

# Washington County 4-H/FFA Livestock Guidelines

(Anything that is not covered under these guidelines will be referred to Missouri State Fair Guidelines)

**All exhibitor ages listed is the age of the exhibitor on December 31 of the program year.**

## General Rules

4-H/FFA members must be enrolled and in good standings with their clubs. In good standings means meeting deadlines, attending 8 club meetings and majority of projects to be eligible to exhibit their projects. There may be other requirements established by the club, county and/or state. These requirements must provide equal access for all youth and must not create barriers to participation.

Independent members is for members living some distance from a 4-H club, who have conflicts with school, work or other obligations, attending a college or university away from home. Independent members must complete an individual plan of study, which is on file in the Washington County University Extension Center. The independent member form may be found at:

<http://4h.missouri.edu/go/get/resources/materials/materials-pages/indexcluborganization.htm>.

Non-Washington County 4-H/FFA members must supply a letter of membership from the youth staff in their home county and follow all the rules set forth in these guidelines.

Clover Kids, age 5 to 7, by January 1<sup>st</sup>, are not allowed to exhibit or sell animals for competition. Children must be 8 years old on December 31 of the project year in order to show and sell project animals at the Washington County Fair.

If a 4-H/FFA member enters livestock projects in the fair under 4-H/FFA, they will not be allowed to enter exhibits of the same species into the fair under open class.

In order to assure Positive Youth Development at all 4-H/FFA functions, respectable behavior from all parents and children will be expected at all times. 4-H/FFA participants and their families are expected to conduct themselves according to the best traditions of the 4-H/FFA organization. Unsportsmanlike or other inappropriate conduct will not be tolerated. Any violation on the part of a member, or family member, may lead to the member's dismissal from any further classes and/or shows. If such behavior occurs, it will be up to the Executive Council to ask any member to leave for the remainder of the event.

The 4-H Council and Barn Superintendent will have jurisdiction over problems or conflicts that arise at the fair and will see that the fair guidelines are upheld.

All 4-Hers who were enrolled in the Washington County 4-H for any of the previous three years must have enrollment forms (and be enrolled in the specific livestock project) and dues completed and turned in to the Washington County Extension Office by January 1 of the program year in order to weigh-in, show or sell—NO EXCEPTIONS. (April 2011) It is the responsibility of the member and parent to make sure the forms and dues are turned in on-time. New 4-H members, or any previous member who has not enrolled in Washington County for the past three years may enroll at any time. However, they must still meet the 8 meeting requirement to show animals in the fair.

All 4-H/FFA members enrolled in food animal projects including beef, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, meat and dairy goats, rabbits and poultry/waterfowl must complete the appropriate level of Missouri Show Me Quality Assurance (SMQA) Certification to be considered a 4-H/FFA member in good standings. Certification must be completed and turned into the Washington County Extension Office no later than July 31<sup>st</sup> of the project year. Children who are first certified when they are 13 years and under (age on December 31 of the program year) must take the SMQA in 2 consecutive years then again when they turn 14. Those who are first certified when they are 14 years and over (age on December 31 of the program year) just need to complete the SMQA one time.

If any 4-H/FFA animal loses its ear tags, it is the responsibility of the participant to contact the Washington County Extension Office (573) 438-2671 immediately.

All 4-H/FFA exhibits will be judged on the Danish system, which means each project gets a ribbon and is judged on its own merit. However, livestock will be ranked after ribbons are presented.

If a 4-H/FFA member is going to show or sell livestock that member is responsible for the complete care of that animal at the fair with little or no adult assistance. Members are expected to show their animals without adult assistance. If a parent is concerned that a member might have difficulty controlling their animal in the show ring, the adult may enter the ring and stand along the fence. The adult should only come to the aid of the exhibitor if a situation occurs that is dangerous to the exhibitor or others in the ring. The adult should help the exhibitor regain control of the animal, then return to the fence. If an animal cannot be controlled without help from an adult, the judge is to instruct the exhibitor to tie the animal to the fence. The judge will then place the animal at the bottom of the class. The animal will receive a ribbon and will be allowed to sell. If there is more than one animal placed on the fence by the judge, the judge will place all of the animals at the bottom of the class in the order of the judge's opinion. Example: There are 10 animals in the class. Three animals are placed on the fence. The judge will place those three animals 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> in the order the judge determines is appropriate. The decision of the judge is final!

