

GENERAL LIVESTOCK

SECTIONS 003, 004, 005, 006 Meat Goats; Beef; Sheep; Swine

Rules & Regulations

1. Auction animals must have been pre-registered at Cornell Cooperative Extension, Hamden. Beef in January; Meat Goat, Sheep, and Swine in June.
2. Auction animals must be tagged with a green 4-H tag issued by Cornell Cooperative Extension, Hamden.
3. Auction exhibitors must be age 8-19 before January 1 of the current 4-H year in order to participate in the 4-H Livestock Auction.
4. Cloverbuds are not eligible to participate in auction classes or the 4-H Livestock Auction.
5. All entries must follow state health guidelines.
BE SURE TO REVIEW THE 2017 STATE HEALTH GUIDELINES.
6. Each exhibitor shall present a health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian. The health check must be completed prior to the fair.
7. Ownership is required by June 15 of the current year. Exhibitors who have filed a Non-Ownership Certificate with the Extension office prior to June 15 of the current year are eligible to show. No dual or family ownerships allowed.
8. An exhibitor may only show two (2) entries per class.
9. Pre-entry due by **JULY 26** at Cornell Cooperative Extension, 34570 State Hwy 10, Suite 2, Hamden, NY 13782 for both **county and state fair**.
10. An animal may not be shown in both breeding and market classes.
11. All auction animals will also be shown in respective market class.
12. **Herdsman 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:
 - a. Showmanship is mandatory. All exhibitors must show in their respective showmanship class.
 - b. Personal appearance of the exhibitors, including neatness and cleanliness of clothing in and out of the show ring. No holes in clothing. Button shirt. See under specific specie for show attire required.
 - c. Neatness and cleanliness of the exhibit, including such things as stalls, storage area, and animals in exhibit.
 - d. Willingness to cooperate with the Superintendent and his/her assistants in charge of this division in helping to make the entire exhibit neat and attractive.
 - e. open class section of book for premium awards for stall decorations.
 - f. All stall cards must be in place by Tuesday a.m. at 10 a.m. or you will be awarded a zero for that herdsman judging and future judging.
 - g. Showmanship is mandatory. All exhibitors must show in their respective showmanship class.
13. Premiums will be withheld on pens and stalls not cleaned out at close of fair.
14. Auction animals that do not make weight minimums will be given an opportunity to show.
15. Fitting and Showmanship will be based upon:
 - a. Showmanship is mandatory. All exhibitors must show in their respective showmanship class.
 - b. Control of the animal by exhibitor.
 - c. Skill in showing the animal to best advantage.
 - d. Cleanliness and condition of the skin and coat.
 - e. Clipping or trimming.
 - f. All exhibitors are expected to enter their respective showmanship class.
 - g. Exhibitors must show their own animals.
16. Market class animals will be weighed on Monday at 1 p.m. for showing purposes. Those that made weight will be weighed again on Friday at 10 a.m. for auction purposes.
17. Cross breeds are allowed in market classes.
18. Purebred animals must be registered in exhibitor's name. (See Rule #7)
19. Superintendent has right to divide pens.
20. Thursday, following the 4-H Sheep Olympics (7:30 p.m.) a 4-H Animal Dress-up Contest will be held. Classes for small, medium and large animals. Winner selected by audience participation.
21. Non-Ownership is *not available* to youth already owning an animal of that species.
22. 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.*

Livestock Auction Requirements

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

SHEEP

- Born on or after January 1
- Owned by June 15
- Registered by June 17
- Minimum Weight 85 lbs. (except Cheviot Cross can be sold at 75 lbs.) 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 17
- Minimum Weight 200 lbs. determined at Monday's weigh-in

BEEF

- Not over 2 years old at fair time
- Owned & registered by January 3
- Minimum Weight 800 lbs. determined at Monday's weigh-in
- Must be 50% recognized meat breed

MEAT GOAT

- Born on or after January 1
- Owned by June 15
- Registered by June 17
- **Must** have a Rabies vaccination.
- Minimum weight 60 lbs. – determined at Monday’s weigh-in
- **Must** be 50% recognized meat breed: Spanish Meat Goat; Tennessee Fainting Meat Goat; South African Boer Goat; or New Zealand Kiko
- Wethers and Does only
- Disbudding/Dehorning not required
- Must be castrated and healed by June

Rules

1. 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.
2. A 4-Her may register more than one animal of a species for the auction, but must make their choice of what animal to sell after the judging is completed.
3. Only one animal per 4-Her, per specie, may be sold at the auction.
4. Auction Animal Identification Requirements:
MEAT GOATS: USDA Scrapie Tag **and** a Delaware County 4-H Tag
BEEF: Tattoo or Farm Ear Tag, USDA Approved Official Tag, **and** a Delaware County 4-H Tag
SHEEP: USDA Scrapie Tag **and** a Delaware County 4-H Tag
SWINE: USDA Approved Tag **and** a Delaware County 4-H Tag
5. Animals will be weighed twice at the fair:
 - a. Before showing in the classes – Monday; 1 p.m.; to determine class breakdown.
 - b. Friday; 10 a.m.; only animals making weight on Monday for actual sale weight.
 - c. Animals may not be watered down before weighing; normal morning chores can be done.
 - d. Animals that do not make weight on Monday will not be sold.
 - e. 4-Her must be present for weigh-ins or make other arrangements with another 4-Her.
6. You may have until weigh-ins on Friday morning to decide if and what animal(s) you want to sell.
7. 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. **This record must be turned into the 4-H Summer Assistant by Monday of fair week at the Livestock Show Ring from 3-5 p.m.** *No Project Records will be accepted after 5 p.m. per the 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee. Animal will be entered in to 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 a copy can be downloaded from the Extension web site at www.ccedelaware.org or can be picked up at Cornell Cooperative Extension in Hamden.
8. 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.

9. Meat goats and sheep must be castrated by 6 weeks of age; beef by 8 months of age; pigs by one month of age. Animal may show no signs of open wounds or male secondary sex characteristics. **Beef may not be over 2 years old.**
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. **SHOWMANSHIP IS MANDATORY** – Any exhibitor not showing in their respective showmanship class will be disqualified from the auction.