

2023 Market Animal Project Guidelines & Expectations



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With my signature below, I affirm that I have read and understand the following Market Animal Guidelines. All participants, members, parents, and adult volunteers, shall adhere to the core values and code of conduct of the 4-H Youth Development and FFA Programs.

Exhibitor's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____

Please present a signed copy of the guidelines for each member with your project book at Skillathon.

Overview

These projects involve raising and keeping records of one or more meat animals to the appropriate market weight. Market animals include beef feeders, dairy beef feeders, goats, hogs, lambs, rabbits, steers, dairy steers, chickens, ducks and turkeys. Project animals may be shown at the fair or be home judged.

General Information

Market animal projects are offered in 4-H and FFA to help members learn the science of raising **marketable** animals as food. The projects involve raising a young or feeder animal to the appropriate market weight. Members are judged on the quality of the animal produced, their ability to show the animal, and on the knowledge gained from the project. Sale of project animals is not a requirement for project completion.

The Ashtabula County Agricultural Society (ACAS) conducts the fair sale through the assistance of the Market Animal Committee (MAC) as a service to members who take a market project. The Ashtabula County Agricultural Society does not determine the project requirements; they determine sale requirements. The MAC is made up of advisors, parents and members of 4-H and FFA.

Members interested in learning about market animals are encouraged to take the project. The main emphasis should be on learning and development not on the sale or using the project to make money. The **PROJECT** is the most important thing, **NOT THE SALE**.

****IMPORTANT: MAC meetings are open to all Junior Fair members, families and 4-H and FFA advisors to attend.**

Project Requirements

1. Obtain animals at an age or size that will allow them to reach the appropriate market weight by fair time. See the Guidelines for Obtaining Your Market Animal chart.
2. Each year a new record book must be completed for goats, hogs, lambs, steers, dairy steers, beef feeders, dairy beef feeders, market chickens, rabbits, turkeys and ducks. Each year the member is required to complete a new project book. The correct record book for each species is listed below:

Reference Books and Record Books

<i>Species</i>	<i>Reference Book</i>	<i>Record Book (Buy every year)</i>
Beef Feeder	# 117R Beef Resource Handbook	#117BF Beef Project and Record Book
Dairy Beef Feeder	#117R Beef Resource Handbook	#117DF Beef Project and Record Book
Dairy Steer	# 117R Beef Resource Handbook	#117M Beef Project and Record Book
Market Goat	#135R Goat Resource Handbook	#135M Goat Project and Record Book
Market Hog	#134R Swine Resource Handbook	#139 Market Hog Project and Record Book
Market Lamb	#194R Sheep Resource Handbook	#198 Market Lamb Project and Record Book
Market Rabbit	#228R Rabbit Resource Handbook	#228 Market Rabbit Project and Record Book
Market Steer	#117R Beef Resource Handbook	#117M Beef Project and Record Book
Market Chickens	https://ohio4h.org/poultryresources (See Resource List)	#150CM Poultry Project and Record Book
Market Turkey	https://ohio4h.org/poultryresources	#150TM Poultry Project and Record Book
Market Ducks	https://ohio4h.org/poultryresources	#150DM Poultry Project and Record Book

**** All youth are encouraged to be familiar with the Ohio 4-H Resource books.**

3. Bring a new, completed record book to the Skill-a-thon event at the fairgrounds in July. Participation in the Skill-a-thon is required to be eligible for the Grand Champion Project Exhibitor and Reserve Grand Champion Project Exhibitor given at the Ashtabula County Fair. All record books must be reviewed, dated & signed by an advisor upon completion of the required pages for the current year. *Poultry members are required to bring their completed & signed record book to fair rather than skillathon.

4. For the goat, hog, lamb, steer, dairy steer, rabbit, beef feeder and dairy beef feeder projects, each family should purchase a copy of the appropriate reference book. These books contain essential subject matter information. The reference books may be used year after year by all members of the family taking that project. See the above table.
5. For market chickens (broiler), market turkey and market duck projects the reference book and the record book are combined into one project book. A new project book must be purchased each year and the record portion completed.
6. Each individual Market Animal Project member must submit a signed copy of the MAC AND Species Guidelines (Poultry, Rabbit and Goat) appropriate for their project with a completed record book at Skillathon.

Skillathon:

- Skillathon will be held Saturday, July 15, 2023 (Super Saturday).
- No make-ups will be given.
- Members may not re-test a skillathon in a given year.
- Each individual Market Animal Project member must submit a signed copy of the MAC Guidelines with a completed project book at skillathon.
- Study materials are available online at ashtabula.osu.edu, from the Extension Office, and Learning Lab Kits and Notebooks are available to all for use at the Extension Office. Species Clinics will be mentioned at MAC meetings. Please call 440-576-9008 for more information.

