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4-H LIVESTOCK
RULE BOOK

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MEETINGS

The Cascade County 4-H Livestock Leaders Meetings are on the first Tuesday of January, February, March, April, May, June, September, October, and November at 7:00 p.m. at the MSU Extension Cascade County office.

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CASCADE COUNTY 4-H ANIMAL SHOW CODE OF ETHICS

Overview

Exhibitors of animals at 4-H animal shows shall, at all times, conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in the 4-H show ring shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of youth education, positive character development, and integrity.

4-H Youth Responsibility of animals(s)

The owner/4-H exhibitor of the animal is ultimately responsible for the animal's care and condition whether he/she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in violation of the Code of Ethics.

The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, or other responsible person to accept appropriate disciplinary action taken by 4-H livestock show officials against such individuals.

Code of Ethics

All people working with 4-H exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Ethics violations/infractions will be processed through the 4-H Livestock Leaders of Cascade County. The committee may consist of specialists, 4-H volunteers, and 4-H livestock committee members. Owners, exhibitors, and other responsible persons who have violated the Code of Ethics will forfeit awards and may be prohibited from future exhibition.

Exhibitor Guidelines

1. 4-H exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows. It is the responsibility of the 4-H exhibitor to fit their animal. 4-H strongly recommends fitting be done by the 4-H member while overseen by an adult.
2. The showing of unethically fitted animals(s) is prohibited. *Unethical fitting is deemed to mean any physical or physiological attempt to alter the natural conformation, musculature or weight of any animal by use of injections or ingested material not conducive to the continued health of the animal or marketability of its carcass. The use of diuretics, unapproved growth stimulants or other unapproved medication, or showing animals that have not been properly withdrawn from approved drugs is prohibited. The use of Clenbuterol, "ACE" or any drugs not approved by the FDA for market animal or specific species animal use is prohibited.*
3. No change in the major color pattern of any animal by painting or dyeing will be allowed. *Neutral coloring only may be used. Addition of any hair or hair-like substance to any part of the animal's body is prohibited. This applies to all animals exhibited in market classes, showmanship classes, and sale.*

4. No owner, exhibitor or other responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate the Code of Ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate the Code of Ethics.
5. Any carcass suspected of being tampered with or suspected of containing drugs will be detained until the investigation is complete. *If the carcass is condemned at the packing plant for any reason, it shall be grounds for disqualification in the on-foot and carcass division of the show. Additionally, all premiums and sale money shall be forfeited and the loss of the animal be incurred by the exhibitor.*

MONTANA 4-H CODE OF CONDUCT

The 4-H Center and Montana State University Extension wants your participation in 4-H events and activities to be filled with exciting experiences, new friendships and fun. To ensure a positive experience for all participants, it is expected that each participant be considerate of others, participate fully in programming and observe the following expectations.

- ◆ I will conduct myself at all times so as to be a credit to my club, my community, and my county.
- ◆ I will show respect for the rights of others to be courteous at all times.
- ◆ I will be honest and not take unfair advantage of others.
- ◆ I will respect the property of others.
- ◆ I will demonstrate sportsmanship in the contests and meetings, modesty in winning and generosity in defeat.
- ◆ I will attend contests promptly and respect the opinion of others in discussion.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

A General Grievance Procedure is available to all 4-Hers. Grievances must be in writing. A form may be obtained from the Extension Office and will be available at events. The completed form must be submitted within 24 hours with a \$25 processing fee. The grievance committee, consisting of the show committee and Extension Agent will convene within 24 hours and make a decision as expeditiously as possible.

SHOW COMMITTEE

The Show Committee is defined as the Cascade County 4-H division show chairs and Extension agent. In the event, there is an emergent need to change the existing or published schedule of the county show, a meeting is to be called of the show committee and Extension agent to clarify or change said schedule to properly follow the livestock rule book.

MARKET ANIMAL LIMITS

The Cascade County 4-H Livestock show is a terminal sale for market animals. 4-H members may enter and sell a maximum of two species at the sale. Species options are market beef, market goat, market sheep, market swine, poultry meat pen of three (chicken or duck), rabbit meat pen of three, and turkey meat pen of one. 4-H member cannot sell two hogs or two steers. 4-H members must declare specie(s), be enrolled in 4-H, and paid 4-H enrollment dues by October 31 or by when market animal quota lists are full.

Animals judged worthy of sale (blue & red ribbons) must be sold in the 4-H market livestock sale and are processed for carcass data unless sent home due to infraction(s). Carcass data is collected from the carcass judge designated by the Cascade County 4-H Livestock Committee. All animals are USDA or State inspected.

