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TO: 4-H Livestock Auction Beef Exhibitors

FROM: John T. Hannum, 4-H Team Leader

RE: **4-H Livestock Auction/Beef Tagging Changes & Registration Information**

If you wish to sell a beef steer at the Delaware County Fair in the 4-H Livestock Auction, your animal must be owned and registered with the Extension office in Hamden by **JANUARY 3, 2017**. The 4-H Livestock Auction will be held on Saturday, August 19, 2017.

1. 4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION REGISTRATION FORMS

4-H Livestock Auction registration deadline for beef is January 3, 2017.

- a. The enclosed 4-H Livestock Auction Animal Registration Form for beef needs to be completed and returned to the Cooperative Extension office in Hamden by January 3, 2017.
- b. The registration form should be filled out with your personal information, name of each animal you are registering, USDA tag numbers, and any other identification present on the animal such as farm tag, tattoos, etc.
- c. Registration deadline for all auction animals (January 3rd for beef; and June 17th for meat goats, sheep, and swine) is a firm date. No auction registration forms will be accepted after these dates.
NO EXCEPTIONS, as directed by the 4-H Program Issue Committee.
- d. **VERY IMPORTANT...PLEASE REMEMBER...**you are responsible for the accuracy of your 4-H Livestock Auction Registration Form and health papers. Make sure both documents have the correct tag numbers written clearly on them. We do not want to disqualify anyone for incorrect paperwork.
- e. **An insurance fee of \$5.00 will be charged to each 4-Her who registers a steer for sale.**
*Insurance will be used only if the buyer defaults on the purchase of your animal.
In the event that the insurance fund has to be used, the 4-Her will receive the auction purchase price for their animal. If the buyer refuses payment because an animal was rejected due to use of illegal drugs or drug residue you will not be eligible for insurance payments.
*Registration information must be completed on each animal/only one insurance fee is paid.

2. TAGGING BEEF ANIMALS

- a. Auction beef animals will be tagged in June with the meat goats, sheep, and swine animals at the Delaware County Fairgrounds. For 2017, this date will be JUNE 17th from 10 am to Noon.
- b. Beef must have a USDA ear tag **AND** a 4-H tag. Beef need to be tagged with either your farm's premise (USDA) identification tag or a veterinarian issued tag.

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3. 4-H AUCTION PROJECT RECORDS

- a. All animals participating in the auction must be accompanied by a completed 4-H Auction Project Record. This record must be turned into the 4-H Summer Assistant on Monday of fair week, in the livestock show ring, between 3:00-5:00 p.m. To obtain a copy of the 4-H Auction Project Record, contact the Extension office or download a copy from www.ccedelaware.org.
- b. Market price per pound for 2017 will be as of tagging/weigh-ins, June 17th. Market price per pound will be filled in on the project record sheets by the Extension office prior to handing out to exhibitors. Having the price per pound in advance, exhibitors should be able to have their records completed, except for the final weight of their animal prior to Monday's weigh-ins. Once your animal is weighed on Monday, all you should have to do is, add the weight to the form and do the math. Exhibitors are encouraged to complete their forms at weigh-ins and hand them in at that time.
- c. 4-H Auction Project Records will be accepted up until 5 pm on Monday of fair week. If records are not received by Monday at 5 pm, the animal(s) will be entered into a non-auction class and disqualified from the auction, as directed by the 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee.

