

2012 4-H Livestock Sale Rules

1. All beef animals must be owned by December 1 and tagged in December. Livingston County 4-H identification for beef animals will be given and a form with this identification will be completed. Each animal will get an ear tag. A charge of \$5.00 per animal is due at this time.
2. All hogs and lambs must be owned by May 1 and tagged in May. Livingston County 4-H identification for lambs and hogs will be given and a form with this identification will be completed. Each animal will get an ear tag. A charge of \$5.00 per animal is due at this time.
3. A maximum of three animals per species per exhibitor may be tagged.
4. **All male animals must be fully castrated at time of tag-in.** Any animal in question will need verification/documentation from a vet that they are not intact at time of tag in.
5. All animals must have an **official permanent USDA form of identification**. Please work with your veterinarian for this requirement.
6. **NEW:** All members exhibiting beef, swine, sheep, goat, and dairy at the county fair level are required to participate in/attend two (2) educational activities. *Consignment beef exhibitors are exempt for the 2011- 2012 project year.* Failure to meet this requirement will prohibit a member from exhibiting at county level fairs. Opportunities to fulfill this requirement and more detailed information will be announced in the *4-H Livewire*. Please work with the 4-H Educator to complete this requirement.
7. **NEW: 4-H Charity Auction Animals:** A member wishing to raise a market animal to benefit a charity of their choice may do so by donating 100% of their auction check to that charity. A maximum of one (1) official 4-H charity animal per species will be allowed to sell in the auction. Limited to first member per species to receive approval from 4-H Educator. Member must commit and have approval at time of animal tag-in. Charity animal will follow the sale of the Reserve Grand Champion. Please contact the 4-H Office to sign up for this project option.
8. If an animal comes to the Hemlock Fair without permanent USDA identification that matches its accompanying Certificate of Veterinary Inspection form, the animal will not be permitted to stay on the fairgrounds. This is in accordance with USDA policy. If your animal loses its Livingston County 4-H ear tag, the 4-H Office must be notified so that another tag can be issued.
9. All 4-H animals must be in place on the Hemlock Fairgrounds by noon on Tuesday of fair week.
10. Weights and ages to be eligible for the sale are:

Minimum Weights are:	Beef :	1000 Pounds	
	Dairy Beef:	1000 Pounds	
	Hog:	200 Pounds	(not to exceed 299 pounds)
	Lamb:	85 Pounds	
11. All beef must be under 18 months of age and dairy beef must be under 24 months of age as of the opening day of the Hemlock Fair, with only one set of permanent teeth. All lambs and hogs must be born on or after January 1st of current year.
 - a.) A committee consisting of the livestock auction chairs and market animal specie chairs (beef, hog, and lamb) reserves the right to recommend disqualification of any consigned animal that is deemed unacceptable by current market standards. The show judge may also recommend disqualification because of health, weight, or finished condition. The 4-H Educator will make the final decision.
 - b.) The above mentioned committee reserves the right to recommend disqualification of any consigned animal that is unruly and unmanageable in the interest of safety for both show and sale. The 4-H Educator will make the final decision.
12. Any animal receiving a Danish system white ribbon in a 4-H market class will not qualify for the auction.

13. All consigned market animals officially weighed in and meeting program requirements must go through the 4-H Livestock Auction at the Hemlock Fair. Exceptions to this rule are rules #11a, #11b, and #12.
14. This is a **Terminal Sale**. No animal going through the sale ring may be used after the sale in another 4-H show during the current 4-H year.
15. Animals will be sold by the pound, live weight, at public auction. Terms of the sale are cash or check payable to Cornell Cooperative Extension Livingston County and given to the sale clerks immediately after the sale. Members are requested to secure bids or bring buyers to the sale.
16. A % commission per animal will be charged to the 4-H member to cover overhead expenses for the sale. The commission fees are:

Beef	3% per animal
Hog	5% per animal (and an additional 2% for each hog weighing 276 – 299)
Lamb	5% per animal
17. The 4-H member is highly encouraged to identify at least two potential buyers. 4-H members are encouraged to speak to several prospective buyers to secure the highest bid for their animals.
18. **NEW:** All members entering a consigned market animal are required to do an auction advertisement for each animal entered in the auction. This may include a poster displayed in local businesses or other creative advertisement pre-approved by the 4-H Educator. Advertisements must be displayed by June 1st. Failure to meet this requirement will prohibit the animal from going through the auction. More detailed information will be published in the *4-H Livewire*.
19. 4-H members can only sell 2 of each species (beef, hog, and lamb). **This includes charity animals.**
20. Only dehorned or polled animals will be allowed to show and be sold.
21. 4-H members must exhibit and sell their own animals. Only a valid excuse will be accepted as a waiver on this rule as recommended by the committee mentioned in rules #11a and #11b. The 4-H Educator will make the final decision.
22. All lambs must be slick shorn prior to weigh in.
23. Sale day fitting for all sale animals will be limited to washing and blow drying the coat. Use of adhesives will be prohibited.
24. It is recommended that 4-H livestock participants refrain from the use of hormone implants due to consumer perception.
25. 4-H members can expect to pick up the sale checks in the 4-H Office after Labor Day. **Project records and a copy of the “Thank you” letter/card to the buyer(s) are required to receive your sale check**
26. Cloverbuds are **ineligible** to participate in the 4-H Livestock Auction.
27. You will need to work with a veterinarian to take care of your health requirements for the fair in accordance with USDA policy and New York State law. You should have your vet come to your farm after May 1st for your Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. Your rabies shots can be given anytime within 1 year of the fair. The withholding time on rabies vaccine is 28 days for sale animals and must be given by **June 23, 2012**. Legible and proper identification of your stock is very important. Make sure that your Certificate of Veterinary Inspection lines up with the identification on your animal.

Specie Chairs and Health requirements for the fair are as follows:

Cattle Chair: Dana Wood

Due to meat withholding requirements, rabies vaccines must be given at least 28 days prior to slaughter or by June 23, 2012.

Must have Certificate of Veterinary inspection done after May 1st.

Bovine Respiratory Disease complex (shipping fever) vaccine must be given. Be sure to observe the appropriate withholding time for your shipping fever vaccine as well.

BVD (Bovine Viral Diarrhea) testing is mandatory for entry into County and State Fairs.

Sheep Chair: Jennifer Damon

Due to meat withholding requirements, rabies vaccine must be given at least 28 days prior to slaughter or by June 23, 2012.

Must have Certificate of Veterinary inspection done after May 1st.

All sheep must be identified by a legible registration tattoo, USDA approved official identification tag, or a USDA approved premises tattoo.

Swine Chair: TBA

Due to meat withholding requirements, rabies vaccine must be given at least 28 days prior to slaughter or by June 23, 2012.

Must have Certificate of Veterinary inspection done after May 1st.