The processing facilities limit the number of animals they can handle due to space and staff. Therefore, maximum limits are set for market animals. The limits are:

- Beef: 30
- Sheep: 30
- Swine: 70
- Goats: 30

MEAT PENS

Meat pens of three for rabbit and poultry (chicken or duck) and single turkey meat pen will be sold at the livestock sale and do not compete in the carcass contest. Buyers will take home meat pens live. Rabbits intended to be sold at the livestock sale must be in possession by May 1. Rabbit tattoos must be marked on the intent to enter form. Chickens intended to be sold at the livestock sale must be in possession by May 1. Ducks intended to be sold must be in possession by May 15. Turkeys intended to be sold must be intended by March 15. Poultry leg bands must be marked on intent to enter forms. The Cascade County 4-H Livestock Leaders have a tattoo kit that can be leased out and leg bands that can be purchased at the MSU Cascade County Extension office.

ADDITIONAL SHOWMANSHIP ANIMALS

4-H members may bring an additional animal to enter in the respected showmanship class. Species may include cattle, goats, sheep, rabbits, or poultry.

1. Examples:
 - a. A 4-H member may show a steer in the beef showmanship class and a sheep in showmanship class.
 - b. A 4-H member may show their breeding project animal in the respected showmanship class. (i.e., A heifer may be shown in the beef showmanship class.)

EAR TAGS (2023)

1. All 4-H members enrolled in a livestock project will be required to have their animal ear tagged with a tag provided from the Extension office. Beef ear tags are available December 1. Swine, sheep and goat ear tags are available March 1.
2. Mature breeding project animals to be shown at the Cascade County 4-H Livestock Show and Sale must be owned by the species intent to enter date. The breeding project animal will be identified on the intent to enter form by a unique, permanent identifier. (2023)
3. Dates:
 - Market beef must be owned and ear tagged by January 1, 2023.
 - Turkey meat pens must be owned by March 15, 2023.
 - Market swine must be owned and ear tagged by April 15, 2023.
 - Market goats must be owned and ear tagged by May 1, 2023.
 - Market sheep must be owned and ear tagged by May 1, 2023.
 - Rabbit and chicken meat pens must be owned by May 1, 2023.
 - Duck meat pens must be owned by May 15, 2023.

INTENT TO ENTER (2023)

1. 4-H members may intent to enter any number of animals for market class in the County Livestock Show. The 4-H member must declare the market animal(s) to be sold immediately after the animals are weighed. The 4-H member must inform the weigh-in volunteers which animal(s) will be shown in the market class(es) to be sold. Only the animals for market and showmanship can stay in the barn. All extra animal(s) must go home on weigh-in day. There will be no space in the barn for extra animals. Members will need to document the anticipated number of species that will be staying for the show **by ear tag number on the County Show Entry Form.**
2. Intent to Enter Forms and a \$10 per animal or per meat pen and **non-refundable** fee are due:
 - January 3, 2024: Market Beef
 - April 17, 2024: Market Swine
 - May 8, 2024: Market Sheep
 - May 8, 2024: Market Goat
 - May 29, 2024: Meat Pens
3. A picture of the entire animal showing the ear tag provided by the Extension office. The ear tag number must be clearly visible and is required with the Intent to Enter form. Ear tags for market beef must be placed in the left ear. Ear tags for market goats and sheep shall be placed in opposite ear of the scrapies tag. Market swine may have ear tag placed in either ear. Rabbit and meat pens do not need a photo of the pens. Forms without pictures of animals are considered incomplete and are ineligible to attend the County Show. Intent forms with pictures will be available for verification at the County Show weigh-in table.
4. Late Intent to Enter Forms will be charged \$25 per animal fee or per meat pen and are only accepted for **one week** past the due date.
5. Intending extra animals is an option that is available to 4-H members. The benefit is if an animal dies or is determined to not be ready, the 4-H member has another animal to choose from for the county show/sale.
 - a. 4-H siblings may jointly intent to enter one market beef, goat, sheep, or swine.
6. **Replacement Animal:** If an animal dies or is determined to be unsound for a market project prior to the last date for acceptance of Intent to Enter, a 4-H member may replace the animal. They must submit to the Livestock Leaders Committee a new Intent to Enter form and late fee for the new animal by the final Intent to Enter deadline along with a written request to replace the animal and a veterinarian's documentation of animal's death or condition. Action will be taken by the County Show Leader's Committee. No animal will be replaced after the last Intent to Enter date for that species regardless of circumstances.