Show Requirements & Guidelines for Having Your Market Animal Permanently Identified

1. To be eligible for the fair, show animals must be properly identified. See the Show/Sale Requirements below for details.
2. The weight requirements to be eligible for the Market Animal Sale are listed below. Under-weight and over-weight animals will be excused from the grounds.
3. Information about the following subjects may be found in the Ashtabula County Fair Book. Copies are available from the Ashtabula County Ohio State University Extension Office. The copy of the fair book in the Junior Fair Office at fairgrounds supersedes all other publications of guidelines.

<i>Book</i>	<i>Health Requirements</i>
<i>Entrance Requirements</i>	<i>Weigh-In Information</i>
<i>Skillathon Scores</i>	<i>Exhibition</i>
<i>Animal Care Guidelines</i>	<i>Showing & Fitting Rules</i>
<i>Market Animal Sale Rules</i>	<i>Project Classes</i>
<i>Quality Assurance</i>	<i>Tagging Regulations</i>

4. Additional Requirements:

- All male hooved project animals must be castrated and dehorned by the possession deadline listed above. Boer market goats do not need to be dehorned. Scurs must be less than one inch before arriving at the fair or carcass show drop-off. A scur is identified as a small-unattached growth of horn at the site of a normal horn.
- Birds must be purchased from a certified pullorum-typhoid free hatchery or hatched on a certified pullorum-typhoid free farm and must be accompanied by a certificate with date purchased for entry at fair.
- Market animals are to be assigned to a particular member at the time of identification. After identification, animals cannot be transferred to other members.
- In addition to exhibiting one market pen at the fair, members may also enter the carcass show with one steer (beef or dairy), lamb, swine or goat project.
- Each 4-H club or FFA Chapter may designate and sell one Community Project. Must be identified at tagging.
- Members are required to do at least 50% of the feeding, care (does not include fitting) and training of their project. Fitting does not include washing. If it is determined that the member has not been adequately involved in doing these duties, he/she can be declared ineligible to receive awards for showing the animal. Only parents, siblings, 4-H advisors, FFA advisors, Extension Educators and 4-H or FFA members may assist the member with the normal exercising, feeding and caring for the animal.
- The Species Chair must be notified immediately if an animal loses a tag. Only that animal species chair may tag the animal.

Carcass

Follow all above tagging/possession/identification/sale/fair/weight requirements. Weight requirements for live weight on delivery day.

No more than 10 animals can sell at the Market Sale.

Carcass Species: Beef Steers - Dairy Steers - Market Lambs - Market Hogs - Market Goats.

SHOW/SALE REQUIREMENTS

Species	Time of Tagging/Identification Possession Requirements	Type of Identification Number/Youth	Market Animal Sale/Fair Requirements Minimum Weight - Maximum Weight Species specific requirements
Beef Feeder	Tagging: 1st Saturday in May 9 a.m. to 12 Noon Location: Fairgrounds	Tamperproof tag 4 animals may be tagged	Minimum: 350 lbs. to Maximum: 800 lbs.
Dairy Beef Feeder	Tagging: 1st Saturday in May 9 a.m. to 12 Noon Location: Fairgrounds	Tamperproof tag 4 animals may be tagged	Minimum: 350 lbs. to Maximum: 800 lbs.
Dairy Steer	Tagging: 1st Saturday in December 9 a.m. to 12 Noon Location: Fairgrounds	Tamperproof tag 4 animals may be tagged	Minimum: 900 lbs. to Maximum: 1,550 lbs.
Market Goat	Tagging: 1st Saturday in May 9 a.m. to 12 Noon Location: Fairgrounds	Scrapies/Tamperproof Tag 4 animals may be tagged	Minimum: 60 lbs. to Maximum: 125 lbs.
Market Hog	Tagging: 1st Saturday in May 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Location: Fairgrounds	Tamperproof tag 4 animals may be tagged	Minimum: 220 lbs. to Maximum: 320 lbs.
Market Lamb	Tagging: 1st Saturday in May 9 a.m. to 12 Noon Location: Fairgrounds	Scrapies/Tamperproof Tag 4 animals may be tagged	Minimum: 90 lbs. to Maximum: 150 lbs.
Market Rabbit	Tagging: Third Saturday in June 9 a.m. to 12 Noon Location: Fairgrounds	Tattoo 24 animals tattooed if bred at home 12 animals tattooed if purchased	Minimum weight per rabbit 5.5 lbs. Maximum weight per rabbit 9.0 lbs. Pen of 2
Market Steer	Tagging: 1st Saturday in December 9 a.m. to 12 Noon Location: Fairgrounds	Tamperproof tag 4 animals may be tagged	Minimum: 950 lbs. to Maximum: 1,550 lbs.
Market Chicken	Possession by June 30 Tagging & weigh-in at fair	Wing-band Pen = 4 *See Poultry Guidelines	Minimum: 16 lbs. to Maximum: 32lbs.
Market Turkey	Possession by May 1st Tagging & weigh-in at fair	Wing-band Pen = 2 *See Poultry Guidelines	Minimum: 30 lbs. to Maximum: 70 lbs.
Market Duck	Possession by June 30 Tagging & weigh-in at fair	Wing-band Pen = 2 *See Poultry Guidelines	Minimum: 10 lbs. to Maximum: 30 lbs.

