

2024 Market – Breeding Animal Project Rules

Introduction

The mission of 4-H is to assist youth in acquiring knowledge, developing life skills, and forming attitudes that will enable them to become self-directing, productive members of society. To this end the Cassia County 4-H Market Animal project strives to help members:

- Develop the six pillars of character (trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship) and become involved in community service.
- Develop written communication skills via construction of record books and personal essays.
- Learn to identify, achieve, and evaluate personal goals.
- Learn financial principals relevant to the project animal (inventory, expenses, income).

Commitment to Excellence

- I believe that participation in the Cassia County Youth Livestock Program should demonstrate my own knowledge, ability and skill as a feeder and exhibitor of livestock.
- I will not use abusive, fraudulent, illegal, deceptive, or questionable practices in the feeding, fitting or showing of my animal(s), nor will I allow my parents, my supervisor, or any other individual to employ such practices with my animal(s).
- I will read, understand, and follow the rules without exception, of all livestock shows in which I am a participant and ask that my parents and the supervisor of my project do the same.
- I wish for my livestock project to be an example of how to accept what life has to offer, both good and bad, and how to live with the outcome.
- I realize that I am responsible for the proper care and safe humane treatment of my animals, the production of high quality, safe and wholesome food and demonstrating strong moral character as an example to others.
- I consent to having my animal(s) subjected to drug testing.

Membership

1. To be eligible to participate, all 4-Hers must have paid the annual \$15.00 member fee and \$8.00 species fee (FFA youth must pay the specie fee to advisor) for animal projects. No one is allowed to participate unless they are a registered member of 4-H/FFA by the required time. All members will follow 4-H or FFA project requirements. An individual may continue to participate in 4-H as long as they are in high school or 18 years of age as of January 1st of the current year.
2. Anyone selling in the 4-H/FFA Market Animal Sale must be a resident of the City of Burley or Cassia County during the length of the project (from weigh-in through fair) or attend school in Cassia County. 4-H & FFA members are not eligible to sell if they have graduated from high school prior to the current 4-H year.
3. All exhibitors (and parents/legal guardian) participating in the Market Animal Sale are required to read and sign the Cassia County Market Animal Agreement by specie registration deadlines. It is strongly recommended that participants meet as a club prior to weigh-in and review the Market Animal Sale Agreement and Animal Project Rules. (Signature on agreement acknowledges that these have been read.)
4. All exhibitors (and parents/legal guardian) participating in a Breeding Animal Project are required to read and sign the Cassia County Breeding Animal Project Ethics Agreement Form and fill out completely a Permanent Individual Animal Record for each animal.
5. Ages (as of January 1, 2024) for Showmanship Classes are as follows: Juniors 8 – 10, Intermediates 11 – 13, Seniors 14 – 18 and FFA.

Attendance

1. All 4-H members who show and sell at the fair **must attend 6 meetings** with the livestock club in which they are enrolled and have given **one demonstration**.
2. Your club community-based service project can count as a meeting if approved by the club organizational leader.

Record Book

1. All 4-H youth will use the ZSuite Record Books and all FFA youth will use assigned FFA Record Books (see Advisor). A copy of the Market Animal Agreement and Cassia County Bill of Sale or Idaho Brand Inspection (for beef & dairy) must be included in your record book.
2. 4-H youth will turn in a separate record book for market & breeding projects (if doing a breeding project). However, they must put a Permanent Individual Animal Record for each breeding project animal that they have. All animals must be included in Expense, Income & Health Record if applicable.
3. All 4-H and FFA livestock completed record books (No Sheet Protectors) must be turned in at the Cassia County Extension Office by 4:00 PM, **July 31**. (Books turned in between 4 & 5 PM will receive a red ribbon with 2 points deducted for every 10 minutes late after 4) **No record book- no sale**. Absolutely no record books accepted after 5:00 PM. 4-H Record Books will be judged this year. **Service Project and livestock lessons must be included in record book activity log. 4-H/FFA members who receive a white ribbon on their record book will not be allowed to sell or participate in quality or showmanship classes.**
4. A 4 X 6 colored picture (must be on photo paper or laser printed) of youth & animal mounted on the “Buyers’ Support” poster (available at 4-H office) will be turned in with your record book. (For pictures: animals must be clean & youth must be dressed in “show ring” attire.) If an acceptable picture is not turned in, the youth will have 24 hours to turn one in.
5. Copy of palpation verification and bangs vaccination receipt will be turned in with all dairy project record books.
6. Top 4-H livestock record books for each specie, will be displayed in the 4-H building. Top record books will remain in the 4-H building until Sunday morning. All other record books will be handed out during the showmanship shows for each specie. Those not picked up at the

show will be taken back to the 4-H building to be picked up anytime prior to the Monday after fair at noon. All books not picked up by noon on the Monday after fair will be thrown away.