COUNTY SHOW ENTRY FORMS

County Livestock Show Entry forms will be available in May and will be due June 20, 2022. 4-H members will be charged a \$10 late fee if submitted after by June 20, 2022. No late entries accepted after June 27, 2022. County Show entry forms are required for all animals in the county show. **Intent to Enter forms do not serve as entry forms.**

COUNTY SHOW INTERVIEW JUDGING

All 4-H members (All species shown; including goats, dairy, sheep, breeding projects, beef, swine, rabbit, and poultry) bringing an animal to the Cascade County 4-H Livestock Show & Sale must bring their current and up to date 4-H record book to interview judging on the date set prior to county show. The 4-H member will be allowed to make necessary corrections at the interview judging or prior to weigh-in on the day of the County Show. If the book is not current and complete by weigh-in the 4-H member will not be able to show or sell their animal. If the book has not been turned in or an absentee form has not been turned in, then the 4-H member has one week from the last day of interview judging to turn the book into the Extension office and contact the division chair for an interview. The final ruling will be made by the executive committee. Absentee judging will be allowed with completion of an absentee judging form. A parent shall not judge his/her child's animal record book.

MARKETING VISIT REQUIREMENT

All 4-H members enrolled in livestock projects must visit with at least one business to promote the Cascade County 4-H Livestock Show and Sale. 4-H members must document their visit in their 4-H record book prior to the Cascade County 4-H Livestock Show at the interview judging to be allowed to show and sell at the Cascade County 4-H Livestock Show and Sale. Should be documented in My 4-H Year under "Promotional Presentations."

CLUB MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT (2023)

All 4-H members enrolled in livestock projects must attend 60% (or club bylaw minimum) of their club meetings to be eligible to show and sell at the Cascade County 4-H Livestock Show and Sale. Absences may be marked as excused at club Organizational Leader discretion or if members are attending another 4-H event. Unexcused absences may be made up by attending a 4-H livestock education event. Attendance will be tracked using a Google Sheet created by the Extension Office. Club secretaries and/or Organizational Leaders will enter club meeting attendance into the Google Sheet. The Extension Office or a Livestock Leader will enter educational event attendance into the Google Sheet.

Each record book must contain:

- ◆ Project Book with seven activities and expectation of completing 3-5 learning experiences.
- ◆ Animal Journal with current records
- ◆ My 4-H Year
- ◆ 4-H Record Book Checklist
- ◆ Documentation of at least one sales visit to promote the Cascade County 4-H Livestock Sale.
- ◆ 4-H forms are available at the MSU Cascade County Extension office and/or website.

ELIGIBLE JUDGES

No former Cascade County 4-H youth member may be a judge at the Cascade County 4-H Livestock Show until at least 5 years have transpired following his/her last year of eligibility in 4-H youth projects.

ANIMAL WEIGHTS AND WEIGH-IN PROCEDURE (2023)

1. All cattle, sheep, swine, goats, rabbits, and poultry will undergo a VETERINARY HEALTH INSPECTION at weigh-in to check animals as they are unloaded for the Cascade County Show and Sale. This is done to ensure the health and safety of the animal entered and all other animals at the show. Projects that are found to be lame, sick, or unsound by the veterinarian will not be allowed to show and must leave. The Cascade County 4-H Livestock Leaders **highly** recommend families intent an additional animal as a potential replacement. The Cascade County 4-H Livestock Show Veterinarian will make all decisions affecting 4-H market projects. The veterinarian's decision is final. A veterinarian fee of \$2 is included on the County Show Entry fees.
2. Animals must be present and checked in before weigh-in schedule deadline for that species. Late arrivals will not be accepted. Division chairs may consider unusual circumstances. Being late is not an excuse.
3. Weights
 - Steer: Minimum of 1100 pounds and maximum of 1500 pounds
 - Swine: Minimum of 220 pounds and maximum of 300 pounds

Lamb: Minimum of 100 pounds and maximum of 170 pounds

Goat: Minimum of 70 pounds and maximum of 120 pounds

Buyers are not charged for anything over maximum weight

4. All animals must come to weigh-in clean (mud-free) and with clean ear tags. Any animal with excessive mud will be sent to the end of the line. It is the 4-Her's responsibility to find a way to clean off their animal before it will be weighed.
5. The scale will be calibrated prior to start of weigh-in. Scale will be zeroed out after each weight is taken and mud cleaned after every 5 animals. Feces will be cleaned immediately from the scale. Light animals get one automatic re-weigh immediately after first weigh-in **without leaving weigh-in area**. If the second weight is still under the minimum, the exhibitor has two choices. First, the 4-H member may take the animal home that day. Second, the 4-H exhibitor may use the animal for showmanship only and it will not be sold in the Auction.
6. **1% Rule:** If the animal's weight is within one percent (**1%**) of the minimum weight, it will be allowed to participate in the market classes. If member feels the animal isn't a marketable product, they have the option of dropping the market class.

