DEPARTMENT 14 - ANIMALS AND POULTRY

DIVISION A - ANIMAL SCIENCE
Learning Objective: To encourage youth to develop and enhance their skills and knowledge in animal science.

Premiums: A - $3.50, B - $2.75, C - $2.00
Market livestock to follow notebook guidelines as approved by the 4-H Council.
8001 Notebook - 1st year members
8002 Notebook - 2nd year members
8003 Notebook - 3rd year members
8004 Notebook - 4th year members and above
8005 Supershowman contest.................................................................No Premiums
   Winners (9-19) of beef, dairy, feeder calf, lamb, hogs, goat, dog, horse, poultry, and rabbit showmanship class.

DIVISION B - MEAT SCIENCE
Learning Objective: To encourage youth to develop and enhance their skills and knowledge in meat science. Entry limited to youth under the age of 19 on January 1st.

Premiums: A - $3.50, B - $2.75, C - $2.00
8011 Notebook - 1st year members
8012 Notebook - 2nd year members
8013 Notebook - 3rd year members
8014 Notebook - 4th year members and above

DIVISION C - VETERINARY SCIENCE
Learning Objective: To encourage youth to develop and enhance their skills and knowledge in veterinary science. Entry limited to youth under the age of 19 on January 1st.

Premiums: A - $3.50, B - $2.75, C - $2.00
8021 Notebook - 1st year members
8022 Notebook - 2nd year members
8023 Notebook - 3rd year members
8024 Notebook - 4th year members and above

DIVISION D - BEEF
1. Age for 4-H market livestock projects is determined by the age of the member as of January 1st of the 4-H year. All members showing hogs, lambs, feeder calves and/or market goats must be at least 9 years of age as of January 1st. Members enrolled in the market beef project must be 12 years of age as of January 1st. 4-H members may continue to participate in market livestock projects through age 19, as determined on January 1st. For example, if a member’s birthday is January 3, and he/she turns 20, the member is still able to participate during that year, because the age as of January 1 was 19.
2. A member showing at the Ottawa County Fair has the option to weigh-in one project from each species (bovine, swine, sheep), but is limited to showing only two projects at the fair, of which only one can be bovine. If a second bovine project is tagged or weighed-in, the first project will automatically be disqualified for showing and sale at the fair. For example: if a member weighs-in a market steer, then decides to also tag a calf for a feeder project the market steer
will be disqualified the moment the calf is tagged. If a member weighs-in a steer which then becomes unruly, dangerous to handle, sickly etc. that member can then also weigh-in swine and sheep, and decide by June 1 which two projects he/she wants to exhibit at the fair.

3. To be eligible to show market livestock, 4-H members must live in Ottawa County, go to school in Ottawa County, or be an active member of an Ottawa County 4-H club.

4. Market livestock projects consist of the following:

Steers -
- A member may weigh in two steers and select one to be shown at the fair (one year trial period, to be re-evaluated by the committee in the fall of 2006)
- 4-H families with two or more immediate family members participating in the Market Beef project may elect to weigh in one extra steer as a “family spare” if the members don’t choose to weigh in two steers.

Lambs -
- There will be classes for wethers and ewes. A member may show in one or both classes.
- A member may weigh in or tag up to three lambs, and select two to take to the fair.
- 4-H families with two or more immediate family members participating in the lamb project may elect to weigh in two lambs per member and one additional lamb as a “family spare”.

Hogs -
- There will be classes for barrows and gilts. A member may show in one or both classes.
- A member may weigh in or tag up to three hogs, and select two to take to the fair. A member may be allowed to show one animal as an individual.
- 4-H families with two or more immediate family members participating in the hog project may elect to weigh in two hogs per member and one additional hog as a “family spare”.

Market goats -
- Wethers only, born after January 1 of the project year.
- A member may weigh in up to two goats and select one for the fair.
- 4-H families with two or more immediate family members participating in the goat project may elect to weigh in one goat per member and one additional goat as a “family spare”.

Feeder calves - dairy feeder or colored feeder
- A member may weigh in two calves and select one to be shown at the fair.
- 4-H families with two or more immediate family members participating in the feeder calf project may elect to weigh in one feeder calf per member and one additional feeder calf as a “family spare”.

