

4-H EXHIBIT RULES

1. Exhibits are to be selected from the current year's project work.
2. Labels—Applies to all Exhibits: All pieces of an exhibit must be labeled with name, address, age, and club. If other information appropriate to the project is needed, see labeling instructions given with project.
3. Registration for all exhibits is due to the Extension Office by June 25, 2010. **No late registrations will be accepted. No exceptions!**
4. All non-livestock exhibits must be brought in for conference judging between 2 to 7 PM on Wednesday.
5. All Style show entries will be judged.
6. Club banners, community pride and flower boxes should be conference judged on Wednesday. One or two 4-H members should take part in that evaluation.
7. All non-livestock exhibits will be released at 7 PM on Sunday and livestock at 5 PM on Sunday. Earlier removal will result in forfeiture of premium.
8. Judge will award blue, red, and white placings according to the worthiness of the exhibit and knowledge of the member regardless of the number of exhibits in the lot or division. Creative arts and Cloverbuds are awarded participation ribbons. Some project areas have trophies.
9. Premiums will be paid as soon as possible. **CHECKS MUST BE CASHED BY September 1.**
10. 4-H members competing in open class divisions must adhere to open class rules. Members cannot remove a 4-H exhibit and enter the same exhibit in open classes.
11. The fair management is not responsible for loss or damage to exhibits.
12. Any project not listed can be entered in Self-Determined.
13. **DIMENSION RULE**—Display sizes for all project areas where a display may be exhibited, the size may not be larger than 12" deep, 24" wide, 36" high. Exhibits larger than this will only be accepted if space allows. The member must write a letter of request to the Extension Office.
14. Posters, displays, banners, etc. should not use copyrighted images, i.e. Snoopy, Dagwood, Garfield.
15. Not all exhibits listed in the premium list are State Fair Eligible.
16. It is the policy of the University of Minnesota Extension Service and Chisago County that all persons shall have equal opportunity and access to its programs and facilities without regard to race, creed, color, sex, national origin, or handicap. University of Minnesota US Department of Agriculture and Minnesota Counties Cooperating.
17. Chisago County 4-H has a grievance committee. All grievances must be filed with the 4-H Office within 24 hours along with \$10. cash or money order. Details are available by calling the Extension Office.
18. All 4-H members are reminded that if they are found in the presence of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco they may be removed from the fair and lose all premiums and auction privileges.
19. All adults are reminded to use good judgement when using alcohol at 4-H events. You are seen as a 4-H volunteer by

the youth whether or not you are performing a volunteer service at any time during the fair. Please make responsible decisions and be a good role model.

2010 4-H/FFA Chisago County Market Livestock Rules

Updated December 09

1. Any 4-H or FFA member enrolled in the beef, sheep, swine, goat, rabbit, and poultry projects may participate. FFA age follows 4-H age rules regarding market livestock in showing at the fair and in the auction. Youth must be 3rd grade by September 1, but not over one year post high school.
2. 4-H and FFA members must have a current Quality Assurance certificate to be able to show market livestock.
3. Market project families are expected to attend a pre-fair auction meeting at the Animal Science night.
4. The auction sale will be on Saturday of the county fair.
5. A 4-H and/or FFA member may have a maximum of two animals total in the auction (a pen of rabbits or poultry count as one). *The auction will be limited to (4) market beef - one will be a dairy steer subject to judge's discretion. (8) market lamb and (25) market swine and (1) market goat . If more are eligible, the lowest eligible animal(s) of member(s) with more than one in the line up will be dropped. Next, the lowest animals in the line up of members with single animals will be dropped.*
6. At least 20% of the premium dollars will go to the 4-H program. This is achieved through 8% commission on premium plus dollars paid over maximum premium. The maximum premium amount exhibitors will receive, less commission, is 50% top market value on market beef and 100% top market value on market swine; 200% top market value on market lambs and market goat, and 400% on rabbits and poultry. Any amount above the maximum will go to the livestock auction fund.
7. All livestock must meet State Health Requirements. No drugs may be administered to animals at the fair or prior to the fair that are entering the carcass contest that would cause the meat to be condemned.
8. Animals will be allowed to cross the scale only once at the fair weigh-in.
9. All animals must be trained to handle by the exhibitor at fair time. Animals deemed to be a hazard to other exhibitors or the public may be disqualified by the auction committee.
10. All animals must be presentable by 2 p.m. on Thursday.
11. The exhibitor has the responsibility of caring for the animal until it leaves the fairgrounds and is liable for the animal.
12. Market swine and market lambs and market goats will be weighed on Thursday of the county fair at 2 to 3 p.m. Market beef will be weighed between 10 and