Current weight allowances are Steer: 10 pounds, Lamb: 1 pound, Goats: 1 pound and Swine: 2 pounds

7. Each 4-H member may request a re-weigh immediately after the first weight is given if the member questions the weight. If a second weight is requested, the second weight will count as the official weight.
8. Light-weight animals will be put into a feeder class. They will not be able to sell in the sale, butchered with other Cascade County 4-H animals, or be entered into the carcass contest. The 4-H member may advertise and sell the animal private treaty. The 4-H member is responsible for sale and processing arrangement. The feeder class will not receive grand or reserve placings. (2023)
9. Rabbits and poultry (chickens or ducks) will be sold in meat pens of three. Turkeys will be a single meat pen. Animal should be same species and weight for each animal +/- 1 pound. Rabbits should be 10 to 14 weeks old; minimum of 70 days. Each animal must be 3.5 to 5.5 pounds per animal. Broiler chickens should be a minimum of 9 weeks. Ducks should be 7 weeks for Pekins and at least 12 weeks for other production breeds. Turkeys should be at least 16 weeks for broad breasted breeds and 25 weeks for Heritage breeds.

Rate of Gain (2023)

Beef, swine, sheep, and goat have the opportunity to participate in the Rate of Gain contest. Specified initial weigh in dates will be set by the Cascade County 4-H Livestock Leaders. Beef will weigh in January, and swine, sheep, and goats in May. If the animal does not weigh at these designated dates, they are not eligible for the contest. Final weight will be taken at the Cascade County 4-H Livestock Show and Sale. The top 3 winners per species will be decided by weights gained during the set dates. Animals that are under weight are not eligible to participate.

RABBIT AND POULTRY CHECK-IN

Dirty, diseased or infested animals will be refused at check-in. All poultry exhibitors must bathe and dust their poultry/waterfowl at least 7 days before the show. The Cascade County 4-H Livestock Show Veterinarian will make all decisions affecting 4-H animals. The veterinarian's decision is final. A veterinarian fee will be included on the County Show Entry fees. Rabbits and poultry must be inspected by the Division Chair or other designated party BEFORE occupying a show cage at check-in.

SALE

1. Sale order is determined with a random draw or sort within species after the close of intent to enter for that species. Lot numbers are assigned when the catalog is finalized.
2. Species order is determined by the show committee.
3. White ribbon market animals will not be sold but may be shown in showmanship classes.
4. A 2.5% fee is assessed on gross sale of all 4-H livestock animals sold at the 4-H Sale to defer costs incurred by the Cascade County Livestock Committee.
5. After the sale remember to complete your 4-H records with the sale information received with your sale and carcass premium checks and turn them in for year-end awards. 4-H members have up to 90 days to cash checks after the checks are issued. 4-H families will be notified when checks are ready to be picked up from the MSU Cascade County Extension office.
6. Purple ribbons will be recognized at the sale.

BUYERS PICTURES

A photo of each 4-H member and their market livestock animal will be available for a Thank You prior to the sale. Some 4-H members like to frame the picture; that is a personal choice.

SHOWMANSHIP

1. 4-H members may bring an additional animal to enter in the respected showmanship class. Species may include cattle, goats, sheep, rabbits, or poultry.
2. Examples:
 - a. A 4-H member may show a steer in the beef showmanship class and a sheep in showmanship class.
 - b. A 4-H member may show their breeding project animal in the respected showmanship class. (i.e., A heifer may be shown in the beef showmanship class.)
2. Showmanship entries are divided into age categories for the Cascade County Show as determined by the child's age as of October 1 of the current 4-H year:
Junior: 8-10 years old
Intermediate: 11-13 years old
Senior: 14 years and older
There is no requirement for advancement, other than age.
3. 4-H members enrolled in the rabbit or poultry project can show a maximum of two (2) animals per species at the Cascade County Livestock Show and Sale. Youth entering will also compete in the Round Robin competition. Age categories are determined by the child's age as of October 1 of the current 4-H year:
Junior: 8-10 years old
Intermediate: 11-13 years old
Senior: 14 years and older
4. Rabbit and poultry members may show one of their animals for showmanship. All animals will be included in the Best of Show. There will be Best of Show for Poultry and Rabbit.

Replacement animal can be used for showmanship if the animal is housed, cared for, and trained by a family member also enrolled in the project.

SAFETY RULES

- ◆ All dogs must be leashed.
- ◆ Boots, leather shoes or other closed toe shoes are required for your safety.

SHOWING ETIQUETTE

1. When showing, dress neatly in clean, practical clothes such as nice shirt with long or short sleeves, and long pants. Ties and hats are optional. Unacceptable clothing includes shorts, t-shirts, sleeveless tops, sandals or flip-flops. Long hair is encouraged to be pulled back.
2. When your class is called you have three minutes to enter the ring. You will be called three times at one-minute intervals. At the end of three minutes the class will be closed, and you will not be allowed to participate. Every effort will be made to accommodate your needs.
3. No parents are allowed in the Show Ring at any time during competitions unless acting in an official capacity (i.e., pig board handlers and ring stewards).
4. Anyone seen mistreating his animal on the grounds, in the Pavilion or in the show ring will be reprimanded. Show Ring: Excused from class. Livestock Pavilion: Depending on the severity, the Division Chairs Rules Committee will determine the consequences.

