

4-H Market Livestock Sale Commitment

Club
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1. Criteria for members to participate in all 4-H livestock projects are as follows:
 - Be in good standing with their club.
 - “good standing” = “in compliance with club by-laws”
 - Comply with all educational expectations.
 - attend Livestock Quality Assurance (LQA) & species seminars as required
 - have animal tagged & weighed by cut-off dates,
 - have current records for livestock and one other project before Aug. 1
 - turn-in all required paperwork (*livestock commitment form, drug withdrawal form, buyer’s thank you forms, etc.*), and.
 - Must comply with age requirements.
 - Regardless of locality of livestock housing and/or feeding applications, as long as the 4-H member is at least 8yrs old by Oct. 1 of the project year (10yrs old for beef), and no older than 18yrs old or still in high school by Oct. 1 of the project year, they are eligible to participate.
2. All members will attend Livestock Quality Assurance (LQA) training during their first registered year as a Junior member in the livestock project and again during their first registered year as a Senior member. LQA training is obtained by attending one of the species seminars given throughout the year.
 - In the event that a member receives a white ribbon in Market Class, the member shall be required to attend LQA again before re-enrolling in a market livestock project the following year.
3. All members are strongly encouraged to regularly attend livestock seminars as offered throughout the program year; however, ALL 1st year market project members must attend an educational seminar specific to their market species.
 - For ex: if you are new to beef this year, you must attend a beef seminar, even if you’ve completed lamb or hog projects during previous years. Anytime you’re working with a species for the first time, you must attend an educational seminar on that species.
4. The Youth Livestock Program *Commitment to Excellence & Drug Withdrawal* forms must be signed and returned to the Flathead County Extension Office on or before August 1.
5. A 4-H Project forms & Financial Journal (on market animal) must be completed to date (current) and checked off by your livestock leader or by Extension Office Staff before August 1st. Members will complete records on one other project and turn-in current records on both project to their club organizational leaders before Aug. 1. The club leader will update Extension office regarding both projects before Aug. 1.
6. Project members are required to care for and feed their animals while housed and shown at the NWMT Fair until 6:00 p.m. on the last Sunday of the fair week.
7. On the first Monday of the fair, livestock will be weighed in the Trade Center Building. If a project member is unable to be present with their own animal, arrangements should be made for someone else to take their animal across the scale.
8. Except for in the event of extreme circumstances (and with prior-approval of the 4-H Agent) livestock project members must show their own animals in the Market Class and Showmanship Class in order to sell their animal at the Saturday Livestock Auction. Grand, Reserve, Purple, Blue and Red ribbons sell; white ribbons do not sell.

9. A sale fee must be paid to the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce on weigh-in day at the sale fee table in the Trade Center, before your market animal can be officially weighed. Fee will be determined by the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce and documented in the NWMT Fair book.

10. Lambs must weigh between 110 and 160 pounds. Hogs must weigh between 220 and 295 pounds. Beef must weigh between 1,050 and 1,550 pounds. Under or over weight animals are ineligible for the Market Class and will not be sold at the Market Livestock Auction.
 - Under/overweight animals may be shown in the showmanship class and in the feeder market class at the Fair.

11. Members can tag up to two market animals in their project(s); however, only one of their tagged market animals can be taken to the fair. In all cases, members may tag up to 2 animals in their project. For example: 2 hogs, 2 sheep and/or 2 beef. But they will need to declare their primary and also their secondary animal on the ear tag form. For ex: If a family has 5 kids they are able to tag 2 hogs for each kid; however, if they cannot afford 2 for each, they can tag fewer. If they tag fewer, the kids will need to decide who is going to use which back-up hog.
 - Livestock records should be kept on each primary and back-up animal.

12. Market livestock buyers must be contacted as soon as possible following the sale. At that time the official sale picture and a thank you gift should be presented to your buyer. The Thank You Documentation form must be signed by your buyer and returned to the Flathead County Extension Office by December 1.

Continued participation in the market sale will be greatly influenced by the compliance of the above criteria.

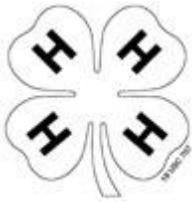
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Project Member's Printed Name

Project Member's Signature

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Date



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