11 a.m. at the Eastern Minnesota Livestock Sales Barn. The 4-H/FFA project owner must be present at weigh-in unless excused by an auction committee member. ***An auction meeting with members and parents will be immediately before weigh-in at 2 p.m.***

13. All auction eligible beef, sheep and swine must be slaughtered at the auction designated slaughter house and entered in the carcass contest. Only auction eligible animals will be included in the carcass show. The committee will provide transportation for only auction eligible animals. Poultry, rabbits, and goats will not be slaughtered as part of the carcass contest.
14. All beef, sheep and swine carcasses will be evaluated for quality meat by using accepted carcass contest data and will be shared at the carcass show following the fair. All families and buyers are invited to participate in the potluck picnic.
15. Trophies or plaques will be presented to the:
 - Exhibitor of the live grand champion of each species.
 - Exhibitor of the carcass grand champion of beef, sheep and swine.
 - Exhibitor of the overall grand champion of beef, sheep and swine.
 - Exhibitor of the champion performance of beef, sheep and swine. In the event of a tie for first place in any performance class, the trophy will be awarded to the animal with the higher live placing.
 - All buyers get certificates/pictures.
16. The overall grand champion of each species will be determined by adding the live animal placing, the carcass placing and the performance placing for each animal. In a tie, the animal with the highest carcass placing will be the winner.
17. All exhibitors should use appropriate means to express appreciation to the buyer regardless of premium received.
18. Auction committee can evaluate and update rules as needed.
19. All animals will be identified by family at initial weigh-in and designated to individuals at final weigh-in.
20. 4-H/FFA members must be caring for animals following initial identification and weighing.
21. Members must dress in appropriate show attire in show ring and auction.
22. If the buyer does not wish to purchase the animal, the owner will be asked if they wish to keep the animal before it is offered to other buyers.

Market Beef Auction Class (4-H & FFA)

- (1) Animals must be born on or after January 1 of the previous year.
- (2) Animals must be weighed, tagged and identified on February 6 of the current year at

2 p.m. Watch for location announcement. Members can weigh a maximum of six animals for the county fair auction class and 6 animals for the 4-H state fair class. Backup weigh date is February 13.

- (3) All animals must be dehorned and healed by weigh-in and trained to handle.
- (4) To be eligible for auction, market beef must grade choice or above and be deemed finished by the judge.
- (5) Animals will be designated 4-H auction or 4-H State Fair at county fair weigh in. You will also be asked to designate 4-H and FFA market beef at the county fair weigh-in.
- (6) The auction will be limited to (4) market beef - one will be a dairy steer subject to judge's discretion.

Market Swine Auction Class (4-H & FFA)

- (1) Market swine must be born January 1 of the current year or later and will be exhibited in the county fair auction class. 4-H state fair market swine must be born on or after January 1: (although a farrowing date of Feb 1 or later is recommended for a state fair market swine class.)
- (2) Market swine are to be weighed and identified by the recommended ear notch system and Minnesota 4-H ear tag. County Fair market swine will be weighed between April 1 and 15 by the most current State guidelines. Forms must be in office by April 15. Members can weigh a maximum of 6 market swine for County Fair {you will be asked to designate a 4-H and/or FFA auction market swine at the County Fair} and 6 market swine for the State Fair Class. 4-H state fair market swine must be identified by the county designated official volunteer before May 15 and forms turned into the office by May 15.
- (3) To be eligible for auction, market swine must weigh a minimum of 220 pounds and a maximum of 300 pounds. A maximum of 25 market swine will be selected for the auction.
- (4) The market swine performance contest will be based on the pounds gained per day between the initial weigh in and the final weight at the county fair.
- (5) Each member can show one market swine either a barrow or gilt. If you are an FFA member you can show two one as 4-H and one as FFA.