BREEDING PROJECTS

4-H members signed up for a breeding project will obtain a Cascade County 4-H Breeding Project Record Book from the Extension office and follow the project requirements noted in the book and submit a completed record book at the end of the 4-H year. The breeding project year is the same as the 4-H year; from October 1 to September 30. Members can enter their breeding project in two different contest; the county show and or a breeding project record book.

Breeding Project County Show Entries

Breeding projects can be entered in the county show in three different categories:

1. Supreme Breeding Female Classes
2. Overall Breeding Display
3. Overall Breeding Pen
4. Any combination of the above

SUPREME BREEDING FEMALE (Dairy, Swine, Sheep, Goat, and Beef) (2023)

Supreme breeding female is judged based upon the requirements of the breed of the species for purebreds. Crossbreds will be judged based on multiple breed requirements of the breeds.

1. This contest will take place in the show ring and judged by large animal judge.
2. Each species will have a class competition where the class will be judged and placed.
3. The entry can be solely the female or a female with offspring. Intact males, younger than breeding age are allowed to show.
4. The grand champion in each species will then compete for the Overall Supreme Breeding Female class amongst all species.
5. Supreme breeding female class order is dairy first, swine second, sheep third, goat fourth, and beef last.
6. Each entry will be numbered based upon the animal entry, not the 4-H member.
7. It is not required to prove pregnancy status of the animal but verification may aid in competition.
8. Breeding animals must be inspected by a veterinarian on arrival and pay the vet fee.
9. Awards: Breeding projects receive awards based on species: Cattle (beef & dairy), Swine, Sheep, Goat (meat & dairy), Rabbit, and Poultry. (2023)

OVERALL BREEDING DISPLAY (Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goat, Dairy, Rabbit, and Poultry)

1. The breeding display can be a visual depiction of the 4-H member's breeding project; representing the project as a whole or a topic of choice to highlight. (i.e., breeding plan for project, controlling herd disease, applicable topic to species, etc.)
2. Display may be presented near live pen display or in designated display area in pavilion.
3. Display will be judged/interviewed by the large animal judge.
4. Awards: A grand and reserve champion will be selected across all species competing against each other.

OVERALL BREEDING PEN (Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goat, Dairy, Rabbit, and Poultry)

1. A breeding pen consists of live animal(s) involved in breeding project; not limited to the animals entered into Supreme Female.
2. 4-H members will have an in-person interview with the large animal show judge at the pen.
3. Pen can be decorated but not required.
4. Guidelines for judging will be developed by a Livestock Leader committee led by the show Chair and this information will be provided to members when the entry form is made available.
5. Awards: A grand and reserve champion will be selected across all species competing against each other.

Breeding Project Load-Out

All breeding projects may load out at any time after contests are completed.

BREEDING PROJECT BOOK CONTEST (Dairy, Swine, Sheep, Goat, Beef, Rabbit, and Poultry)

Members enrolled in the breeding project can enter a completed breeding project book to be in the breeding project book contest. Breeding project book contest is not a contest at the Cascade County 4-H Livestock Show.

1. The breeding project record book contest involves an interview. Interviews may be either in-person or an online interview.
 - a. Three judges will evaluate the record books before interviews. Judges are selected by the Cascade County 4-H Livestock Leaders. A parent shall not judge his/her child's breeding project book. The three judges typically represent animal health, financial professional, and livestock producer.
2. The Cascade County Breeding Project Record Book is obtained from the Extension office and the record book requirements are described in detail in section B.
3. Breeding project record books are due the club leader by record book deadline. Club leader will turn in breeding project book to Extension office after reviewed.
4. Interview dates will be announced by the Extension office after the judges have completed the record book judging.
5. Breeding project points are divided as follows:
 - a. Record Book: 100 points
 - b. Interview: 100 points
 - i. These point rubrics are available in the Breeding Project Record Book.
6. Breeding projects are divided into age categories and species.

- a. Junior: 8-10 years old
- b. Intermediate: 11-13 years old
- c. Senior: 14 years and older
- d. Example: Senior Goat is a separate competition from Senior Beef.

