

STEUBEN COUNTY

2023 4-H MARKET ANIMAL RULES & REGULATIONS

What is a Market Animal?

- A market chicken, turkey, rabbit, beef steer, beef heifer, dairy steer, hog, lamb or goat that's raised with the intention of selling and belongs to a Steuben County 4-H Member.

All Market Animals:

- **Market Beef Steer/Heifer & Market Dairy Steer entries are due online via FairEntry by January 3, 2023**
- **Market Hog, Lamb & Goat fair entries are DUE ONLINE via FairEntry by June 19, 2023 in order to be eligible to show in the 2023 Steuben County Fair**
- **Market Chicken, Turkey & Rabbit fair entries are DUE ONLINE via FairEntry by July 17, 2023 in order to be eligible to show in the 2023 Steuben County Fair**
-2023 FairEntry Link: <http://steubencountyfair4h.fairentry.com/>
- All 4-H members who identify a market animal **MUST** have a YQCA Certification prior to July 17, 2023.
- All 4-H members who exhibit a project in 4-H at the 2023 Steuben County Fair are **REQUIRED** to turn in a **COMPLETED** project record to the CCE office by **September 18, 2023 (LATE RECORDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED)** Records can be found on this webpage <http://putknowledge2work.org/4-h-youth/4-h-records>
- Animals cannot be shown in both a market class and breeding class. For example: (A Market Beef Heifer cannot be shown in both the Market Beef Heifer class and Beef Breeding Heifer class)
- ONLY 2 market animals per species & per class can be SHOWN at the Steuben County Fair EXCEPT for MARKET POULTRY (See Market Poultry section for more information)
- The 4-H Livestock Advisory, Small Animal Advisory Committee's & 4-H Staff reserve the right to qualify or disqualify any beef, dairy steer, sheep, swine, turkey, chicken, rabbit & meat goat from the show
- Each 4-H member must submit a separate entry, even if the animal is co-owned
- Filling out an online entry for your market animal(s) is REQUIRED in order for you to show in the 4-H division at the Steuben County Fair.
- **Please notify the CCE Office of any market animal entries that will be scratched for the 2023 Steuben County Fair BY Monday, July 17, 2023**
- **Please notify the CCE Office if any tags have fallen out & have been replaced with a new number so we can keep our records up to date**

Market Rabbits:

- **Cannot exceed 6 months** of age as of **August 15, 2023**
- Must weigh in at **5-8 pounds**
- Can be either a doe or buck
- Can be any of the **following types** (Purebred or Crossbred): American Chinchilla, Argente Brun, Bevern, Blanc de Hotot, Californian, Champagne de Argent, Cinnamon, Crème de Argent, Flemish Giant, Florida White, Giant Chinchilla, Harlequin, Palomino, New Zealand, Satin, or Silver Fox

Market Poultry:

- Market Chickens **CANNOT** exceed **9 weeks** of age as of **August 13, 2023**
- ONLY 1 pen consisting of 2 market chickens PER EXHIBITOR is eligible for show & sale
- Market Turkeys **CANNOT** exceed **16 weeks** of age as of **August 13, 2023**
- ONLY ONE market turkey PER EXHIBITOR is eligible for show & sale
- 4-H members MUST indicate at the conclusion of the show IF their market poultry will be consigned in the auction
- **ONLY BLUE RIBBON MARKET POULTRY WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO GO THROUGH THE LIVESTOCK SALE ON AUGUST 20, 2022**

Market Beef Steers:

- 4-H members must OWN all market beef steers by **January 1, 2023**
- 4-H members must ENTER their market beef steers online via FairEntry by **January 3, 2023**
- **Cannot exceed 24 months** of age as of **August 15, 2023**
- Must be fully castrated & dehorned
- Must be a beef, beef cross, or beef/dairy cross
- ALL CATTLE must be **BVD** (Bovine Viral Diarrhea) tested & have an RFID tag prior to arrival at the fair
- Small Frame Market Beef Steers (Lowline, Dexter, Mini Hereford, etc.) Must weigh between **700-900 pounds** at weigh in
- Large Frame Market Beef Steers (Angus, Simmental, Charolais, Limousin, etc.) Must weigh at least **900 pounds** at weigh in

Market Beef Heifers:

- 4-H members must OWN all market beef heifers by **January 1, 2023**
- 4-H members must ENTER their market beef heifers online via FairEntry by **January 3, 2023**
- ALL CATTLE must be **BVD** (Bovine Viral Diarrhea) tested & have an RFID tag prior to arrival of the fair
- **Cannot exceed 24 months** of age as of **August 15, 2023**
- Must be a beef or beef cross
- Must be dehorned
- Must weigh at least **900 pounds** at weigh in

