

**GENERAL LIVESTOCK  
SECTIONS 003, 004, 005, 006  
Goat, Beef, Sheep, Swine  
Rules & Regulations**

1. Auction animals must have been pre-registered and tagged. Beef registered by January 1, 2009 and tagged by a member of the Livestock Committee; and Goat, Sheep and Swine registered and tagged at Livestock Tagging/Weigh-ins held on June 6 and 7, 2009.
2. Cloverbuds are not eligible to participate in auction classes or the 4-H Livestock Auction.
3. All entries must follow state health guidelines listed in front of this book.
4. Each exhibitor shall present a health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian. The health check must be completed prior to the fair. Papers will be checked on Monday a.m.
5. Ownership is required by June 1 of the current year. Exhibitors who have filed a Non-Ownership Certificate with the 4-H office prior to June 1 of the current year are eligible to show.
6. An exhibitor may only show 2 entries per class.
7. Pre-entry due by July 24 at Cornell Cooperative Extension, P.O. Box 184, Hamden, NY 13782 for both **county and state fair**.
8. An animal may not be shown in both breeding and market classes.
9. All auction animals will also be shown in respective market class.
10. **Herdsmanship Contest** will be conducted. Ribbons will be awarded to 4-H members maintaining the best exhibit covering the entire period of the fair, taking into consideration the following points:
  - a. Personal appearance of the exhibitors, including neatness and cleanliness of clothing in and out of the show ring. No holes in clothing. Button shirt.
  - b. Neatness and cleanliness of the exhibit, including such things as stalls, storage area, and animals in exhibit.
  - c. Willingness to cooperate with the Superintendent and his/her assistants in charge of this division in helping to make the entire exhibit neat and attractive.
  - d. See open class section of book for premium awards for stall decorations.
  - e. All stall cards must be in place by Tuesday a.m. at 10 a.m. or you will be awarded a zero for that herdsman'ship judging and future judging.
  - f. All exhibitors must show in their respective showmanship class.
11. Premiums will be withheld on pens and stalls not cleaned out at close of fair.
12. Auction animals that don't make weight minimums will be given an opportunity to show.
13. Fitting and Showmanship will be based upon:
  - a. Control of the animal by exhibitor.
  - b. Skill in showing the animal to best advantage.
  - c. Cleanliness and condition of the skin and coat.

- d. Clipping or trimming.
  - e. All exhibitors are expected to enter their respective showmanship class.
  - f. Exhibitors must show their own animals.
14. Auction animals must be pre-registered at Cooperative Extension Office by: Beef - Jan. 1; Sheep, Swine, and Meat Goat – June 7.
  15. Market class animals will be weighed on Monday at 1:00 p.m. for showing purposes. Those that made weight will be weighed again on Friday at 10:00 a.m. for auction purposes.
  16. Cross breeds are allowed in market classes.
  17. Purebred animals must be registered in exhibitor's name. (See Rule #3)
  18. Superintendent has right to divide pens.
  19. Thursday - 7:30 p.m. - Animal Dress-up Contest. Classes for small, medium and large animals. Winner selected by audience participation.
  20. Non-Ownership is **NOT AVAILABLE** to youth already owning an animal of that species.
  21. Youth are limited to **ONE NON-OWNED ANIMAL PER SPECIES**.

Ribbon and Placing Information: 4-H judging is done on a Danish System of blue, red and white ribbons. Based upon a given set of standards, projects may be awarded all blue ribbons if the judge feels that all entries are above the average for that group. The judge usually awards a combination of blue, red and white ribbons. (i.e. excellent/blue ribbons; average/red ribbons; below the standard/white ribbons). In addition, in animals versus vegetables or clothing, judging the blues, reds and whites are usually arranged in order (i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> blue, 2<sup>nd</sup> blue, 1<sup>st</sup> red, 2<sup>nd</sup> red, etc.)

**LIVESTOCK AUCTION REQUIREMENTS  
SHEEP**

- Born on or after February 1
- Owned by June 1
- Registered by June 7
- Minimum Weight 85 lbs. (except Cheviot Cross can be sold at 75 lbs.) determined at Monday's weigh-in (Cheviot Cross must be at least 50% Cheviot)

**SWINE**

- Born on or after February 1
- Owned by June 1
- Registered by June 7
- Minimum Weight 200 lbs. determined at Monday's weigh-in

**BEEF**

- Not over 2 years old at fair time
- Owned & registered by January 1
- Minimum Weight 800 lbs. determined at Monday's weigh-in
- Must be 50% recognized meat breed

**MEAT GOAT**

- Born on or after January 1
- Owned by June 1
- Registered by June 7

- Minimum weight 60 lbs. – determined at Monday’s weigh-in
- **Must** be 50% recognized meat breed: Spanish Meat Goat; Tennessee Fainting Meat Goat; South African Boer Goat; or New Zealand Kiko
- Wethers and Does only
- Disbudding/Dehorning not required
- Must be castrated and healed by June weigh-in.

#### RULES

1. All animals must be owned by the dates listed above and **must be cared for daily** by the 4-H'er from this date until auction time.
2. A 4-H'er may register more than one animal of a species for the auction, but must make their choice of what animal to sell after the judging is completed.
3. Only one animal per 4-H'er, per specie, may be sold at the auction.
4. Auction Animal Identification Requirements:  
GOATS: Scrapie Tag AND a Delaware County 4-H Tag  
BEEF: Tattoo or Farm Ear Tag AND a Delaware County 4-H Tag  
SHEEP: Scrapie Tag AND a Delaware County 4-H Tag  
SWINE: Proper Ear Notch AND a Delaware County 4-H Tag
5. Animals will be weighed twice at the fair:
  - a. Before showing in the classes – Monday – 1 p.m. -- to determine class breakdown.
  - b. Friday - 10 a.m. -- only for those making weight on Monday for actual sale weight.
  - c. Animals may not be watered down before weighing; normal morning chores can be done.
  - d. Animals that do not make weight on Monday will not be sold.
  - e. 4-H'er must be present for weigh-ins or make other arrangements with another 4-H'er.
6. You may have until weigh-ins on Friday morning to decide if and what animal(s) you want to sell.
7. All animals going to auction must be accompanied by a completed 4-H Market Project Record. Exhibitors handing in an incomplete Record Book will be disqualified from the auction. This record must be turned into the 4-H Summer Assistant on Monday of fair week at the Livestock Show Ring from 3:00-5:00 p.m. To obtain a copy of the 4-H Market Project Record contact the 4-H office or download a copy at [www.cce.cornell.edu/delaware](http://www.cce.cornell.edu/delaware).
8. Any steer entered in the auction must be at least one-half beef breeding. Previous experience has shown that animals of 100% beef breeding do best at the fair.
9. Sheep & goats must be castrated by 6 weeks of age; beef by 8 months of age; pigs by one month of age. Animal may show no signs of open wounds or male secondary sex characteristics. **Beef may not be over 2 years old.**
10. All sheep, swine and goats sold will be assessed a sale fee of 5% of total gross. All beef sold will be assessed a sale fee of 1.5% of total gross. This fee helps to

recover auction costs -- advertising and future training meetings.

11. Only top quality animals will be allowed in the 4-H Livestock Auction. The judges and Livestock Advisory Committee have the authority to stop the sale of any animal that is not finished, shows lack of condition or is over conditioned. The judge will award a white ribbon in the auction class if an animal is not eligible for auction.
12. **SHOWMANSHIP IS MANDATORY** – Any exhibitor not showing in their respective showmanship class will be disqualified from the auction.