5. All market animals must be insured after arrival at the fair, and the premiums be paid by the livestock committee from the 4 percent withheld from the total sale. 4-H member is responsible for their project until slaughter.

6. All animals must be castrated and dehorned by first weigh-in time, as appropriate. Animals will be checked at first weigh-in day for proper dehorning and castration. If not properly done at that time, the member will have a one week period to comply. The club leader will be responsible to verify compliance, or the animal will be disqualified. For feeder calves, if the animals are not castrated at first weigh-in, the Livestock Committee will rubber band the calf at weigh-in time.
7. Minimum weight at fair time for swine will be 180 lbs. Maximum payable weight will be 300 lbs. Any hogs over 300 lbs. at fair time will be sold at auction at the 300 lb. weight. The sale bill will note 300+ lbs. Minimum weight for feeders at fair time will be 350 lbs. The following weights are recommended to attain proper finish.

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8. Adequate housing and facilities must be available as each member is required to feed, care for and train their own animal with guidance and assistance, if necessary. It should be the member's responsibility—with parental guidance—to see that the project is carried out satisfactorily. Members are responsible for the daily care and feeding of their animals while at the fair including maintaining clean animals and pens.

9. All animals must be tagged with the appropriate 4-H approved tag, and beef weighed; however, if a 4-H member decides not to weigh in their hogs or sheep, the 4-H member must ear tag their animals at the weigh-in site, and complete a notebook according to county guidelines. This notebook to include the current year’s project information and must be exhibited at the fair. Tagging will be done at specified times and places. In case of emergency, another date will be arranged by the livestock committee. All beef animals must be haltered and led across the scale at first weigh-in. Parents may assist. All tags, other than the tags placed in the animal at weigh-in will be removed before fair time. If ear tags fall out, it is the responsibility of the member to notify his/her leader so the tag can be replaced.

10. All market livestock project members will be required to submit a completed record sheet (including before and after pictures) and exhibit them at the fair in order to be able to sell. The record sheet must be turned in to the club leader before showing on Monday of fair week. All completed record sheets will be displayed in the livestock barn.

11. Hogs may be barrows or gilts. Lambs may be wethers or ewes. The market beef dairy beef and feeder calf projects will be for steers only.

12. Participation in showmanship classes is required to be eligible for market classes, and members must show in market classes in order to sell at the auction. If a member has an unruly animal in showmanship or market classes, it will be up to the livestock committee to decide if they are able to sell their project at the sale.

13. The livestock committee will decide what market animals, if any, need to be rejected and which members will be dropped due to failure to comply with the rules and regulations. All animals must be clean and presentable at final weigh-in. All hogs, regardless of weight, must remain at the fairgrounds for the entire week and must go for slaughter. No hogs will be allowed to be returned home. Addition of this rule eliminates the need for pseudorabies testing. All market projects except feeder calves must go to slaughter.

14. If any 4-H leader is having problems during the fair with a group member following the rules, he should notify the committee so they can take the appropriate actions.

15. Showmanship classes shall consist of the following: Junior - 9, 10, or 11 years old; Intermediate - 12, 13 or 14 years old; Senior - 15, 16, 17, 18 or 19 years old. Changes can be made at the discretion of the committee. Showmanship for market beef and dairy beef will be for intermediate and senior only.

16. Members may not use halters to show sheep in showmanship or market classes, except those 1st year members 12 yrs. and under.
17. Market livestock 4-H members may participate in only one County's fair. Example: If they show market livestock at one of the Ottawa County fairs, they may not show any specie at the Muskegon County or Kent County fair. A 4-H member may show one (1) specie at one (1) Ottawa County fair, and a different specie at another Ottawa County fair, as long as they do not exceed two (2) market livestock projects.

18. Conduct policy: Any 4-H member, 4-H leader, 4-H parent or 4-H guest participating in a 4-H sponsored activity who is caught in the act of theft or vandalism, or caught with illegal drugs or alcohol, or who is involved in any other such offense, shall immediately be sent home at his or her own expense, and if it is determined by the 4-H staff, leaders or persons in charge of the activity that the offense warrants it, the offender may be turned over to the proper authorities. All 4-H campers must have one adult supervisor per lot. An adult supervisor is designated as a parent, an individual over 21 or a registered 4-H leader. Smoking by 4-H members is not permitted at or during 4-H sponsored activities.