ROUND ROBIN COMPETITION RULES AND SETUP

1. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Showmanship species winners from each age division (Sr, Int, & Jr) are invited to participate.
2. If a participant qualifies in more than one species, they must pick their preference and the 3rd or 4th place winner in other species is able to participate.
3. Species will be shown based on entries. Not all species are shown in all age divisions.
4. Showman will show own animal for 2 minutes, switch animals, show second animal for 2 minutes, and then switch species. Repeat above until all showmen are back to their own animal.
5. Judges will rate the showman on a scale of 1 to 10 based on their skills to successfully showcase the animal. 10 being top of the scale and 1 being needs the most improvement.
6. Judges may ask questions.
7. Ring will need to accommodate the number of species being shown.

LOAD-OUT PROCEDURES

1. Load out will be done at times established by the Show Committee. Division chairs will coordinate the load out and approve pen cleaning.
2. Showmanship Animals: All showmanship animals must be removed from the building before market animal load out.

CLEAN-UP PROCEDURES

Each 4-H member must:

1. Clean his/her pen and adjacent area to the dirt. Remove all waste to the outside **Bunker** at the south end of the Livestock Pavilion.
2. Clean Show/Sale ring to the dirt (remove as little dirt as possible).
3. Clean out wash racks and drains.
4. Pick up litter from the bleachers and inside the Livestock Pavilion.
5. Pick up litter outside the Livestock Pavilion.
6. Dump all waste (no plastic/paper) as far back in the bunker as possible.

Everyone is required to clean up. Each 4-H member **must** check out with his/her designated Division Chair. If a 4-H member does not show to clean up, a \$50 fee will be deducted from sale check, and the money goes to the 4-H Livestock Committee. If a member is unable to attend clean-up, the 4-H member **must make arrangements with another 4-H member to clean up and timely inform the division chair via a documented means by the close of the show.**

INDIVIDUAL SPECIES RULES

BEEF

1. All market beef must be owned and ear tagged by January 1.
2. Minimum weight 1100 pounds at weigh-in (See 1% rule).
3. Underweight animals will be **immediately** re-weighed.
4. Maximum payable weight is 1500 pounds. Buyers are not charged for pounds over 1500.
5. Market beef must be naturally polled or dehorned with a re-growth not exceeding three (3) inches in length.
6. Nose rings are **not** permitted.
7. Neck ties are required when animals are tied in stalls.
8. Market beef may be steers or spayed heifers of any beef breed.
9. Bulls or stags are not allowed.
10. Bill of sale is required at weigh-in prior to the Cascade County 4-H Livestock Show and Sale.
11. The rate of gain contest results will be announced at the Livestock Show.
12. All animals must be halter broke. Animals deemed unmanageable by the Livestock County Show Rules Committee will be sent home.
13. A hip height measurement will determine class assignment for market judging.
14. Showmanship classes are determined by age of exhibitor.

GOATS

1. All market goats must be owned and ear tagged by May 1.
2. Minimum weight 70 pounds at weigh-in time (See 1% rule).
3. Underweight animals will be **immediately** re-weighed.
4. Maximum payable weight is 120 pounds. Buyers are not charged for pounds over 120.
5. **Please Note:** Goat projects are **required** to have a **scrapies ear tag**. Tags are often provided by the breeder; if not, scrapies tags are available from the Extension Office.
6. Market goats are divided into classes by weight after weigh-in.
7. Showmanship classes are determined by age of exhibitor.
8. Billy goats are not allowed.
9. All goats must be clipped
10. Goats will not be more than 1-year-old as of the show date.
11. All market goats are terminal.
12. Rate of gain contest results will be announced at the Livestock Show.

SHEEP

1. All market sheep must be owned and ear tagged by May 1.
2. Minimum weight 100 pounds at weigh-in time (See 1% rule).
3. Underweight animals will be **immediately** re-weighed.
4. Maximum payable weight is 170 pounds. Buyers are not charged for pounds over 170.
5. **Please Note:** Sheep projects are **required** to have a **scrapies ear tag**. Tags are often provided by the breeder; if not, scrapies tags are available from the Extension Office.
6. Market lambs are divided into classes by weight after weigh-in.
7. Showmanship classes are determined by age of exhibitor.
8. Rams are not allowed.
9. All sheep will be slick shorn.
10. Rate of gain contest results will be announced at the Livestock Show.
11. Sheep will not be more than 1-year-old as of the show date.

SWINE

1. All market swine must be owned and ear tagged by April 15.
2. Minimum weight 220 pounds at weigh-in (See 1% rule).
3. Underweight animals will be **immediately** re-weighed.
4. Maximum payable weight is 300 pounds. Buyers are not charged for pounds over 300.
5. Market swine are divided into classes by weight after weigh-in.
6. Showmanship classes are determined by age of exhibitor.
7. Boars are not allowed.
8. All hogs shall be driven at the show while showing, exercising, washing, and moving from place to place. Hog joggers are prohibited except during move-in and deemed necessary by the swine division chair(s) for safety.
9. Rate of gain contest results will be posted at the end of the market swine classes.