1. If a child has 2 animals in the same class they can request help from another 4-H/FFA member to show one of the animals.
2. If that child has a physical injury that will not allow them to show that animal they may request help from another 4-H/FFA member.

All 4-H/FFA exhibitors are required to care for and feed their livestock till the end of the fair. Members failing to do so, will not be allowed to exhibit livestock the following year. This decision will be at the discretion of the Barn Superintendent and the Executive Council.

All 4-H/FFA livestock showing up for weigh-in with any contagious diseases must remain in the vehicle they were transported in until all other animals have been weighed. There will be no exceptions!

Any 4-H/FFA livestock that is sold at the county fair cannot be shown at the State Fair unless the seller and buyer have signed a *Youth Show & Sale Advance Sale Agreement*. This form may be printed off of the Missouri State Fair Website or picked up at the Washington County Extension Office.

All 4-H/FFA market animals must be full fed for 90 days prior to the fair.

For sale signs will not be permitted inside the barns for any livestock.

In the event a 4-H/FFA member cannot show their livestock at the fair due to death or disability of the animal or other uncontrollable circumstances, the member may not replace the animal. However the member may still participate in the showmanship class.

At least 2 people from each club **MUST** be present to help put the show ring up after the fair closes on Wednesday night and take it down Thursday night.

Pending the purchase of new scales and in light of the variability of numbers read on the scale, the person reading the scale will record the highest weight within the variability. Animals that **DO NOT** make minimum weight **MUST** go home by the end of the day.

4-H/FFA livestock entries are made with the understanding that the Washington County Fair Board Association is not responsible for any injury, loss or damage that may occur to any person, animal or articles.

All stall assignments will be made by the 4-H Council Executive Council. No stalls will be allowed to be reserved.

All male animals of any species must be castrated by the time of spring weigh-in with the exception of a bucket calf or a bull.

4-H/FFA members, parents and leaders must work to encourage bidders and buyers for the livestock auction.

Each 4-H/FFA member is responsible for making arrangements to take animals they sell at the auction to slaughter.

## Livestock Auction

The order that 4-H/FFA Market Animals will sell is as follows:

Show Grand Champion, Show Reserve Champion, Overall Grand Champion, Overall Reserve Champion, Carcass Champion, Carcass Reserve Champion, Average Daily Gain Winner, Reserve Average Daily Gain Winner, and Index points for the remaining livestock to be sold.

The sell order is as follows:

Goats, Lambs, Beef, Swine, Chickens, Rabbits and Smoked meats

Exhibit limits for swine, goats, and sheep: each 4-H/FFA member may enter up to 3 swine, 3 goats, 3 sheep, and or 2 bovine/beef. However an exhibitor can only enter 2 animals in each species in a market class. The third animal, where 3 exhibits are allowed, must be a breeding animal.

Exhibit limits for poultry/waterfowl and rabbits: A maximum of 20 exhibits made up of any combination of the following:

Rabbits: Meat rabbits - 2 bucks & 2 does; Mini-Breeds – 2 bucks & 2 does; Market pens – 2 pens of two rabbits each  
Poultry: Standard size – 2 roosters, 2 hens, 2 cockerels, & 2 pullets; Bantams - 2 roosters, 2 hens, 2 cockerels, & 2 pullets  
Turkeys: total of 2  
Waterfowl: total of 4  
Other: Doves – 2 male & 2 female; Guineas – total of 2; Peacocks – total of 2; Pigeons – total of 2, Any other feathered entry – total of 2; Market Pens – two pens of two birds each.