7. All dairy youth, including FFA, will be required to give a presentation in front of a panel of judges and answer questions, which will be provided by the superintendent. Two dates will be set for presentations, parents will need to call the Extension Office to schedule times for youth. (Trifold size: 40 X 28, no larger)
8. All turkey youth, including FFA, will be required to turn in a trifold with record book. Display with three sections; left side about youth, center about project and right side on the topic approved by the superintendent. (Trifold size: 40 X 28, no larger)
9. All trifolds/posters (dairy & turkey) must be picked up by noon on the Monday after fair. If not picked they will be thrown away.

Weigh-in/Ear Tags

1. **All 4-H and FFA market animal participants and parents should be present at both official weigh-ins of their animal unless pre-approved with the 4-H Office (4-H youth only), or advisor (FFA only) and specie superintendent. Agreements must be signed by parent/legal guardian and youth by specified specie deadlines.**
2. **Cassia County Bill of Sale or Idaho Brand Inspection (for beef & dairy) will be turned in by specified specie deadlines.**
3. Participants may weigh-in more than one species of market animal project at the first weigh-in. **However**, they must choose only one specie to weigh-in for their market animal project at Fair time.
4. If a youth has a market animal, they must show that animal in Showmanship. If a youth is showing more than one specie (excluding equine) they are only allowed to show one of those species in showmanship.
5. All market livestock must be ear tagged (turkeys will be wing banded & rabbit's ear tattooed) at initial weigh-in. Those animals to be sold will be identified at the fair weigh-in by that ear tag, wing band or tattoo. The only ear tags permitted will be the 4-H/FFA ear tags from the Extension office, the USDA scrapie tag (used in sheep & goats) and the breeding registry tags in dairy heifers.
6. Youth may only have access to a maximum of 2 animals per specie. Youth may have two designated animals or share a family spare.
7. All Sheep & Goat Projects will be required to have a scrapie tag in place at first weigh-in.
8. All Dairy Heifer Projects are required to have a legible bangs tattoo by final weigh-in. All heifers will be inspected at beginning weigh-in, and youth will be notified if they are good or must have one put in place by final weigh-in.
9. All Goats must be dehorned, or horns tipped. (It is highly recommended to have goats dehorned)
10. Lost Tag- If an animal loses its ear tag; the county extension office will be notified immediately. If the office is not notified, the youth will not be allowed to weigh-in and participate at the fair.
11. Fair time- All species will come in off Hiland Ave. (Trailers will enter only from the east and exit to the west.) We will unload one trailer at a time. **No animals can come in prior to weigh-in times** (as per Cassia County Fair board).
12. Animals demonstrating clinical signs of infectious disease are not permitted at the fair. All animals will be inspected by a vet at fair weigh-in. (As per meeting minutes of the Cassia County Fair Board on 10-25-2022)
13. If an animal does not make weight, the animal may be taken off the scales, a balance check made on the scales, and the animal put right back on the scales. There will be no time for the animal to drink or be altered. If the animal leaves the scale area while the balance check is made, they will not be allowed to weigh again.
14. If an animal fails to meet the weigh-in requirements (weight, loin area, back-fat, minimum average daily gain as stated on the Market Animal Agreement) they cannot show in a quality class, and they will not sell. If they choose, they may show their animal in a showmanship class only. That decision must be made immediately at weigh-in time. The Cassia County Market Animal Sale Committee will not floor any extra animals. Any market animals not included in the Sale have till the morning after weigh-in, or immediately after showmanship class, to be removed from the fairgrounds.
15. For all weigh-ins, animals need to be clean of excess dirt, mud, manure, debris, etc. with legible tags (As per meeting minutes of the Cassia County Fair Livestock Committee Meeting on 10-2-23)

Pen and Area Requirements

1. Pen assignments will be made prior to the fair by the superintendents and will be posted prior to weigh-in.
2. A completed 4-H or FFA stall card is required on every pen.
3. Each livestock participant is expected to care for their own animal(s) throughout the length of the fair. This includes the feeding, watering, and cleanliness of pens for each animal(s). No water will be left in pens for beef and dairy animals, sheep and goat water buckets will be clipped to pens.
4. In each specie area, the superintendent or their appointee will go through and check the pens/stalls AM and PM. If pens are not clean the office will be notified, and it will be noted on their contracts. The youth, parents, or leader will be contacted, and they will have 2 hours to get it taken care of.
5. The implementation of a three-strike system for youth that fail to keep their pens clean at the fair – 1st strike= warning, 2nd strike=\$100 fine, and 3rd strike=disqualify youth from participating in animal project at the fair the next year. The 3rd strike will be determined by the Fair Livestock Committee.
6. It is recommended that all livestock be trimmed before bringing them to the fair. Sheep/goat stands, and beef trimming chutes will be allowed in areas designated by the fair board.
7. Youth are responsible for their own bedding. Only wood shavings will be allowed. **No** straw or other type of bedding will be acceptable.