RABBIT AND POULTRY **(2023)**

Members entering animals for poultry and/or rabbit can show a maximum of five (5) animals per species in the conformation classes, excluding market pens. Exhibitors must be on hand for all judging.

RABBIT AGILITY

Members competing in rabbit agility at the Cascade County 4-H Livestock Show will follow the rules defined in the New Jersey 4-H Rabbit Hopping and Rabbit Agility Guidelines and Competition Rules (Appendix A). Members may enter the rabbit agility competition on the entry form for the Cascade County 4-H Livestock Show. Members must be enrolled in the rabbit project, complete rabbit record book, and attend interview judging.

RABBIT

1. Must be owned and in possession by May 1
2. All rabbits must be tattooed and tattoo number stated on the intent to enter form.
Members may exhibit a show quality and/or pet quality rabbit(s). Show quality rabbits are pure bred; pet quality is cross bred. No more than one pet quality rabbit per 4-H member may be entered. Rabbits under 3 months or pregnant will not be accepted.
3. Check-Out: Exhibitors must clean cages and be released by Division Chair.

POULTRY (2023)

1. Must be owned and in possession by May 15 for broiler chickens, May 15 for ducks, and March 15 for turkeys.
2. All birds must have leg bands and band number stated on the entry blank. Leg bands may be purchased at the Cascade County Extension Office or on your own. Exhibitors must bathe and dust their poultry/waterfowl at least 7 days before the show. Dirty, diseased, or infested animals will be refused at check-in intent to enter form.
3. Check-Out: Exhibitors must clean cages and tables before being released by Division Chair.

MEAT PENS

1. Meat pens of three for rabbit and poultry (chicken or duck) and single turkey meat pen will be sold at the livestock sale and do not compete in the carcass contest.
2. Buyers will take home meat pens live.
3. Rabbits intended to be sold at the livestock sale must be in possession by May 1.
4. Rabbit tattoos must be marked on the intent to enter form. Chickens intended to be sold at the livestock sale must be in possession by May 1.
5. Ducks intended to be sold must be in possession by May 15.
6. Turkeys intended to be sold must be intended by March 15.
7. Poultry leg bands must be marked on intent to enter forms.
8. The Cascade County 4-H Livestock Leaders have a tattoo kit that can be leased out and leg bands that can be purchased at the MSU Cascade County Extension office.
9. Rabbit meat pens should be composed of commercial breeds or crosses of commercial breeds. The pen should be uniform in same breed, color, size, etc.
10. Poultry meat pens should be same sex and breed. Pen can be a cross but needs to make weight, look uniform, etc.
11. Broiler chickens should be a minimum of 9 weeks.
12. Ducks should be 7 weeks for Pekins and at least 12 weeks for other production breeds.
13. Turkeys should be at least 16 weeks old for broad breasted breeds and 25 weeks for Heritage breeds.

ANIMAL PREFERENCE GUIDELINES

The animal preference guidelines are set up to assist families in signing up for market animal projects. To eliminate a "first come, first serve" basis, members will be sorted into the following. These guidelines are created due to the limit of processors to take animals.

1. Members will be listed by the number of years they have completed the beef project.
2. Members will be listed by the number of years they have completed a lamb, goat, or swine project but not a beef project.
3. Members who have never taken a livestock project.
4. Incomplete projects will not receive credit for that year.

The following applies to all species:

1. The year totals for project completion in 2023 will be based from 2013 to present. This would allow 4-H members who are seniors in high school to count all the years they may have been enrolled in the project to have completed it.
2. A completed project is an owned beef, sheep, goat, or swine that is fed and cared for by the member and the member turned in a project book (Project book with 7 activities and expectation of completing 3-5 learning experiences, animal journal with current records, My 4-H Year (green pages) and 4-H record book checklist.) When record books are due to organizational leaders and turned into the MSU Cascade County Extension Office for year-end awards.
3. A member can only designate one market animal on the first-come-first served basis list for entry in the Cascade County 4-H Livestock Show and Sale.

AWARDS

1. Grand and reserve champions will be awarded prizes.
2. The recipient will be able to choose between three award choices at each level.
3. Awards may be a buckle or equivalent prize offered at the show.
4. Cascade County 4-H Livestock Leaders will seek sponsorships for the show operations and awards.
5. Prizes will be awarded at Achievement Night.

- Class ribbons will be as follows. First receives the grand champion ribbon, second receives the reserve champion ribbon. All other animals in each grand/final drive will receive a purple ribbon. Non-grand/final drive animals will receive standard blue, red, or white ribbons.