Guidelines for Obtaining Your Market Animal

<i>Species</i>	<i>Type of Animal Requirements</i>	<i>Recommended Size/Age of Animals in current Project Year</i>	<i>Other Requirements</i>
Beef Feeder	Predominate beef breeding	Born Jan. 1- April 15	Bull calves castrated & dehorned by first Saturday in May
Dairy Beef Feeder	Predominate dairy breeding- Large Breeds recommended (dairy/beef crosses are not allowed)	Born Dec. 15 - Feb. 28	Bull calves castrated & dehorned by first Saturday in May
Dairy Steer	Predominate dairy breeding- Large Breeds recommended (dairy/beef crosses are not allowed)	400-600 lbs. at tagging	Bull calves castrated & dehorned by first Saturday in December
Market Steer	Predominate beef breeding	400 to 600 lbs. at tagging (Born Jan – April)	Bull calves castrated & dehorned by first Saturday in December
Market Goat	Any type dairy goat or boer goat	Born Dec 30 – Feb. 28	Dehorned Wethers of any dairy breed (castrated male goats) or female Boer or female Boer cross. Must still have milk teeth.
Market Hog	High quality feeder, see chapter 3 in Swine Resource Handbook	At least 75 lbs. at tagging (Born Jan 1- Feb 15)	Barrows or gilts allowed
Market Lamb	Meat-type breed; Suffolk & Hampshire are the most popular	50 to 80 lbs. at tagging (Born in Jan or Feb)	Ewes or wethers only; no rams
Market Rabbit (Roaster)	New Zealand, Californian, Champagne D'Argent, Palomino, Satin, or can be any other commercial or commercial mixed breed.	Rabbits in possession by May 1. Young must be 4- 6 months at fair week.	Not be over 6 months at weigh-in, 2 rabbits of the same breed & variety (color). Born Feb. 6, 2023 to April 6, 2023.
Market Chickens	Commercial broiler type; normally hybrids - cockerels or hens, recommend Cornish X Rocks.		Pullorum Free Hatchery. Hatched June 15 or after by private or group order
Market Turkey	Broad Breasted White Tom or Hen.		Pullorum Free Hatchery. Hatched April 1 or after by private or group order.
Market Duck	White Pekin		Hatched June 1 or after by private or group order

2023 Junior Fair Livestock Regulations

**** Junior Fair Exhibitors of lactating cows, lactating goats and ALL market animals MUST attend an Ohio Quality Assurance training session by June 1 to be eligible to show or sell their animal at the fair. All parents/guardians must attend the required parent online meeting by **AUGUST 1**. ****