Show Ring

1. If any youth shows or sells 4-H/FFA animals in another fair in the same year, they cannot show or sell 4-H/FFA animals in the Cassia County Fair.
2. All Participants will be required to wear a number matching the tag number of their animal, superintendent will designate where number is to be worn.
3. **Dress code:** No open-toed shoes. Long pants (appropriately fitted, neat clean appearance). Shirts, No Logos (with exception of FFA or 4-H), shirt must have collar and length be long enough that no midriff is showing, sleeves may be short or long, but no cap sleeves. Same dress code for Sale Ring. No glitter, bows, etc. on animals. No riding the animals.
4. A youth in the 4-H/FFA meat animal project is responsible for preparing their own animal for exhibition, but may receive necessary limited assistance from other youth, volunteers or family members representing the county 4-H/FFA youth organization. (As per meeting minutes of the Cassia County Fair Livestock Committee Meeting on 10-2-23)
5. If the animal cannot be controlled during the shows, it may be dismissed from the show ring at the discretion of the superintendent or judge.
6. **The superintendent has the right to dismiss any unruly animal species or persons from the barns/show rings. A dismissal results in a No Sale.**
7. Entries into the Round Robin will be grand champion showman in dairy, beef, sheep, swine, goat.
8. Awards will be given out to the beef, sheep, swine, dairy, rabbit, turkey, and goat at the end of the class. No award will be given where merit does not exist. Only blue-ribbon projects will be considered for class trophy or top award. The top animals in each class will receive blue, red, or yellow rosettes. Grand and Reserve Champion Rosettes will be awarded to overall winners. Buckles will be awarded to Grand Quality, Grand Showmanship and Grand Breeding. White ribbon animals will not be allowed to sell.
9. Volunteer assignments for help with quality/showmanship shows and sale day will be made by the superintendent of each specie.

Market Sale & Breeding Animal Requirements

1. An animal may only be used once. It is a Breeding or a Market Project. Decision must be made at weigh-in. (As per Cassia County Fair Livestock Committee Meeting Minutes on 12-13-21)
2. All 4-H or FFA members who show in a Market quality class, must show that animal in showmanship to be able to sell at the Market Animal Sale.
3. 4-H or FFA members will be allowed to sell only one animal/pen at the Cassia County 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale.
4. **No youth will be allowed to sell in more than one county livestock sale.**
5. **Each member must be present to sell their own animal/pen.**
6. Sale Order: Grand and Reserve Champions of each species will sell first in this order: **Turkey, Goat, Swine, Rabbit, Sheep, Beef.** (The specie selling first- will move to the end of the rotation for the next year.) All blue-ribbon animals will be sold before red ribbon animals, within specie. Dairy has their own separate sale.
7. Each individual participating in 4-H/FFA market animal projects must have proof of ownership (County Bill of sale or Idaho Brand Inspection). Ownership of the project animal includes personal possession and responsibility as primary caretaker of the animal. The minimum period of time for ownership and length of feeding periods for animals fed and exhibited at fair will be: Beef- 157 days, Swine – 124 days, Dairy – 101 days, Sheep – 92 days, Goat – 67 days, Turkey’s – 69 days, and Rabbits – 58 days.
 - a. All livestock to be sold at the Market Animal Sale must be weighed in at the first weigh-in: Beef – maximum 1000 lbs.; Swine – 25 lbs minimum and maximum of 125 lbs.; Dairy (must be December calves of the previous year) – no initial weight requirements; Sheep – no minimum or maximum; Goats – 35 lbs. minimum (must be born after November 1st of the previous year); Turkey’s- no initial weight requirements; Rabbits – no initial weight requirements.
 - b. Livestock must also be weighed in at the final weigh-in: Beef – minimum 1,100 lbs. with no maximum and ADG of 2.25 lbs.; Swine-- minimum of 230 lbs. maximum of 330lbs.; Dairy-- no minimum weight but must meet ADG of 1.40 lbs. for Holsteins, 1.05 lbs. for Jersey and 1.20 lbs. for Crossbred; Sheep-- minimum weight of 110 lbs. with no maximum and ADG of .40 lbs.; Goats—60 lbs. minimum weight, maximum of 125 lbs. and ADG of .25 lbs.; Turkey-- Toms: Minimum of 23 lbs. and maximum of 35 lbs and Hens: minimum of 18 lbs. and maximum of 30 lbs.; Rabbit- 4 lbs. 8 oz. to 6 lbs. 8 oz.
8. Youth are only eligible to participate in one quality show with their market animal project at the Cassia County Fair. (As per Cassia County Fair Livestock meeting minutes on 10-2-23).
9. **No illegal drug, off-label use of drugs (uses other than specifically allowed on the drug label or by veterinarian prescription), or other use of artificial means to alter the physical composition, appearance, or disposition of a project animal is permitted. Violators will be disqualified immediately from the 4-H/FFA meat animal program, will be barred from all future participation and will be subject to any and all relevant criminal prosecution, including taking all money from the youth earned at the Cassia County 4-H/FFA Market Animal Sale.**
10. **Exhibitors will submit their animals to any inspection including drug testing for alteration by inspectors appointed by the Fair Livestock Committee. The conclusion of any inspections shall be final. By entering an animal for exhibition, each exhibitor releases all claims arising from any action by the Fair Livestock Committee under this rule. The time period for testing will be Monday AM to no later than 6:00 PM on Friday of fair week. Parents and leaders/advisors will be notified at least one hour prior to the testing so that they can be present when the animal is tested. If any shots are given to animals at the fair or just prior to the fair, member needs to have written notice from treating vet (with written notice turned into office and the legal withdrawal period must be followed). All shots given to animals at the fair will be given by a licensed veterinarian and notification will be given to the livestock secretary.**
11. The Market Animal Sale is a terminal sale for market animals. No one will be allowed to buy their animal back, it must be slaughtered, with the exception of the dairy- they will go back into the dairy industry.