CARCASS CONTEST

- The carcass contest will follow the Cascade County 4-H Livestock Show and Sale after the animals have been processed. Market animals will be graded by a carcass judge designated by the Cascade County 4-H Livestock Committee. All animals are USDA or State inspected.
- Carcass data will be submitted to MSU Extension for evaluation. The Cascade County Contest will follow Steer of Merit Standards for Market Beef, Goat Carcass Standards for Market Goat, Certified Lamb for Market Sheep, and Symbol of Excellence for Market Swine. Steer of Merit, Goat Carcass Standards, Certified Lamb, and Symbol of Excellence are reviewed annually and are based on industry standards.
- The Cascade County 4-H Livestock Leaders will collect the following monies from 4-H members for the carcass contest:
 - Market Beef: \$10 per animal
 - Market Goat: \$10 per animal
 - Market Sheep: \$10 per animal
 - Market Swine: \$10 per animal
- Carcass monies collected will be dispersed using the table below after the carcass contest has been conducted. Note that the top animals may not have qualified to be Steer of Merit, Goat Carcass Standards, Certified Lamb, or Symbol of Excellence, however, they will be ranked by the state standards.

Payout will be based on number of animals in said species on a scale as follows:

Number of Animals	1 to 3	4 to 8	9 to 15	16 to 29	29 and more
Placed 1 st	100%	60%	50%	40%	30%
Placed 2 nd	-	40%	30%	30%	25%
Placed 3 rd	-	-	20%	20%	20%
Placed 4 th	-	-	-	10%	15%
Placed 5 th	-	-	-	-	10%

(Or variation of above)

2023-2024 CALENDAR (Subject to Change)

All deadlines are strictly observed. The MSU Cascade County Extension office does not accept items that are postmarked on a deadline date. All forms must be in the office by 4:30 p.m. on the date indicated.

October 1, 2023	New 4-H Year begins
October 1, 2023	Breeding projects begin.
October 3, 2023	Cascade County 4-H Livestock Leaders Meeting
October 31, 2023	Must declare 4-H market animal to Extension office.
November 7, 2023	Cascade County 4-H Livestock Leaders Meeting
November 11, 2023	Project Day
December 9, 2023	Project Day
January 2, 2024	Cascade County 4-H Livestock Leaders Meeting
January 3, 2024	Beef Intent to Enter and full body photo due
January 10, 2024	Last day to submit Market Beef Intent to Enter forms with a \$15 late fee. No forms accepted after January 10, 2024
January 13, 2024	Project Day
January 2024	Market Beef Weigh-In
February 6, 2024	Cascade County 4-H Livestock Leaders Meeting
February 10, 2024	Project Day
March 5, 2024	Cascade County 4-H Livestock Leaders Meeting
March 9, 2024	Project Day
May 2024	Market Swine, Goat, and Sheep Weigh-In
April 2, 2024	Cascade County 4-H Livestock Leaders Meeting
April 13, 2024	Project Day
April 17, 2024	Swine Intent to Enter and full body photo due

April 24, 2024	Last day to submit Market Swine Intent to Enter forms with a \$15 late fee. No forms accepted after April 24, 2024
May 1, 2024	4-H Enrollment Closes
May 7, 2024	Cascade County 4-H Livestock Leaders Meeting
May 11, 2024	Project Day
May 8, 2024	Sheep and Goat Intent to Enter and full body photo due
May 15, 2024	Last day to submit Market Sheep and Goat Intent to Enter forms with a \$15 late fee. No forms accepted after May 15, 2024
May 22, 2024	Meat Pen Intent to Enter for turkey, rabbit, chicken, and duck due
May 29, 2024	Last day to submit Meat Pen Intent to Enter forms with a \$15 late fee. No forms accepted after May 29, 2024
June 4, 2024	Cascade County 4-H Livestock Leaders Meeting
June 7, 2024	Cascade County 4-H Livestock Show and Sale entry forms due.
June 12, 2024	Livestock Quality Assurance must be completed to compete at the County 4-H Livestock Show in order to compete or sell.
June 18, 2024	Mandatory Record Book Interviews for Cascade County 4-H Livestock Show and Sale.
June 14, 2024	Last day for to enter the Cascade County 4-H Livestock Show and Sale. No forms will be accepted after June 14, 2024. Late fees will apply.
July 9-12, 2024	Montana 4-H Congress
July 12-14, 2024	Cascade County 4-H Livestock Show and Sale
July 25, 2024	4-H Static Exhibit Judging, Montana State Fair
July 26-August 3, 2024	Montana State Fair
August 2024	Project books and breeding project books due to organizational leaders
September 3, 2024	Cascade County 4-H Livestock Leaders Meeting
October 2024	Achievement Night

Note: The Intent to Enter does not automatically enter your market animal in the Cascade County 4-H Show and Sale. **IMPORTANT: You must fill out a separate Cascade County Livestock Show Entry Form.**