1. All livestock must be moved to their assigned space at the fair between 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. the Sunday prior to fair. /All animals must see the Fair Vet and enter via the Poplar Street Gate.
2. Exhibitors, parents and advisors are expected to conduct themselves in an orderly and courteous manner. All youth, parents and advisors must have a signed Code of Conduct on file at OSU Extension. Harassment, profanity and unsportsmanlike conduct toward fair officials, judges, show manager, help, parents, advisors or exhibitors will not be tolerated. Violators will be dismissed from the show, asked to leave and may forfeit all premiums won and may be barred from further showing at future fairs.
3. All market exhibitors (market beef, beef feeder, dairy beef, dairy steer, goat, lamb, turkey, chicken, duck, rabbit, and hog) must have a parent or guardian attend one of the required parent online meetings by August 1. Failure to do so will result in ineligibility to attend the Fair for the current year.
4. A separate Junior Fair pen reservation must be made for each 4-H and FFA livestock project. An animal without a pen/stall reservation will not be permitted.
 1. Forms are available to families online and are due July 1.
 2. Forms are to be submitted to the Extension Office by the youth participant.
 3. Incomplete forms will not be accepted. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED** without approval of the 4-H Educator and the Agricultural Society President or the Agricultural Society.
 4. Forms will be verified by the Club or Chapter Advisor.
 5. Junior Fair livestock exhibit space will be assigned by the Junior Fair Superintendent in charge of that department, or other designated person(s).
5. It is the responsibility of the youth to return all **FULLY COMPLETED** Carcass Entry Forms, County Pride and Breeder's Own Forms to the OSU Extension Office by July 1st. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED** without approval of the 4-H Educator and the Agricultural Society President or the Agricultural Society.
6. All market animal projects are to be shown by the exhibitor in show and showmanship classes. Extenuating circumstances may be approved by the specie chair for a project to show in a weight class. However, the animal cannot be shown in showmanship by anyone other than the exhibitor identified to that animal. Projects shown by another exhibitor are ineligible for Grand or Reserve Grand Champion Project Exhibitor.
7. Households with siblings participating with the same species may tag one additional pen in that species. One per household. These animals may be used in place of the animal(s) originally tagged in an individual's pen.
8. The fair is open to the public until 10:00 p.m. on Sunday. Haulers have the right of way. Poster/display removal may begin after 9:00 p.m. Tack removal and pen cleaning may begin after 11:00 p.m. Sunday.
9. Community project animals will not be shown in live show classes or showmanship classes and are required to have a display about their project above their animal at the fair.
10. Community projects must be designated as such at tagging, have a pen reservation, and are expected to be cared for in the same manner as all other projects before and during fair (including feeding, washing, etc.).
11. Exhibitors in the Junior Fair Livestock Division may not enter the same animals in both 4-H and FFA.
12. In a class having only one entry, the judge will have the right to refuse to award First Place on the exhibit unless, in their opinion, the exhibit is of exceptional merit.
13. The Livestock Health Regulations of the Ohio Department of Agriculture governing livestock exhibits at Ohio fairs and as set forth in the Open Class Livestock section of the fair book will be in effect.
14. The Agricultural Society provides no bedding or feed. All feed and bedding is up to 4-H and FFA clubs or club members unless members have been otherwise informed. However, sawdust/mulch (provided by MAC) will be available for all market animals. (Do not bring straw to bed hogs.)
15. It is recommended that livestock exhibitors carry liability insurance on their animals exhibited at the fair. The purpose of this insurance is to protect the exhibitor if their animal causes injury to a patron at the fair. If an accident does happen, a Fair Board director should be contacted immediately, and an accident report can be completed.
16. The Junior Fair organizations, advisory committees and the Agricultural Society are not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen entries, equipment, etc.,
17. Those other than exhibitors and Fair officials or their designees are not allowed in the show ring during Junior Fair livestock shows.

18. No seats may be saved more than 1 hour in advance of a show.
19. Steers, dairy steers, beef breeding, beef feeders, and dairy beef feeders must be tied with rope halters and neck ropes.
20. All market animals must be cleaned, watered and cared for before **9:00 a.m.** and again by **6:00 p.m.** The first failure to comply will result in a written warning by the Species Chair, and if it continues, the Department Superintendent will levy a fine of \$10.00 for each occurrence paid by the Saturday after fair. Checks will not be distributed until fines are paid.
21. No hogs are to be washed after 9:00 a.m., unless prior permission is received from the Species Chair.
22. No hogs are to be out of their pens except for washing, shows, or the sale unless prior permission is received from the Species Chair.
23. No cattle are allowed on the cement in the MAC Arena unless authorized by the Junior Fair Superintendent.
24. No animals are allowed on the midway or out of the designated animal areas surrounding the animal barns (see attached [map](#)).
25. Members must be able to show and control their own animal if they are bringing it to the fair. Any animal presumed dangerous by the Fair Vet, Species Chair, Department Superintendent, or MAC Advisory will be removed from the fairgrounds. No exhibitor will be permitted to have another Junior Fair Member show his or her own animal because the original exhibitor cannot control the animal. No training halters or nose leads may be used. Final decisions as to whether or not an animal can be shown will be the responsibility of the Departmental Superintendent and MAC Committee.
26. To be eligible for the market animal sale, the market animal must be shown in a Junior Fair market class, excluding community projects.
27. Only Specie Chair approved "FOR SALE" signs will be permitted. Signs are available from the Junior Fair Office in the MAC Arena.
28. Drug Use Notification Forms (DUNF) must be electronically submitted for each market animal prior to entering the fairgrounds, with the exception of poultry by 10:00 p.m. Sunday prior to fair.
29. All dairy beef feeders must have a minimum body condition score of a 5 noted on the health papers based on the Nine Point Body Condition Scoring. (<http://beef.unl.edu/web/beef/learning/condition1b.shtml>)