4-H members must be enrolled in the project(s) they exhibit in, and may not enroll in more projects than indicated in the chart below.

If the member is .....	Age 10 or younger (December 31 age)	Age 11 or older (December 31 age)
1 <sup>st</sup> year of 4-H	3 projects	3 projects
2 <sup>nd</sup> year of higher	3 projects	6 projects

Each 4-H/FFA member will only be allowed to sell two items in the ring (animals and/or smoked meat exhibit), but only one of any species or meat. **Exception:** If a 4-H/FFA member has both Grand and Reserve Champion in any one species they will be allowed to sell both in the auction.

Overall 4-H/FFA livestock will be chosen based on Show points – 30%, Carcass Points – 40%, and Rate of Gain – 30%.

## Showmanship

Pre-Registration sheets will be available at the fair in the Barn 4-H/FFA office stall Monday at 5:00 p.m. Entries must be turned in by Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. to the 4-H/FFA office stall.

4-H and FFA will participate together in showmanship classes. 4-H/FFA members may use another member's animal in showmanship classes. Showmanship will be awarded in the following classes: Beef, Swine, Lambs, Goats (Dairy and Meat goats will participate together), Poultry/waterfowl and Rabbits.

Showmanship classes will be as follows:

- Rookie – must be their first year showing a livestock project.
- Junior – Ages 9 to 13
- Senior – Ages 14 to 18

Participants will be evaluated on control and handling of their animal, sportsmanship, and attention to the judge and arena surroundings. The judge may ask questions of participants.

Winners will be announced in the show ring. Awards will be presented at the 4-H awards banquet usually held in October.

## **Cattle**

No certificate of Veterinary Inspection, brucellosis or tuberculosis is required.

All animals must be halter broken.

Each 4-H/FFA member may enter and show two bovine (beef animals). This could be steers, heifers, bucket calves, dairy cattle or bulls. 4-H/FFA members may only sell one steer in the livestock auction.

No Artificial filling of any cattle will be allowed. Violation of this rule will constitute immediate forfeiture of participation.

## **Market Steers**

Steers may start being brought in after 5:00 pm on the Monday of fair week. All Steers must be in place by 6:00 a.m. Tuesday of the fair week.

Steers must be dehorned to be eligible to show. Scurs are allowed.

Steers must have been born after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year.

All steers must be weighed in and receive an identification tag at spring weigh-in. The weigh-in date and times will be designated by the 4-H Council (usually 150 days before the Washington County Fair). Steers will be mouthed at the initial weigh-in. Any steer that has its two year teeth will not be allowed to exhibit at the Washington County Fair.

4-H/FFA steers will receive an ultrasound at the fair weigh-in as part of the carcass contest.

Steers must weigh at least 900 pounds to be eligible to participate in the livestock show and auction. Any steer weighing less than 900 pounds **MUST** leave the barn immediately after weigh-in at the fair is completed.

All steers will be broken down by weight classes. The weight classes will depend on weights and numbers of steers present.

## **Heifers**

All heifers must be owned by the exhibitor by March 1<sup>st</sup> of the project year.

All heifers must be in place by 8:00 a.m. Wednesday of the fair.

Horned heifers may be exhibited. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to make sure that the pen is secure where the horns may not be stuck through the fence.

Heifer classes are as follows:

- 8 to 12 months
- 13 to 15 months
- 16 to 18 months
- 19 to 24 months

## **Bucket Calves**

Bucket Calves must be owned and ear tagged by the exhibitor by July 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

Bucket Calves must be born after February 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

4-H/FFA Members must be 13 years old or younger to show a bucket calf.

Bucket calves must be in place by 8:00 a.m. Wednesday of the fair.

Bucket Calves do not need to be castrated.

## ***Bulls***

All bulls 6 months and older must be shown with a nose lead.

All bulls should be double tied in the stall area with a halter and neck rope.

Bulls must be owned by the exhibitor by June 1<sup>st</sup> of the project year.

Bulls must be in place by 8:00 a.m. Wednesday of the fair.

