

2011 4-H Market Animals Rules and Regulations

1. **FILLING OUT THE IDENTIFICATION FORM DOES NOT ENTER YOUR ANIMAL IN THE STEUBEN COUNTY FAIR.** Entry forms are separate and must be turned in to the 4-H Office in July.
2. Market animals are market beef, dairy steers, market hogs, market lambs, or market goats belonging to Steuben County 4- H members. **Market beef, dairy steers, market hogs and market lambs must be fully castrated and dehorned.** Market goats can be a doe or wether 12 months of age and under or a buck under 6 months. Market heifers must be beef or beef cross. Market heifers cannot be shown in beef breeding classes. **4-H members must own all steers by January 1, 2011 and all market hogs, market lambs, and market goats by June 1, 2011.** 4-H members must identify their animals with the Steuben County CCE Office by the deadline specified: **market beef and dairy steers must be identified by Monday, January 10, 2011, market lambs, market hogs, and market goats must be identified by Monday, June 13, 2011.** A maximum of eight animals per specie may be identified for the Steuben County Fair. Each 4-H member must fill out individual ID form even if animal is co-owned.
3. 4-H members may show their animals at the Steuben County Fair, two per class (shown in the market classes), except sheep which may be exhibited as a pen of three.
4. Animals cannot be shown in both market classes and breeding classes.
5. **4-H market beef, dairy steers, market lambs, market hogs, and market goats must be tagged with a 4-H tag before coming to weigh in at Empire Livestock.**
6. If an animal comes to weigh in without permanent identification that matches the Certification/Identification Certificate, the animal will be disqualified. **Animal and ear tags must be clean, and all tags must be legible, and in the animal's ear.** All market lambs must be slick sheared (no more than 1" of wool).
7. All 4-H animals must be weighed in and **be on display at the fairgrounds by deadline stated in the Fair Book.** **Animals cannot be unloaded or taken to barns until they are checked in.** **Health and Registration Papers MUST accompany animals to the Fairgrounds.** **ALL CATTLE MUST BE BVD TESTED TO BE ELIGIBLE TO SHOW AT ANY FAIR IN NEW YORK STATE.**
8. Minimum weights and age:
Market Beef - 900 pounds; Dairy Steers - 1100 pounds; Lambs - 85 pounds; Hogs - 200 pounds; Market Goats - 40 pounds. Note: There is a maximum weight for hogs of 300 pounds. There is no maximum weight for steers, lambs, or goats. All beef, beef/cross market animals and beef/dairy cross steers must be under 24 months of age as of the opening day of the Steuben County Fair and with only one set of permanent teeth. Meat goats or meat goat crosses must be 12 months of age or under, except *bucks must be under 6 months*. Market lambs and market hogs must be under 1 year old.
9. The 4-H Livestock Committee reserves the right to qualify or disqualify any animal from the show.
10. The Fair Book contains all rules for release of animals from the fairgrounds. **4-H members are responsible for seeing that their animals will be cared for until picked up.** **All 4-H animals must be removed from the fairgrounds no later than 7:00 p.m. on Sunday.**
11. 4-H members must complete and turn in project records for each species in order to receive project credit and to be eligible for all year end awards. **Project records are due to the CCE Office on Monday, September 12, 2011 by 4:30 p.m.** Late records will be marked down one grade. If no record is completed by Friday, September 30, 2011 the 4-H member will not be allowed to identify an animal for that species in 2011.