

GENERAL LIVESTOCK and AUCTION RULES and REGULATIONS for BEEF CATTLE, MEAT GOATS, SHEEP and SWINE

EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY

Auction exhibitors must be age 8 to 19 before January 1 of the current 4-H year in order to participate in the 4-H Livestock Auction.

Cloverbuds are not eligible to participate in auction classes or the 4-H Livestock Auction

HEALTH GUIDELINES

All entries must follow state health guidelines.

Be sure to review the 2022 New York State Health Guidelines.

ANIMAL OWNERSHIP

Ownership is required by June 15 of the current 4-H year and must be cared for daily by the 4-Her.

Exhibitors who have filed a Non-Ownership Certificate with the Extension office prior to June 15 of the current 4-H year are eligible to show.

No dual or family ownerships allowed.

ANIMAL NON-OWNERSHIP

Non-ownership is not available to youth already owning an animal of that species.

Youth are limited to two non-owned animals per species but are limited to showing or exhibiting only one of these animals. Dual designation of one animal is not permitted.

PREMIUMS

If pens and stalls are not cleaned at the close of fair, premiums may be withheld and the exhibitor may be disqualified from exhibiting in 4-H at the next year's fair.

CERTIFICATE of VETERINARY INSPECTION (CVI)

Each exhibitor shall present a health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian. The health check must be completed prior to the fair.

ENTRY DEADLINE

Pre-entry due by **JULY 27, 2022** at Cornell Cooperative Extension, 34570 State Hwy 10, Suite 2, Hamden, NY 13782 for both county and state fairs.

ENTRIES

An exhibitor may only show two entries per class.

FITTING and SHOWMANSHIP

Showmanship is mandatory. Any exhibitor not showing in their respective showmanship class will be disqualified from the auction.

Fitting and Showmanship will be based upon:

1. Showmanship is mandatory. All exhibitors must show in their respective showmanship class.
2. Control of the animal by exhibitor.
3. Skill in showing the animal to best advantage.
4. Cleanliness and condition of the skin and coat.
5. Clipping or trimming.
6. All exhibitors are expected to enter their respective showmanship class.
7. Exhibitors must show their own animals.

See specific specie sections for show attire requirements.

AUCTION REGISTRATION and TAGGING

Auction animals must have been pre-registered at Cornell Cooperative Extension, Hamden.

-Beef in January

-Meat Goat, Sheep and Swine at June auction animal tagging

All auction animals must be tagged with a green 4-H tag issued by Cornell Cooperative Extension, Hamden at the auction tagging event held in June.

AUCTION ANIMAL WEIGH-INS

Market class animals will be weighed twice at fair:

1. Monday; 1 pm: for showing purposes – before showing in market classes – to determine class breakdown – and again on
2. Friday; 10 am; only market animals that made weight on Monday for actual sale weight.

Animals that do not make weight on Monday will be placed in a non-auction class and will not be eligible to sell in the 4-H Livestock Auction on Saturday.

Animals may not be watered down before weighing; normal morning chores can be done.

4-Her must be present for weigh-ins or make other arrangements with another 4-Her.

You may have until weigh-ins on Friday morning to decide if and what animal you want to sell.

AUCTION ANIMAL DONATIONS

Any animal purchased during the livestock auction that is donated back, will not be resold immediately, it will be resold at the end of that specie.

LIVESTOCK AUCTION REQUIREMENTS

For each specie (meat goat, beef cattle, sheep, swine) of auction animal, a Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion and Honorable Mention Champion will be selected.

Meat Goat

- Born on or after January 1
- Owned by June 15
- Registered by **June 15, 2022**
- Must have a Rabies vaccination
- Minimum weight 60 pounds – determined at Monday's weigh-in
- Must be 50% recognized meat breed: Spanish Meat Goat; Tennessee Fainting Meat Goat; South African Boer Goat; New Zealand Kiko
- Wethers and Does only
- Disbudding and Dehorning not required
- Must be castrated and healed by June

Beef Cattle

- Not over 2 years old at fair time
- Owned and registered by **January 5, 2021**
- Minimum weight 1,000 pounds – determined at Monday's weigh-in
- Must be 50% recognized meat breed