12. **All “Quality” Grand & Reserve Champion animals must sell.** All participants (except grand and reserve) in quality, have the right to retain ownership and not sell their animal at the sale. If they decide not to sell, they must provide in writing the “No Sale Form” of not selling and present it to the Livestock Office, one hour after quality show.
13. **Sale order will be posted in the sale barn and on the board by the outdoor show ring Thursday by 6:00 PM. Volunteers, FFA Advisors, Superintendents, parents, and youth will have until Friday at Noon to find any errors and report them to the livestock office.**

Breeding Animal Classes

1. Breeding & Pet Animal Projects should be conducted in a manner that is supportive and complementary to the market livestock program policy. The minimum period of time for ownership (or as primary caregiver) for beef, sheep & goat breeding animals fed and exhibited at a 4-H/FFA sanctioned event will be 90 days. If a breeding project animal is leased by a 4-H/FFA member, a complete written and signed copy of the lease agreement must be returned to the county extension office by the required ownership date.
2. All 4-H or FFA members in the breeding animal project will show in a quality class.
3. If a youth has a market animal, they must show that animal in Showmanship. If a youth is showing more than one of the following species: beef, swine, sheep, turkey, goat, rabbit, or dairy, they are only allowed to show one of those species in showmanship.
4. Youth participating in the breeding animal project may only enter one animal per class per specie. However, they may have multiple breeding projects in that specie. They may also have breeding projects in more than one specie.
5. Breeding Classes will be as follows:

a. **Beef**

- Breeding Beef A – Heifer Calves
- Breeding Beef B – Heifers
- Breeding Beef C – Cow/Calf Pair

*** Beef Breeding Project final declaration day 6-7-24

***All bred heifers and the cow from a cow/calf pair must show pregnant at the fair. Confirmation must be by a certified vet and paperwork (vet certificate or blood test) will be shown to the superintendent at fair check-in.

b. **Sheep**

- Sheep Breeding A – Ewe
- Sheep Breeding B – Ram (must be under 1 year of age)

c. **Goats**

- Will be dependent on project enrollment, superintendent & Fair Livestock Committee

*** Goat Breeding Project final declaration day 6-7-24

Situations

1. **The superintendent will make the final decision following the 4-H & FFA Livestock rules. The superintendent’s decision will be supported by the 4-H Volunteer’s Council, 4-H Coordinator, Extension Office and FFA advisors where applicable.**
2. If individuals do not agree with superintendents’ decision, grievance can be taken before the Fair Livestock Committee. Contact a member of the Fair Livestock Committee.
3. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives or show officials before, during or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their duties, respective personnel will be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect.
4. All Participants will abide by the University of Idaho Policy and Procedures. (Copy is available on the Cassia County 4-H website.)

Individuals or formally organized groups who violate the 4-H Code of Conduct, 4-H Policies and Procedures or whose conduct is deemed detrimental to the best interest of the program by extension personnel, or their appointed representatives may be subject to immediate removal without notice, and/or exclusion from future involvement.

Cassia County 4-H/FFA Market Animal Sale Thank You’s

Thank You notes will be delivered to the Extension Office; stamped and addressed, or if doing more than a card, youth must text a picture to the group on the band app of youth with the buyer receiving thank you. Youth will not receive their checks until a thank you has been done. Checks need to be picked up and cashed by October 1, 2024.

Notes

There are many worthwhile and charitable causes for raising money. However, the sole purpose of the Market Animal Sale is for the benefit of the 4-H/FFA organization and members. For this reason, there will be no other fund raising in conjunction with the Sale.