Market Lamb Auction Class (4-H & FFA)

- (1) Lambs must be born January 1 of the current year or later.
- (2) Lambs are to be identified with an ear tag and weighed Saturday, May 1. Watch for location and time. Members can weigh a maximum of six lambs for county fair auction class and six lambs for 4-H state fair class. Animals will

be designated 4-H auction or 4-H State Fair at county fair weigh in. You will also be asked to designate a 4-H and/or FFA lamb at county fair weigh-in.

- (3) To be eligible for auction, lambs must grade choice or above and weigh a minimum of 90 pounds
- (4) All lambs must be closely shorn to approximately 1/4 inch wool length. (Shorn approximately one week prior to fair)
- (5) A maximum of 8 lambs will be selected for the auction.

Market Goat Auction Class (4-H & FFA)

- (1) Market Goats must be born January 1 of the current year or later.
- (2) Goats must be identified with an ear tattoo and follow scrapie regulation. Market Goats must have a 4-H ear tag.
- (3) To be eligible for auction, goats must be selected by the judge as being finished and auction quality.
- (4) Market goats will be weighed at the County Fair
- (5) Market goats will not be slaughtered at the auction slaughter house. They will not be evaluated as part of the rate of gain or carcass contest. Members and buyers will make arrangements for processing.
- (6) A maximum of 1 goat will be selected for the auction.

Poultry & Rabbits Auction Class (4-H & FFA)

- (1) Poultry and rabbits must be hatched or born on or after January 1 of the current year.
- (2) One pen each of 4-H and one pen each of FFA poultry and rabbits will be in the auction
- (3) Rabbits- 4-H single fryers on even years and pen of three on odd years, FFA is opposite.
- (4) Poultry and rabbit pens must be selected by the judge as qualified to take part in the auction.
- (5) Poultry and rabbits will not be slaughtered at the auction slaughter house. They will not be evaluated as part of the carcass contest. Members and buyers will make arrangements for processing.

Note: All underlined areas are changes

RULES REGARDING WATER FIGHTS

- ❖ No water fights in barns
- ❖ Limit water fights to wash racks.
- ❖ Visitors and bystanders must not be hit by water
- ❖ Water fights are allowed only on Sunday before noon.
- ❖ Violators will lose their premium money.

Note: All underlined areas are changes

1. **All beef, dairy, dairy goat, horse, rabbit, sheep and swine** shown in 4-H livestock shows must have the required State 4-H ear tag and/or tattoo. Animals must be identified on the appropriate 4-H livestock ownership affidavit or lease agreement and the form(s) must be on file at the Regional Extension Center.

2. All animals exhibited must be owned solely by the member, member's family or leased by agreement. The family includes the 4-Hers's parents or guardians and siblings living together as a family unit. The definition of family includes an extended family where the animals may be owned by grandparents with the 4-Her's parents actively involved with and working on the farm. Registered animals, not leased, must be registered in the exhibitor's name and/or the exhibitor's family name.

3. 4-H'ers exhibiting livestock at the County Fair **are responsible** for the care and feeding of animals they exhibit.

4. All livestock exhibits, including showmanship, must be pre-registered. Members in animal projects may exhibit one animal per class, unless stated otherwise.

5. All 4-H'ers exhibiting livestock at the fair are eligible to participate in showmanship. 4-H'ers must show their own animals.

6. Grooming of **all** livestock, including clipping, trimming, and blocking (all species) must be done by the exhibitor, members of the immediate family, or any other bona-fide 4-H member. Exhibitors in violation of this rule may show for ribbon only and will not be considered for championship, State Fair trips, or auction.

7. To show in the registered breed classes, animals must meet the registration requirements for that breed and registration papers must be available. Animals without proper registration papers (crossbreeds and grades) must be shown as commercial.

8. All animal health regulations as stipulated by the Minnesota Board of Animal Health and the County Agricultural Society will be in effect.

STATE FAIR OR STATE SHOW ELIGIBILITY

1. Trips for State Fair, State Horse Show, and State Dog Show will be selected from blue ribbon exhibits only (see State Dog Show Rules for exceptions).