## ***Dairy Cattle***

All dairy cattle must have been owned by the exhibitor prior to June 1<sup>st</sup> of the project year.

Dairy cattle must be in place by 8:00 a.m. Wednesday of the fair.

## ***Swine***

All swine must be free of clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease.

No Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, Brucellosis or Pseudo rabies is required.

Exhibitors will be allowed to enter 3 hogs at the Washington County Fair. This can be market hogs or gilts or one of each.

All swine must be in place by 6:00 a.m. Tuesday of the fair.

Male hogs must be castrated.

All swine must have their tails docked at the time of the spring weigh-in. Tails must be 4 inches or shorter.

All swine will be broken down by weight classes. The weight classes will depend on weights and numbers of swine present.

All swine must be weighed in and receive an identification ear tag at the designated time by the 4-H Council, usually 100 days before the Washington County Fair.

Swine must be owned by the 4-H/FFA member by the spring weigh-in of the current year.

Swine must weigh at least 200 pounds to be eligible to participate in the livestock show or sell. Any swine weighing less than 200 pounds **MUST** leave the barn immediately after weigh-in is completed.

4-H/FFA members must have someone in their stall to say which animal will be taken to the sale arena. If there is no one in your stall, your animal **WILL NOT** be taken to the sale ring.

4-H/FFA market swine will receive an ultrasound at the fair weigh-in as part of the carcass contest.

## **Sheep**

All sheep must be free of clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease.

All sheep, regardless of age or gender, must be individually identified by an official scrapie ear tag and be listed on a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

Exhibitors must own their animal by spring weigh-in of the current year.

All sheep must be castrated and tails docked by the spring weigh-in.

Sheep must be in place by 6:00 a.m. Tuesday of the fair.

Market lambs may be wethers or ewes.

Muzzles will not be allowed on market or breeding lambs.

Market lambs must be slick sheared at the time of check-in, including all areas above hock-knee and from ears back. Each sheep exhibitor will be allowed to enter 2 exhibits. This can be two market lambs, two ewes or one of each.

Market lambs must weigh at least 100 pounds to be eligible to participate in the livestock show or sell. Any sheep weighing less than 100 pounds **MUST** leave the barn immediately after weigh-in is completed.

Classes will be divided into groups by weight pending the number of sheep weighed in at the fair.

Sheep classes are as follow:

- Market Lambs
- Ewe – 12 months and younger
- Ewe - 13 months and older

## **Goats**

Goats must be free of clinical signs of an infectious or contagious disease.

All goats, regardless of age or gender, must be individually identified by an official scrapie ear tag or any other means of permanent identification approved by the state veterinarian and is listed on a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

All general health rules pertaining to livestock in the Washington County Fair apply.

4-H/FFA members may enter a maximum of two goats. This can be two meat goats, two dairy goats, two angora goats or one of each.

Goat entries must be either doe or wether goats, with the exception of a kid angora goat.

Goats must be owned by the 4-H/FFA member by the spring weigh-in of the current year.

Classes will be divided into groups by weight pending the number of goats weighed in at the fair.

Horned goats may be exhibited. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to make sure that the pen is secure where the horns may not be stuck through the fence.

## ***Dairy Goat***

Dairy goats are not required to weigh-in.

Dairy goats will not be allowed to sell in the 4-H/FFA Livestock Auction.

Dairy goat classes will consist of the following:

- Dry Doe/Doeling - cannot be currently fresh in milk.
- Milking Doe - must be producing milk and being milked by the owner.

## ***Meat Goats***

Meat goats must weigh-in at the spring weigh-in and weighed again at the fair.

Meat goats must weigh no less than 20 pounds and not exceed 80 pounds at the spring weigh-in.

Meat goats must be owned by 4-H/FFA member by the spring weigh-in.

4-H/FFA members may only sell one goat in the ring. The animal cannot be more than one year of age and must have milk teeth.

Market goats sold in the ring may be a wether or doe.