Sheep

- Born on or after January 1
- Owned by June 15
- Registered by **June 15, 2022**
- Minimum weight 85 pounds (except Cheviot Cross can be sold at 75 pounds) – determined at Monday's weigh-in (Cheviot Cross must be at least 50% Cheviot)

Swine

- Born on or after January 1
- Owned by June 15
- Registered by **June 15, 2022**
- Animals may not be watered down before weighing; normal morning chores can be done
- Minimum weight 200 pounds – determined at Monday's weigh-in

All animals must be owned by the dates listed above and must be cared for daily by the 4-Her from this date until auction time.

BREEDING CLASSES

An animal may be shown in both breeding and market classes.

Purebred animals must be registered in exhibitor's name.

Superintendent has right to divide pens.

MARKET and AUCTION CLASSES

An animal may not be shown in both breeding and market classes.

All auction animals will also be shown in respective market class.

Cross breeds are allowed in market classes.

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Any steer entered in the auction must be at least one-half beef breeding. Previous experience has shown that animals of 100% beef breeding do best at the fair.

Meat goats and sheep must be castrated by 6 weeks of age; beef by 8 months of age; pigs by 1 month of age. Animal may show no signs of open wounds or male secondary sex characteristics. Beef may not be over 2 years old.

A 4-Her may register more than one animal of a species for the auction but must take their choice of what animal to sell after the judging is complete.

Only one animal per 4-Her, per specie, may be sold at the auction.

All meat goats, sheep and swine sold will be assessed a sale fee of 5% of total gross. All beef sold will be assessed a sale fee of 1.5% of total gross. This fee helps to cover expenses related to the livestock program.

Only top-quality animals will be allowed in the 4-H Livestock Auction. The judges and 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee have the authority to stop the sale of any animal that is not finished, shows lack of condition or is over conditioned. The judge will award a white ribbon in the auction class if an animal is not eligible for auction.

Auction Animal Identification Requirements

Meat Goats: USDA Scrapie Tag AND a Delaware County 4-H Tag

Beef Cattle: USDA 840 RFID Tag AND a Delaware County 4-H Tag

Sheep: USDA Scrapie Tag AND a Delaware County 4-H Tag

Swine: USDA 840 RFID Tag AND a Delaware County 4-H Tag

4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION PROJECT RECORDS

All animals going to auction must be accompanied by a completed 4-H Livestock Auction Project Record. Exhibitors handing in an incomplete Project Record will be disqualified from the auction. Project Records must be turned in to the 4-H Summer Assistant by Monday of fair week at the Livestock Show Ring between 3 and 5 pm.

Project Records will NOT be accepted after 5 pm per the 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee. Animal will be entered into a non-auction class and will be disqualified from the 4-H Livestock Auction.

To obtain a copy of the 4-H Livestock Auction Project Record contact the Extension office or pick up a copy at the June tagging event.

HERDSMANSHIP CONTEST

A herdsmanship contest will be conducted. Ribbons will be awarded to 4-H members maintaining the best exhibit covering the entire period of the fair, taking into consideration the following points:

1. Showmanship is mandatory. All exhibitors must show in their respective showmanship class.
2. Personal appearance of the exhibitors, including neatness and cleanliness of clothing in and out of the show ring. No hole in clothing. Button shirt. See specific specie for show attire required.
3. Neatness and cleanliness of the exhibit, including such things as stalls, storage area and animals in exhibit.
4. Willingness to cooperate with the Superintendent and their assistants in charge of this division in helping to make the entire exhibit neat and attractive.
5. See open class section of fair book for premium awards for stall decorations.
6. All stall cards must be in place by Tuesday at 10 am or you will be awarded a zero for that herdsmanship judging and future judging.

4-H SHEEP OLYMPICS, ANIMAL DRESS-UP CONTEST and GOAT OLYMPICS

-Thursday; 6 pm: 4-H Sheep Olympics

-Thursday; 7 pm (following Sheep Olympics): 4-H Animal Dress-Up Contest - classes for small, medium and large animals - winners selected by audience participation

-Friday; 7 pm: 4-H Goat Olympics