2. State Fair winners will be posted in the 4-H Exhibit building.

3. Members selected to represent the county at State Fair and State Horse Show **must have completed sixth grade**.

4. To be eligible for a livestock trip to the State Fair, 4-H'ers must have completed Quality Assurance/Ethics Training.

State Policy: All youth participating at the Minnesota State Fair as 4-H livestock exhibitors in beef, dairy, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbits or goats AND all regular (non-Cloverbud) 4-H swine county fair exhibitors must have completed a Livestock Quality Assurance and Ethics workshop. Certification is good for three Fair seasons. The level of training required is determined by the grade of the youth at the time the training takes place.

5. Along with their qualifying state fair exhibit trip(s), 4-H members may participate in activities such as Share-the-Fun, demonstrations, Arts-In, or judging teams.

6. All State Fair/State Horse Show participants will be required to register with the 4-H Office by Sunday of the fair.

7. Bovine Tuberculosis – All cattle in all divisions must be tested negative for bovine tuberculosis (TB) within 60 days of the first day of the exhibition.

Exceptions:

-Cattle under six months of age.

-Cattle that originate from an accredited tuberculosis free herd if the animal is accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection that includes the TB-free herd certification number of the herd of origin and the date on which the herd of origin was last tested for tuberculosis.

We will not require TB testing for the County Fair. This is a State Fair Policy only.

4-H LIVESTOCK RULES

1. Animals are to arrive by noon on Thursday. Rabbits by 11 AM. No cage livestock exhibits will be accepted. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
2. Any exhibitor showing livestock other than dog, pet or horse **MUST BE CURRENT IN QUALITY ASSURANCE.**
3. **Responsibility:** The fair management is not responsible for loss or damage to exhibits including livestock. Vet costs are the responsibility of the exhibitor. The county fair veterinarian will check health forms, proof of vaccination and identification papers at the time of unloading.
4. **Cages:** Cages for rabbits and poultry will be furnished. Be aware that hobby poultry may be too large or too small for the cages. Poultry that is too big or too small for the cages will not be accepted for exhibit unless the member provides their own cage. 4-H'ers will furnish their own feed and bedding and exhibitors must be on hand at the time of judging and vet check. A limited number of dishes for water and feed are available.
5. Rabbits will be checked upon arrival for snuffles, ear mites, and general health. Rabbits found with any of the above health concerns will be quarantined until the fair vet checks them. Rabbits will be ID checked starting at 8:00 AM.
6. All livestock exhibitors must be present when their livestock is judged. Livestock exhibitors and their animals must be in place and ready for showing promptly after being called or the animal will be ruled out of competition. No animal can be judged without the member present. If a 4-H member cannot show their own animal because of health or they are on another 4-H trip, another 4-H member can show their animal but it will not be state fair eligible.
7. Certificates of Registration or Proof of Breeding must be furnished to the superintendent on demand for all registered purebreds. Animals must be registered in a breed association recognized by a particular breed.
8. A 4-H member cannot exhibit a dairy animal in the two-year-old or advanced class that was not owned and a project record started prior to the first freshening.
9. Dairy steers must have one or no visible eruptions of permanent teeth. Dairy steers must be 100% one dairy breed.
10. Exhibitors must keep their stock, stalls, and pens in good, neat condition and open for inspection from 10 AM to 9 PM. All litter must be placed where directed by the supervisor. Some initial bedding will be provided for all livestock.

11. 4-H ownership affidavits are required and due in the Extension Office on all rabbits, horse, beef, sheep, swine, dog, dairy and diary goats by the animal ownership deadline dates. Failure to do so will result in the animal being ineligible for State Level events.
12. To exhibit, a 4-H'er must own their animal prior to May 15 except for beef and dairy steers which is February 15 and junior goat which is July 1.
13. **Livestock Showmanship:** Available in all livestock projects as non-premium classes. Sign up on your fair registration.
14. **Animal Science Interviews:** All 4-H members are expected to take part in the animal science interviews conducted at the fair. There will be awards given to the top five in each specie.