19. Dress codes for all shows and the auction shall be leather shoes (hard toes preferred), neat and attractive slacks or trousers, collared, tucked-in and buttoned shirt without writing or advertising and no hats. While in the barns, shoes must be worn at all times. While working with the animals no open toes shoes are allowed.

20. Fitting and grooming are the responsibility of the member—all work is to be done by the 4-H members only. Advice and assistance in holding/stabilizing the animal may be given by parents or leaders (Note: This includes no help or advice from professional or outside groomers or open class exhibitors.) The final decision of what is to be allowed will be made by the livestock committee. Members may help each other if they show livestock at Holland fair.

21. All beef steers must be double tied with one neck rope and one halter while at the fair. It is the responsibility of the 4-H members to provide the rope. Double tying means a halter and a neck rope, not 2 halters.

22. The livestock committee reserves the right to combine classes if necessary. They will use their discretion and will try to balance classes fairly when doing so.

23. Market livestock auction checks will not be distributed before all invoices from the auction have been paid.

24. No fluids other than water or milk will be administered to any animal unless directed by a veterinarian.

25. Any animal participating in a 4-H weigh-in or event is subject to blood, urine and/or tissue sampling. In addition, all grand and reserve champions of all species will be identified with a tattoo and/or nose print.

26. Coloring agents are NOT allowed above the flank.

27. Icing of lambs is prohibited. Water for cooling will be provided by the committee if required.

28. Feeder calves must be born after January 1 of current year to be of adequate size at fair time. Dairy feeder calves must be from one of the following recognized dairy breeds, Holstein, Jersey, Guernsey, Brown Swiss, Ayrshire or Milking Shorthorn. Colored feeder calves can be from any recognized colored beef breed and/or cross breed. Any colored/dairy crossbred feeder calves will show in the colored feeder calf class. All feeder calves will be tagged and identified at the April Weigh-in. Members choosing feeder calf projects are encouraged to tag 2 calves. Both calves can then be tagged for weigh-in in April. Only one calf may be taken to the fair. A family with two or more immediate family members (brothers/sisters, not cousins) showing calves in the feeder calf project may elect to tag one additional calf as a family back-up calf in lieu of each member tagging two calves. If the need then arises, the back-up calf may take the place of the member’s original tagged animal, and the member will notify the Livestock Committee of the change before final weigh-in at the Fair.
29. All calves must be vaccinated prior to the April weigh-in with 2 doses of 5-way vaccine which includes IBR, BVD, P13, BRSV and Haemophilus. First dose is given at 2 to 3 months and second dose given 2 to 3 weeks later. A pasturella vaccine is to be given 2 weeks prior to the fair. Members will be required at fair weigh-in to present a certificate stating that the required vaccines were administered. A vet and/or a parent must sign this certificate. Failure to provide a certificate will disqualify the project.

30. Market goats must be wethers, born after January 1st of the project year. Members may weigh in or tag two goats at the beginning of the project and select one for the fair. There will be three classes: 1.) Meat breeds and/or Dairy/Meat crossbred goats. 2.) Dairy breeds and 3.) Miniature breeds. Minimum weights at time of fair will be 50 lbs. for Meat breeds and Meat/Dairy crosses and 25 lbs. for Miniature breeds. All goats must be castrated and dehorned. Participation in Market Goats is considered one of the two allowable market projects. Members may opt to show lambs and a goat, hogs and a goat, beef and a goat, or feeder calf and a goat, but not a goat in addition to two other livestock projects. The goat project is considered a terminal project. Animals will be sold at the auction.