Market Animal Weigh In

1. All animals must be weighed in on SUNDAY prior to fair week 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. The following times are encouraged per species:
 - 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. for goats and lambs
 - 2:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. for steers
 - 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. for hogs
2. Lambs and goats will be weighed across the hog scale.
3. Each animal can only cross the scales one time. Under-weight and over-weight animals will be sent home immediately following weigh-in. **If the first animal is under/over, the exhibitor will be allowed to weigh in one different identified/tagged animal** in the allotted time frame. This excludes poultry – see poultry guidelines for specifications.
4. **Members are to be present for weigh-in and for project photos unless other arrangements are made with the species chairperson.** All members must have a photo taken for distribution to the buyers.
5. Tack is not to be unloaded during drop off and weigh-in. Tack may be brought in prior to 1:30 p.m., on Sunday, or after weigh-in.

Showmanship

1. Each member must show his or her own market animal in showmanship classes, unless the youth's project animal has been sent home because it was over or under-weight or the animal has been released by the Fair Veterinarian. In this case a member may borrow a different member's animal who is not in the same class. Proper documentation must be presented to the species chair prior to showmanship beginning.
2. Any member who has exhibited a project animal in a specific species will be considered to be experienced, whether they have shown in showmanship or not.

3. Cattle entered in showmanship are not to be fitted other than normal daily hair care.
4. Suggested age and experience levels for showmanship classes can be found in the species guidelines or fair book (see the specie chairman for further details on classes).

Fitting

1. During show day only Ashtabula County Junior Fair Exhibitors are to fit their animals and youth exhibitors are encouraged to do the majority of the work through the week of fair. Each exhibitor **MUST** fit his/her own animal but may be assisted by any immediate member of the family if help is needed. Family as is defined by the Ohio Revised Code 904-19-01. Professional fitters cannot touch the animal once it arrives on the fairgrounds but can still instruct if needed. There is to be no artificial dressings such as oil, powder, etc. used in grooming of hogs, rabbits, turkeys, dairy beef feeders, dairy steers, lambs, goats, market chickens or market ducks at any time during the fair. Beef are to follow the Ohio Cattleman's Association rules. (<http://ohiocattle.org/Rules>)
2. All steer projects must be fit in the Market Steer Barn or additional specie chair approved locations on show day.
3. All hogs must have a measurable ½ inch of body hair, underline included. Ears and tails may be shorter. A 5/8 "blade is recommended. Clipping hogs is optional prior to fair. No **CLIPPING** is permitted at the Fair.
4. External application of ice, ice packs, cold packs or cold compresses prescribed to relieve heat stress, or a medical condition diagnosed by a licensed veterinarian at the fair is deemed acceptable to protect and promote the health, safety, and welfare of livestock in accordance with Division (A) of Rule 901-19-12 of the United States Department of Agriculture Administrative Code.
5. During the fair, no substance other than normal feed and water is to be given to an exhibition animal without permission of a veterinarian for medical purposes.
6. Adding any substance externally to build up, change, or alter the shape of confirmation of the livestock is prohibited, including by way of example but not limited to rope, false hair, graphite, hemp, and powders.
7. Adults/ parents may lead animals if animals become unruly from the chute to show barn, barn, or wash rack.

Medicinal Withdrawal Times

1. Members must follow the required withdrawal times for certain feed additives, medicines and pesticides during the length of the project. Members will be required to record all treatments in a project drug treatment record log. The log should be maintained with the project book and be available for review during project reviews.
2. All animals entered in the Market Animal show must be in compliance with all applicable laws, statutes and rules at the time of the show and must be free of all unlawful or illegal substances. At the time of the show the withdrawal period of all drugs must have lapsed, and all drug residues must be within the tolerance levels authorized or recommended by the United State Department of Agriculture or the United State Food and Drug Administration.
3. Livestock entered in the Terminal Market shows are destined for slaughter or consignment to a licensed livestock facility and shall not be removed from the fairgrounds until the livestock is transported to slaughter or to the licensed livestock facility or until the Agricultural Society approves movement of the livestock to another secure area for 1) disease control and 2) quarantine for residue to allow a withdrawal time as determined by the fair veterinarian or in accordance with the instructions listed on the drug use notification form to elapse and may be subject to testing. As a terminal project, the member is responsible for finding their own buyer.
4. Livestock that cannot be harvested at the time of the terminal show because of unlawful or illegal substances will be disqualified.

Market Animal Project Placings

1. Each exhibitor is to receive a grade from the species judge, which is to be based on the animal only. The minimum grade is to be no lower than 70%.
2. Members will be required to participate in their species Skillathon to be eligible for the Grand and Reserve Champion Project Exhibitor Award. A listing of Skillathon requirements is available at the OSU Extension Office.
3. Grand & Reserve Champion Project Exhibitor: Skillathon, 40 percent; Showmanship, 40 percent; and the animal's conformation, 20 percent.
 - a. Additional questions asked by and at the discretion of the judge will be used to break any tie(s).