4-H Health Requirements for Livestock and Poultry
(Requirements may be different to qualify for State events)

Health Requirements for Livestock and Poultry Originating from Minnesota: Livestock or poultry known by the exhibitor to have an infectious, communicable disease or to have been exposed to an infectious, communicable disease or to be from a quarantined herd or flock may not be entered in an exhibition. Warts and ringworm are considered communicable diseases. A statement from a veterinarian that an animal is being treated for these diseases is not acceptable.

All testing must be conducted prior to the exhibition and a record of the test results on a test chart or Interstate health Certificate accompanies the tested animals.

Poultry test results or origin to be on official forms.

All livestock will be inspected by the official veterinarian on the opening date of the exhibition and daily during the exhibition. The official veterinarian shall order the immediate removal to a quarantine facility or removal from the exhibition premises of any livestock with symptoms of infectious or communicable disease. Animals placed in a quarantine facility must remain there until removed from the exhibition premises. They may not enter a show ring. **This includes livestock with warts or ringworm or abscess.**

Cattle, Goats, Sheep: Examined on day of entry. Dairy goats must not have horns. Sheep must have scrapie tag. Goats need to follow scrapie regulations. Market Goats must have 4-H ear tags.

Swine: You must present a photocopy of the registration certificate at the time of verification on Thursday.

State Fair Health Requirements

Swine: At the time of printing, these are the requirements. Call the Extension Service if you have questions. **Pseudorabies:** the previously required test will only be required for hogs originating from outside Minnesota, or from a county with State III status. Tested hogs must have a negative official or approved differential pseudorabies test within 30 days of the first day of the County Fair, a record of which and the result must be entered on a test chart or certificate of veterinary inspection and presented to the official veterinarian upon arriving to the fair. Swine which must be tested must be individually identified by ear tag number, tattoo number,

registry number, or other identification satisfactory to the Minnesota Board of Animal Health.

Horses: Examined on day of entry by the official veterinarian.

Dog: If over six months of age, must be accompanied by a Certificate of Rabies Vaccination issued by a licensed veterinarian. The dog must be immunized by or under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian with a vaccine licensed by the USDA and used in accordance with the level and be within the duration period for that vaccine.

Poultry: (except waterfowl and pigeons): Accompanied with a record of a negative test for pullorum-typhoid conducted within 90 days prior to entry to the exhibition or a record of origin from a flock tested negative within 12 months prior to entry to the exhibition. Turkeys must be tested at a laboratory for typhimurium and mycoplasmas or have a statement of origin if less than 6 months old.

Rabbits: Rabbits will be checked upon arrival for snuffles, ear mites, and general health. Rabbits found with any of the above health concerns will be sent home.

Pets: Must follow rules above for the appropriate species. Cats must be accompanied by a Certificate of Rabies vaccination issued by a licensed veterinarian. Recommend that cats also have a distemper vaccination.

Llamas: Examined on day of show by the official veterinarian.

All Livestock: Health Certificates and Statement of Origin forms are to be turned in to the fair vet on opening day of the fair. These rules will be strictly adhered to and failure to comply will result in animals not being admitted to county fair. Details on entry procedure will be mailed to 4-H livestock project members prior to county fair.

Herdsmanship

The 4-H Livestock Herdsmanship is to help 4-H members learn skills in making a presentable exhibit for the public as well as learn skills in courtesy, cooperation, neatness, and proper care of animals.

Basic Herdsmanship Rules:

- ❖ Aisles should be clean and free from bedding, excessive water. Exhibitors should not be doing grooming and clipping in the aisles.
- ❖ Tack areas should be clean: hay and straw should be neat, show boxes should be orderly and out of the way, equipment should be clean and neat, feed should be in containers and stored neatly.
- ❖ Animals should be groomed.
- ❖ Although exhibitors need not be present at all times, their animals need to be taken care of properly.
- ❖ Exhibitors should be doing their own work and if they are present should be courteous and respectful to the public. Families and friends are encouraged to work along side of the exhibitor.
- ❖ Bedding should be dry and in place, adequate but not excessive.
- ❖ Animals tied and/or pens fastened securely.
- ❖ Manure hauled out and placed in manure container.

4-H members should refer to the Code of Conduct for livestock exhibitors for further information.