8032 Intermediate Beef Showmanship-12 to 14 year olds ........................................ No Premiums
8033 Senior Beef Showmanship-15-19 year olds .......................................................... No Premiums
8041 Market Steers ................................................................. Premiums: A-$10.00, B-$8.00, C-$6.00
8045 Market Beef-Club Herd ............................................................ Premiums: A-$10.00, B-$8.00, C-$6.00
    Each 4-H or FFA Chapter will be eligible to show a club herd consisting of four animals of any age or breed. Selection of this herd is to be made by the club. Not more than one animal may be shown by each exhibitor unless club enrollment is less than four members. Club may have one herdsman in the ring.
8046 Market Beef-Rate of Gain .......................................................... Premiums: A-$6.00, B-$5.00, C-$4.00
    Exhibit poster above animal showing records-"A"=2.7 lbs. or above per day, "B"=2.1-2.69 lbs. per day, "C"=2.09 lbs. or below per day. Each animal will be weighed in on date specified by Livestock Committee. Poster will have the following information: Date of Weigh-In, Official Weight, Weight Gained Per Day. Member must turn in completed record book to receive premiums.
8052 Intermediate Dairy Beef Showmanship-12 to 14 year olds ......................... No Premiums
8053 Senior Dairy Beef Showmanship-15-19 year olds ........................................ No Premiums
8061 Dairy Beef Market Steers .................................................... Premiums: A-$10.00, B-$8.00, C-$6.00
8065 Dairy Beef Club Herd-same as class 8045 ....... Premiums: A-$10.00, B-$8.00, C-$6.00
8066 Dairy Beef Market Steers-Rate of Gain same as class 8046 ........................................ Premiums: A-$6.00, B-$5.00, C-$4.00
8071 Feeder Calf - Junior showmanship 9 - 11 yr. olds ........................................ No Premiums
8072 Feeder Calf - Intermediate showmanship 12-14 yr. olds ................................ No Premiums
8073 Feeder Calf - Senior showmanship 15-19 yr. old ............................................. No Premiums
8074 Feeder Calf ................................................................. A-$10.00, B-$8.00, C-$6.00
8075 Feeder Calf Club Herd ............................................................. A-$10.00, B-$8.00, C-$6.00
8076 Feeder Calf Rate of Gain .......................................................... A-$6.00, B-$5.00, C-$4.00
DIVISION G-SHEEP
See Livestock Committee Guidelines under Dept. A, Division D-Beef
8501 Junior Sheep Showmanship-9 to 11 year olds.................................No Premiums
8502 Intermediate Sheep Showmanship-12-14 year olds..........................No Premiums
8503 Senior Showmanship-15-19 year olds.........................................No Premiums
Livestock Committee has the right to combine above three classes.
8505 Market Wethers .................................................................Premiums: A- $5.00, B-$4.00, C-$3.00
8506 Market Ewes.................................................................Premiums: A- $5.00, B-$4.00, C-$3.00
8511 Market Lambs Club Flock .................................................Premiums: A-$10.00, B-$7.50, C-$5.00
Each 4-H club or FFA chapter will be eligible to show a club flock consisting of four animals of any size or breed. The flock is to be selected by club members and is to consist of animals owned by at least three members.
8521 Market Lambs-Rate of Gain ................................................Premiums: A-$6.00, B-$5.00, C-$4.00
No Rate of Gain at Hudsonville. Exhibit poster above pen showing records. "A"=.75 lbs. or above, "B"=.5-.74 lbs., "C"=.49 lbs. or below per day. Weight used to be average of total weight of pen.

DIVISION H-SWINE
See Livestock Committee Guidelines under Dept. A., Division D-Beef.
8551 Junior Hog Showmanship-9 to 11 year olds..................................No Premiums
8552 Intermediate Hog Showmanship-12-14 year olds..........................No Premiums
8553 Senior Hog Showmanship-15-19 year olds..................................No Premiums
Livestock Committee has the right to combine above three classes.
8555 Market barrows.................................................................Premiums: A-$5.00, B-$4.00, $3.00
8556 Market gilts.................................................................Premiums: A-$5.00, B-$4.00, $3.00
8561 Market Hogs Club Herd......................................................Premiums: A-$10.00, B-$7.50, C-$5.00
Each 4-H club or FFA chapter will be eligible to show a club herd consisting of four animals of any size or breed. The herd is to be selected by club members and is to consist of animals owned by at least three members.
8571 Market Hogs-Rate of Gain....................................................Premiums: A-$6.00, B-$5.00, C-$4.00
No Rate of Gain at Hudsonville. Exhibit poster above pen showing records. "A"=2 lbs. or above, "B"=1.5-1.99 lbs., "C"=1.49 lbs. or below per day. Weight used to be average of total weight of pen.