4. There must be 5 projects to make a show. Best of Show and Reserve Best of Show animals will only be placed if there are five or more in the show. If there are less than five, animals may sell at the sale and may be placed as Grand and Reserve Project Exhibitor. Medallions and Best of Show and Reserve Best of Show ribbons will not be awarded for shows with less than 5 projects.
5. Best of Show, Reserve Best of Show and up to ten top animals will be placed by the judge.
6. Top 10 Animals shall be placed by the judge. Top 10 Project shall be determined by top skillathon, showmanship and conformation scores.
7. Sale placement of the remaining animals will be placed via a lottery method or by a method approved by the Specie Chairman and MAC (rabbit and poultry see guidelines for additional information).
8. All exhibitors who win an award or medallion must write a "Thank You" note to the donor who sponsored his or her award. The address of the donor is located on the bottom of the award. Thank you notes are available at the Junior Fair Office or the OSU Extension Office.
9. County Pride & Breeder's Own - These awards will be given to the Market Hog, Dairy Beef Feeder, Market Goat, Market Steer, Market Lamb, Rabbits, Poultry, Beef Feeder and Dairy Steer species. In case of a tie the showmanship score will be used. Entry forms are due to the Extension Office July 1st. Incomplete forms will not be accepted. No Late Entries will be accepted.
 - a. The Breeder's Own award will be given to an animal that was bred on the exhibitor's farm and has the highest live animal score given by the judge.
 - b. The County Pride award will be given to the exhibitor whose animal was bred and purchased in Ashtabula County (not on their own farm) and has the best judge's score.
10. All market animal families are encouraged to attend the awards event at 11:00 a.m. Sunday of Fair. All youth will be recognized for their project work by the Specie Chairs and top awards presented.

Market Animal Carcass

1. Animals not meeting the requirements listed under the Eligibility section of the Show/ Sale Rules will not be judged or eligible for awards and will be sent home and not processed. This includes underweight and overweight animals and non-castrated and horned being sent home.
2. Animals must be sound and in good health.
3. Animals not clean and halter-broke will not be unloaded.
4. The exhibitor is expected to unload his or her own project. The Market Animal Committee, Fair Board, OSU Extension, Processor and volunteers are not responsible for any injuries.
5. Animals will be processed at the owner's expense.
6. Animals will be weighed once at the time of drop-off.
7. Drug Use Notification Forms (DUNF) must be electronically submitted for each market animal prior to drop off.
8. An exhibitor may have only one animal in the MAC Carcass Show (program).
9. There must be five animals per species to make a show. Best of Show and Reserve Best of Show animals will only be placed if there are five or more in the show. Medallions and Best of Show and Reserve Best of Show ribbons will not be awarded for shows with less than five animals.
10. Only the top two project carcasses for all species may be sold at the Sale. Top two carcasses will receive the standard cut.
11. Grand & Reserve Champion Project Exhibitor: Carcass Evaluation: 60%, Specie Skill-a-Thon: 40%.
12. Any animal that meets the requirements for placement in the sale cannot be pulled from the sale.
13. The kill charge is to be paid at the time of animal drop-off.
14. Cut lists must be submitted at drop-off.
15. Judging of carcass will be based on a combination of USDA Quality and Yield Grades and the judge has the final say on all placings and disqualifications
16. Each exhibitor shall weigh in only ONE market project. No substitutions of animals may be made.
17. All members taking a carcass project that do not complete species Skillathon and carcass evaluation will not be eligible for Grand and Reserve Project Exhibitor.