4. GENERAL 4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION INFORMATION

- a. Exhibitors must be 8-19 years of age as of January 1, 2017.
- b. All beef animals must be owned by the 4-Her by January 3, 2017 and cared for daily by the 4-Her from January 4 until auction time.
- c. Only one beef animal, per 4-Her, may be sold at the auction.
*A 4-Her may register more than one steer for the auction now, but must make the decision of what animal to sell by 10:00 a.m. on Friday morning of fair week (before the weigh-ins).
- d. 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.
- e. Auction steers are not to be over two (2) years old.
*Animals must be castrated before 8 months of age and show no evidence of open wounds or male secondary sex characteristics. We recommend castration before weaning has ended.
- f. Implanted hormone growth stimulants will not be allowed.
- g. Only steers 800 pounds or more will be sold at auction. (To be determined at Monday's weigh in.)
- h. Animals will be weighed twice at the Fair. Monday, to determine class breakdown. Friday, to determine actual sale weight. *Animals may not be watered down before weighing; normal morning chores can be done.
 *Animals that do not make weight on Monday will not be eligible for auction and will be entered into a non-auction class.
- i. 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.
*Any animal receiving a white ribbon in the 4-H market class will be disqualified from the auction.
- j. All beef sold will be assessed a sale fee of 1.5% of total gross sale. This fee covers auction costs, advertising and future training meetings.
- k. 4-Hers selling animals are encouraged to get buyers to attend the auction. Your goal should be, meeting the needs of the freezer trade customer with top quality, reasonably priced meat.

4-H AUCTION ANIMAL REGISTRATION FORM - 2017

RETURN TO: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Delaware County
34570 State Hwy 10, Suite 2
Hamden, NY 13782

Registration Deadline
Beef.....January 3
Swine.....June 17
Sheep.....June 17
Meat Goat.....June 17

BEEF - SHEEP - SWINE - MEAT GOAT
(circle species registering)

4-Her's Name: _____

Address: _____

Age: _____ Phone #: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Club: _____

<u>Name of Animal</u>	<u>4-H Tag #</u>	<u>USDA Tag</u>	<u>Other ID</u>	<u>Breed</u>	<u>D.O.B.</u>	<u>Purchase Date</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

If registering more than one animal, please list others below:

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Beef: USDA Tag; 4-H Tag

Meat Goat: Scrapie Tag; 4-H Tag

Sheep: Scrapie Tag, 4-H Tag

Swine: USDA Tag; 4-H Tag

4-Her's Signature: _____

My signature certifies that the above is correct and all rules in the accompanying letter will be followed completely or I will subject myself to non-eligibility for the auction.

OFFICE INFORMATION ONLY:

Auction Weight _____; Placing: _____; Sale Order: _____

___ Enclosed is the \$5.00 INSURANCE FEE.

To be completed at tagging/weigh-ins on June 17th.

4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION EXHIBITOR,

Please initial each of the items listed below.

I have read and understand that:

- I am responsible for the accuracy of my 4-H Livestock Auction Registration Form and health papers. I need to make sure both documents have the correct tag numbers written clearly on them.
- I will contact the Extension office for replacement 4-H and/or USDA tags, if needed, before my project animal arrives at the Delaware County Fair.
- I will contact the Extension office with any registration form changes, if needed.
- I have picked up my 4-H Livestock Auction Project Record.
- I am aware that the 4-H Livestock Auction Project Record deadline is Monday of fair week at 5 pm at the livestock show ring.
- I am aware that if my 4-H Livestock Auction Project Record is not complete and handed in by 5 pm on Monday of fair week, my animal will be disqualified from the auction and placed in a non-auction class.
- I will be sure my animal is tagged properly and the ID matches on my registration form and health papers prior to arriving at the fairgrounds.

Signature of Exhibitor

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

CCE Educator/4-H Livestock Advisory Committee Member

Date

REMINDER...

1. Registration deadline for 4-H livestock auction animals is **January 3rd for beef** and **June 17th for meat goats, sheep, and swine**. Auction registration forms will not be accepted after these dates. **NO EXCEPTIONS**, as directed by the 4-H Program Issue Committee.
2. **ALL** auction animals (**BEEF**, meat goats, sheep, and swine) will be tagged on **Saturday, June 17th** at the Delaware County Fairgrounds in Walton from **10 am to Noon**.
 - *We will not be visiting farms to tag steers or mailing tags to exhibitors to tag their steers this year.
 - *If you would like your steer weighed on June 17th, you may do so.
3. 4-H Livestock Auction Project Records will be accepted up until 5 pm on Monday of fair week. **NO EXCEPTIONS**, as directed by the 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee.
 - *If records are not received by 5 pm, the animal(s) will be entered into a non-auction class and disqualified from the auction.