pens. See chart in this book.
3. All exhibits of livestock and the area occupied by them must be kept in good order by the exhibitor as directed by the superintendent in charge.
4. Each exhibitor and/or exhibitor's group is responsible for their own cleaning equipment such as rakes, forks, shovels, broom, feed dishes, water buckets, hoses & wheelbarrow. It is highly recommended that exhibitors place their names on each piece of equipment brought to the fair in a legible, water-resistant manner.
5. Each exhibitor must provide his/her own hay, straw, wood chips, sawdust & feed for their project animals at the fair. Wood chips may be purchased at the fair.
6. Exhibitors are responsible for the immediate removal of any deceased animals from Goodells County Park.
7. Animals exhibiting any of the following conditions, symptoms, or behaviors shall not be permitted to enter the show:
 - a. Animals showing no evidence of being dehorned;
 - b. Male animals over four months of age except those permitted in the respective division classes;
 - c. Stags (market steers, lambs, hogs).
 - d. External parasites: lice, ticks, mange or other obvious disease or unthrifty animals.
 - e. Failure to lead or be handled by the exhibitor in or out of the show ring. (All species at halter, collar or lead strap. Judge's discretion).
8. Each exhibitor is required to read and agree to the "Livestock Care Agreement" found in this book and on the website, and indicate so at the time of entry.
9. Ten placing ribbons will be offered in each class. Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons will be awarded when classes warrant it.
10. The Fair has a veterinarian designated for the fair to perform check in of livestock and monitor their health throughout the fair week, as well as act as a liaison with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, there is **NOT** a veterinarian "on call" or

available to exhibitors to treat their livestock during the week of fair. Exhibitors are required to consult with their own veterinarian and assume responsibility for all costs associated with their animal's medical care.

11. Livestock should be fed and watered prior to 10 a.m. each day of the fair and again by 7 p.m. each day.
12. Pen(s) should be cleaned as necessary throughout the day and check feed and water livestock throughout each day.

Definition of clean pen:

- a. Swine/Rabbits/Poultry: Removing all wood chips from the pen and replacing them with dry wood chips. Abundant bedding to absorb spilled water and urine.
 - b. Sheep/Goats/Horses/Beef/Veal: Remove any wet or dirty bedding in the pen and replace with dry bedding. Abundant bedding to absorb spilled water and urine.
13. Barns are closed between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.
 14. Livestock ownership/registration cannot be transferred once livestock is tagged and registered for the fair.
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