Market Animal Terminal Sale

1. All market animals with the exception of dairy beef feeders and beef feeders are terminal sales and these projects must be harvested at a MAC approved processing plant. Terminal market animals sold are not to be returned to the member. These animals are no longer to be shown again by the exhibitor or any other 4-H or FFA member in any Junior show in any other county, independent or State Fair within the project year.
2. Grand Champion Project Exhibitor, Reserve Champion Project Exhibitor, Best of Show and Reserve Best of Show must sell at the sale. All other properly tagged animals may withdraw from the sale within one hour after the end of their show by contacting the species chairperson. All species are allowed to withdraw from the sale but must be delivered by a MAC approved livestock hauler to a MAC approved processing facility. Written documentation of arrangements must be submitted to and authorized by the MAC sale manager.
3. Title to MAC Project animals sold at the sale and delivered for harvest at an approved livestock facility shall remain vested with the exhibitor until the livestock has passed inspection and has been released in accordance with rule 901-19-02 of Administrative Code.
4. The Ashtabula County Agricultural Society will collect the sale proceeds from the successful bidder and will retain the proceeds until the carcass of the livestock has been released by inspection. All bidders at the terminal sale auction will be required to select a MAC approved processing facility for tracking purposes.
5. The Ashtabula County Agricultural Society conducts the sale through the assistance of the Market Animal Committee as a service to Junior Fair members who take a market animal project.
6. The sale is to be held Saturday of Fair Week.
7. All sales are final unless an Ohio Department of Agriculture carcass inspection reveals a violation of ODA regulations. In such a case the buyer will be released from the sale.
8. The sale is open to FFA and 4-H members in approved clubs who have, in the current year, properly identified their animals.
9. Sale items and buyers' gifts may not contain alcohol products.
10. The overall sale order is as follows: **Cheese, Turkeys, Chickens, Ducks, Rabbits, Goats; Hogs, Dairy Beef Feeders, Beef Steers, Dairy Steers, Beef Feeders, Lambs.** Carcass animals will be sold in each species after the non-carcass animals of that species have been sold. The sale order within each species is as follows: Grand Champion Project Exhibitor, Reserve Champion Project Exhibitor, Best of Show, Reserve Best of Show, and animals placing 3rd – 10th within each species, non-placing animals, Carcass Grand Champion Project Exhibitor, Carcass Reserve Champion Project Exhibitor, Best of Show Carcass, Reserve Best of Show Carcass, and Carcass animals 3rd up to 10th place.
11. All members who sell project animals through the sale will give 4% of the selling price to MAC to cover costs of marketing, fair supplies (i.e., sawdust), building upkeep, and management of the sale. Projects selling in the MAC Auction will be assessed the 4% fee based on the animal's weight and selling price. All animals pulled from the sale are also subject to these fees. This fee will be calculated by the weight of the animal times the average sale price of the non-champion animals selling in that species at the MAC sale times the 4% commission fee (excludes community projects). Any animal withdrawn from the sale must still pay the MAC commission fee by 1:00 p.m. on Sunday of the fair. No animal will be released from the fairgrounds without this payment being made.
12. A buyers' gift and thank you will be provided by the Market Animal Committee.
13. Exhibitors selling their animal will also provide a "thank you" note for the buyer after the fair. This "Thank You" note is to be delivered to the Junior Fair Office in a stamped, sealed, and an addressed envelope no later than clean-up day (Saturday morning one week following the fair). Checks for the sale of market projects will not be distributed until the MAC office receives the "Thank You" note and their individual pens and all market animal areas (including barns, wash racks, the MAC sale ring, MAC Arena and show barn) are clean. Members are required to clean their individual pens. Those unable to attend clean up must arrange for pick-up of their check.
14. Buyer's plaques will be available to all Best of Show, Reserve Best of Show, Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Project youth after fair. It is the youth's responsibility to deliver the buyer's plaque to the buyer. Additional plaques may be purchased from the Committee immediately following the fair.

Market Animal Sale Requirements

1. Species Requirements: Sales requirements are the same as show requirements. See also show requirements in the table above.
2. Each Junior Fair exhibitor may show and sell only one market project in addition to one carcass project. Animals must meet all sale eligibility requirements. NOTE: The production cheese project is considered a market project.
3. **Donated back market animals:** Animals sold by a member during the junior fair auction and donated back by the buyer for resale will be re-sold immediately, if possible, prior to leaving the ring. The youth shall receive the proceeds from the first sale. Proceeds from any re-sale(s) will be donated to a non-profit of the buyer's choice. The 4-H Foundation shall receive the donated funds unless otherwise specified by donor. The buyer MUST fill out a form at time of sale stating the contact name and information of the non-profit. If contact information is not received by the conclusion of the Sale, the 4-H Foundation will receive the funds as the default recipient.
4. **Market animal community projects:** Junior fair clubs may raise and sell one market animal at the Ashtabula County Fair with proceeds of the sale to benefit a non-profit charity of the club's choice. Clubs must list the animal tag number on the pen reservations and identify it as a community project. Clubs must also submit a community project form to donate the funds, which must include the charity contact name, address and phone number at the time of pen reservations. Proceeds from re-sold community projects will benefit the original charity. **Community Project forms and pen reservations must be submitted by July 1st.**
5. Members must lead their own animal for the sale if animals are being presented. If a member is unable to lead his or her own animal for the sale, that member must notify the species chairperson before the day of the sale. The livestock superintendents along with the species chairperson and the 4-H Educator will then determine whether that member's animal can be sold. When arrangements are not made for another Junior Fair member to lead their animal during the sale the animal will not go through the sale and the member will be responsible for the cost of processing and the MAC 4% commission of the non-Champion animals of that species. If not paid, the member shall be ineligible to sell the following year.
6. An incomplete pen cannot sell.
7. Add on bids may be designated to a youth participant by a buyer prior to the close of the Sale by speaking with the Sale Manager and submitting the required information.
8. All sold projects must be picked up during pick up time as outlined on the sales receipt. The committee reserves the right to donate all remaining unclaimed items after 10-days. Special arrangements MUST be made with the appropriate MAC Species Chair for rabbit and poultry by the conclusion of the Sale.