Dairy Steers:

- 4-H members must OWN all market dairy steers by **January 1, 2023**
- 4-H members must ENTER their market dairy steers online via FairEntry by **January 3, 2023**
- ALL CATTLE must be **BVD** (Bovine Viral Diarrhea) tested & have an RFID tag prior to arrival of the fair
- Must be **26 months** of age or younger as of **August 15, 2023**
- Must be 100% dairy
- Must be **fully** castrated and dehorned
- Must weigh at least **1,100 pounds** at weigh in

Junior Prospect Male Beef Calf, Feeder Beef Heifer, Dairy Feeder Steer:

- Calves must be born between **January 1, 2023-June 1, 2023**
- **MUST BE entered in the county fair online system by June 19, 2023 in order to be eligible to show in the 2023 Steuben County Fair**
- ALL CATTLE must be **BVD** (Bovine Viral Diarrhea) tested & have an RFID tag prior to arrival of the fair

Market Goats:

- 4-H members must **OWN** all market goat(s) by **June 1, 2023**
- **Must be under 1-year-old** as of **August 15, 2023**
- Can be either a doe or fully castrated wether
- Must weigh at least **60 pounds** at weigh in

Market Hogs:

- 4-H members must own all market hog(s) by **June 1, 2023**
- Must be born between **January 1, 2023-June 1, 2023**
- Can be either gilts or fully castrated barrows
- Must weigh **at least 200 pounds** but **cannot exceed 300 pounds** at weigh in
- Must have an RFID tag

Market Lambs:

- 4-H members must own all market lamb(s) by **June 1, 2023**
- Must be born between **January 1, 2023-June 1, 2023**
- Can be either ewes or fully castrated wethers
- Must weigh at least **80 pounds**
- Market lambs must be slick sheared (no more than 1 inch of wool) at weigh in

Animal Weigh-In & Check-In:

- All 4-H market beef steers, heifers, dairy steers, lambs, hogs, and goats must have USDA approved official identification as listed on their Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) before coming to weigh in. The CVI **MUST** accompany the animal when they **arrive** at the fairgrounds
- If an animal comes to weigh in **WITHOUT** permanent identification that matches both the Identification Certificate and County Fair Entry Identification, the animal will be disqualified.
- ALL animal ear tags must be clean & legible
- 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.
- At weigh-in, members **MUST** indicate IF their market animal will be consigned to the 4-H & FFA Market Animal Sale **EXCLUDING MARKET POULTRY (See Market Poultry section for more information)**

Livestock Animal Sale Information:

- Empire Livestock will deduct a **4% commission** from EACH market animal sold for all species that will go to the **Steuben County 4-H & FFA Market Animal Sale Committee**

- Empire Livestock will also deduct & submit the “**check off**” amount for each market beef, dairy steer, market hog and market lamb sold through the sale. This is a state and nationally recognized marketing program that’s funded through producer’s dollars for promotion, research and consumer information. For more information, visit <https://www.beefboard.org/checkoff/>, <https://www.pork.org/about/>, <https://lambresourcecenter.com/lamb-checkoff/checkoff-process/>
- Any adjustments to consigned animals **MUST** be made at the conclusion of the show
- Each market animal (**except market turkeys, chickens & rabbits**) that is either identified or entered for the fair will be issued a Steuben County 4-H Ear Tag by the CCE Office
- **ONLY 2** market animals per species can be **SOLD** at the Steuben County Fair **EXCEPT** for **MARKET POULTRY (See Market Poultry section for more information)**
- The 4-H & FFA Market Animal Sale Committee & 4-H staff reserves the right to qualify or disqualify any market animal
- 4-H members are responsible for make sure their market animal is properly cared for until it’s picked up by their buyer
- If an animal wins **GRAND OR RESERVE-GRAND CHAMPION**, then it **MUST** be **SOLD** at the Steuben County 4-H Market Animal Sale (**EVEN** if it wasn’t originally consigned)
- IF a market animal is **ONLY** entered in the Open Class Division (and **NOT** in the 4-H Division), the animal will **NOT** be eligible to sell through the Steuben County 4-H Market Animal Sale
- 4-H members are expected to be **PRESENT** when selling their consigned market animal at the 4-H Market Animal Sale

Please refer to the Steuben County Fairbook, 4-H Steubenite, 4-H Monday Memos, mailings, and any 4-H staff for more information!!