

**IDENTIFICATION/CERTIFICATION OF 4-H MARKET HOGS , LAMBS AND GOATS**  
**FILLING OUT THE ID FORMS DOES NOT ENTER YOUR ANIMAL IN THE FAIR!**

Market animals are market steers, dairy steers, market hogs, market lambs, and meat goats or meat goat crosses belonging to Steuben County 4-H members. **All male market animals must be fully castrated. 4-H members must own all lambs, hogs, and meat goats (including pygmies) by June 1, 2011.**

Identification/certification for hogs, lambs, and market goats (including pygmies) will be completed by filling out the enclosed form and returning it to the CCE Office by Monday, June 13, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. **A MAXIMUM OF EIGHT ANIMALS PER SPECIES MAY BE IDENTIFIED FOR THE STEUBEN COUNTY FAIR.**

You are required to complete a project record on your animals to receive project credit, to be eligible for year-end awards. Records are due to the CCE Office by Monday, September 12, 2011 by 4:30 p.m. Late records will be marked down one grade. **If no record is completed by September 30, 2011 the 4-H member will not be allowed to identify an animal in that species in 2012 which means they will not be able to show an animal of that species at the 2012 County Fair.**

**These deadlines will be strictly enforced.**

The Livestock Advisory Committee is available to help 4-H members with their project animals. If you would like a member of the committee to come and look at your lamb, goat or hog, please indicate this on your identification form.

The minimum weights to be eligible for championships and the sale are: Lambs - 85 pounds, Goats – 40 pounds, and Hogs - 200 pounds. Note: The maximum weight for hogs is 299 pounds.

If an eartag falls out of the animal the CCE Office must be notified so that a member of the 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee can come and make a farm visit even if the tag that you will be replacing is the same number.

**\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE READ\*\*\*\*\* Green 4-H Ear tags must be in the ear of the animal or it will not be weighed in. NO EXCEPTIONS!!! Ear tags carried in with the animal are unacceptable. All forms of identification MUST MATCH EXACTLY or the animal will be sent home. (Scrapie tags from the veterinarian are the only acceptable identification tags for market lambs and market goats, (In 2011 Green 4-H ear tags are the only acceptable forms of ID for market hogs and are dated 2011) .**

**\*\*\*\* Hogs only need a 4-H ear tag for permanent identification**

**\*\*\*\*Every 4-H market animal must be tagged with 4-H Tag before coming to weigh in.**

**\*\*\*\*Lambs that are shown in Market classes CAN NOT be shown in Ewe classes, hogs shown in market classes CAN NOT be shown in breeding swine classes and Kids shown in Market classes CAN NOT be shown in meat goat breeding classes. Meat goats must be meat goat and meat goat crosses only.**

**\*\*\*\*Underweight and Overweight market animals do not receive premiums at the County Fair**

4-H market animals that have been through a sale (including the Steuben County 4-H Livestock Sale) after June 1 for hogs, goats, and lambs will be considered ineligible to be shown in the 4-H Division at the New York State Fair. **Steuben County 4-H Livestock Rules supercede New York State 4-H Livestock rules.** New York State Fair entries are due BEFORE the Steuben County Fair.

For further information or assistance, contact the CCE Office or your club leader.

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