Market Animal Harvest & Hauling

1. A strong rope halter is required for leading beef and dairy steers, beef feeders and dairy beef feeder animals for the hauler.
2. Steers, hogs, goats, lambs, chickens, turkeys, rabbits and ducks will be hauled to harvesting by an approved hauler of MAC on Sunday of fair week starting at 7:00 p.m. All other market animals will be released to buyers on Sunday of fair week starting at 7:00 p.m. A sales slip must be presented. All non-terminal projects must be picked up by 12:00/Noon on Monday.
3. Members or exhibitors are responsible for the care and safety of their animal until 7:00 p.m. Sunday. If the MAC Executive Committee agrees that care following the sale has not been adequate, the member will be fined \$10 payable before the check will be released. Failure to pay the fine will result in ineligibility for participation in next year's fair.

Testing and Inspection of Animals

1. The Agricultural Society, through its designated representatives, reserves the right to conduct unannounced drug tests on animals on the exhibitor's premises during the feeding period, and following the show. Carcass testing may also be done. Checks may be conducted on a random basis or if suspicion warrants.
2. The Agricultural Society, OSU Extension personnel and the Market Animal Committee may conduct random, on site, visitations to verify possession of a project and the correct visible identification. If the project is not in the member's possession, or if the identification is not in place and has not been reported lost, the project will be disqualified.
3. The Agricultural Society or its designees will provide for, and reserve the right to, further identify random terminal market project animals at the fairgrounds prior to dispersal for harvest. The above groups may request physical documentation of harvest of these animals.
4. Tampering and/or misrepresentation as to breeding, age, ownership, custody and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception.
5. To maintain a high degree of confidence and integrity in the livestock shows, the Agricultural Society reserves the right to disqualify any animal fitted in an unethical manner and disqualify the exhibitor and the exhibitor's assistants who fitted the animal involved.
6. **SHOULD FRAUD OR DECEPTION, AND PROOF, AS DETERMINED BY THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, BE DISCOVERED AFTER THE ANIMAL OR ANIMALS HAVE BEEN SHOWN AND PRIOR TO THE SALE**, such animal(s) will not be permitted to sell. The animals placing next in line at the show will move up.
7. **SHOULD VIOLATION BE DISCOVERED AFTER THE SALE**, all sale money will be returned to the buyer and the animal, carcass or carcass value will be returned to the exhibitor. All placings in show will stand. NO animals will move up. Any carcass suspected of being tampered with or suspected of containing drugs will be detained until the investigation is complete.
8. **IF THE CARCASS IS CONDEMNED** at the processing plant for any reason, it will be grounds for disqualification in the on-foot and carcass division of the show. Additionally, all premiums and sale money will be forfeited and the loss of the animal be incurred by the exhibitor.

Market Animal Rule Violations

1. All Ashtabula County Agricultural Society Livestock Exhibition Rules and Regulations will be in effect. See the fair book for updated rules.
2. Any individuals involved in a violation of the rule or regulations of the Ashtabula County Fair will be barred from exhibiting or participation at this fair and will forfeit all premiums, prize money and awards won in any junior fair and/or open class divisions. In the question of a rule violation, the following due process will be used: fair officials will question the exhibitor and/or parties involved. If it is felt a violation has occurred, fair officials will make recommendations to the designated committee of the Agricultural Society, which is appointed to that particular department. After the committee hears the allegations and/or evidence, they will decide if the case should be brought before the full Agricultural Society.
3. In the decision of allegations being brought before the Board, all parties involved will be notified of a meeting date with all parties having the right to present their views and/or evidence.
4. Upon hearing the case, the Agricultural Society will make a ruling.
5. When the Agricultural Society has obtained satisfactory evidence that any of the livestock rules have been violated, the exhibitor and/or exhibitor's family may be barred from showing in any future agricultural fairs. The minimum number of years for disbarment is three (3) years before the right to a review. If any premium/s was awarded to animals shown in violation of this rule, the Agricultural Society will require the exhibitor to refund ALL premiums, awards, and sale money under each violation. Unless fraud and/or deception are involved, all champion placings stand.