Any meat goat weighing less than 45 pounds **MUST** leave the barn immediately after weigh-in is completed.

Meat goat classes will consist of the following:

- 45 pounds to 85 pounds
- 86 pounds to 120 pounds
- Pygmy goats

## ***Haired(Angora) Goats (added September 2011)***

Angora goats are not required to weigh-in.

Angora goats will not be allowed to sell in the 4-H Livestock Auction.

Animals shown must have been shorn 4-6 months prior to show.

Animals should have no more than 6" but at least 3" inches of fleece at time of show.

Unshorn kids may be shown regardless of length of hair.

No combing, washing or treating of show animals' hair.

Angora goat classes will consist of the following:

- Buck Kid
- Doe Kid
- Yearling Buck
- Yearling Doe
- Adult Wether
- Adult Doe

## **Poultry/Waterfowl**

All poultry/waterfowl to be exhibited must be free of clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease.

No certificate of Veterinary inspection is required.

All poultry/waterfowl exhibited shall be tested negative for pullorum-typhoid at check in of the fair, or originate from a flock approved by the National Poultry Improvements Plan or an equivalent program which has been tested within the past twelve months with no change of ownership. This information must be documented on a certificate which shall accompany the poultry to the exhibition and shall be made available on request.

Poultry/Waterfowl may be brought into the fair after 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday of the fair. All poultry/waterfowl must be in place by noon Wednesday of the fair.

4-H/FFA members may enter the following in the poultry/waterfowl division:

- 2 roosters – standard size and/or Bantam breeds
- 2 hens – standard size and/or Bantam breeds
- 2 cockerels – standards size and/or Bantam breeds
- 2 pullets – standards and/or Bantam breeds
- 2 turkeys
- 4 waterfowl – ducks, geese, etc.
- Other category:
  - 2 male doves
  - 2 female doves
  - 2 guineas
  - 2 peacock
  - 2 pigeons
  - 2 of any other feathered entry not listed above
- Market pen
- 2 pens consisting of 2 birds

Poultry/waterfowl must be owned by June 1<sup>st</sup> of the project year.

4-H/FFA divisions will be separated into junior and senior division.

All 4-H/FFA members are responsible for providing their own feed and water.

Poultry classes are as follows

- Bantam Chickens – cock, cockerels, hens, pullets or market pen.
- Standard Size Chickens – cock, cockerels, hens, pullets or market pen.
- Other – Pheasants, ducks, geese, turkey or guineas.



## **Rabbits**

Rabbits must be owned by June 1<sup>st</sup> of the project year.

4-H/FFA divisions will be separated into junior and senior division.

Rabbits may be brought into the fair after 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday of the fair. All Rabbits must be in place by noon Wednesday of the fair.

All 4-H/FFA members are responsible for providing their own feed and water.

4-H/FFA members may enter the following in the rabbit division:

- Meat rabbits
  - 2 bucks
  - 2 does
- Mini Breeds
  - 2 bucks
  - 2 does
- Market Pen – 2 pens consisting of 2 rabbits each

Rabbit classes are as follows:

- Mini Breed – bucks, does or market pens
- Meat Rabbits – bucks, does or market pens

## **Dogs**

A certificate of Veterinary Inspection is not required.

Dogs four months of age or older must be vaccinated for rabies and distemper/parvo by one of the methods and within the time period published in the current Compendium of Animal Rabies Vaccines by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians, Inc.

### **1. Dog Show**

Proper Equipment must be used or entry may face disqualification. Proper equipment consists of: Obedience – 6-foot leash and properly fitted collar approved by the judge. No special training collars will be permitted: nothing may be hanging from the dog's collar.

The dog must be trained by the exhibitor.

## **Updated 2/15/12**

**These guidelines will not be amended yearly. Should someone find an item that they feel needs changed, they may petition the Executive Council at any 4-H Council meeting and present their request. If the Executive Council feels the change is appropriate the change will then be implemented into the guidelines.**