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4-H Livestock Program Handbook

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Erie County 4-H Livestock Program Handbook 2020

This Livestock Handbook has been created for your convenience. It contains all of the rules for the 2020 MARKET ANIMAL PROGRAM and LIVESTOCK PROGRAM. This book shows you what is expected of you during the project year and at the FAIR. Our Program Advisors feel that there are rules not mentioned in the Erie County Fair Entry Information found on-line at www.ecfair.org that you need to know before you start the project year. This book does NOT replace Erie County Fair Entry Information, which you will find on-line at www.ecfair.org. All of the information found in the Erie County Fair Entry Information applies. If you have any questions about your project, please ASK! You may call the 4-H office at 716-652-5400.

REMEMBER:

To be eligible to show a livestock animal at the Erie County Fair, you MUST be an enrolled member of Erie County 4-H, and be between the ages of 7 and 18. For more clarifications, see below.

- All Market Animal Projects: The member MUST be between the ages of nine (9) and eighteen (18) on December 31, 2019. (Simple terms on January 1, 2020 your age must be between 9-18). If you are 19 on January 1, 2020 you are too old.
- All Non-Market Animal Projects: The member MUST be eight (8) on or before December 31, 2019. (Simple terms on January 1, 2020 your age must be between 9-18). If you are 19 on January 1, 2020 you are too old.
- **Exception:** Youth participating in the dog, non-market poultry & rabbit and horse programs may be 7 as of 1-1-20

Livestock Program Start Dates:

January 1, 2020

- Dairy Goats Working Goats
 - Dairy Cattle and Horse
 - Beef

May 1, 2020

- Sheep, Poultry & Rabbits
 - Meat Goats, Swine

Paperwork Deadlines May 1, 2020
Horse Certificates, Lease paperwork due for Sheep, Swine, Goats

Paperwork Deadlines June 1, 2020
Beef Heifer, Dairy Cattle

Paperwork Deadlines July 1, 2020
Meat Rabbit Registration

2020 Market Sale Dates

Saturday, August 15, 2020 - 10:00 am
Market Poultry, Market Rabbits

Saturday, August 15, 2020 - 1:00 pm
Market Swine

*Market Rabbits are released at 9:00 pm on Saturday, August 15.
Market Swine are released on Sunday, August 16 at 9:00 p.m.
Market Poultry are released Monday, August 17 at 8:00 a.m.*

Saturday, August 22, 2020 - 1:00 pm
Market Steers, Meat Goats; Market Lambs
*Lambs, Steers and Meat Goats are not released until 9:00 pm
on Sunday, August 23, 2020.*

YOU are responsible for maintaining your exhibit!

- Please Read Carefully -

Per CCE Board of Directors

All 4-H animal projects on the Erie County Fairgrounds must be cleaned, fed and watered by 9:00 am.

One written warning from CCE Staff will be issued; a second offense will result in removal from the Erie County Fairgrounds and loss of participation in that year's 4-H Livestock Fair Program

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The following rules will apply to all species of market/breeding animals (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Meat Goats, Poultry and Rabbits). Any individual wishing to participate in the **2020 Jr. Department Market/Breeding Animal Shows** must fulfill all of the following requirements: (We will announce two Project Champions in 2020—Market and Breeding)

All **Market Animal** participants must be nine (9) years old as of January 1, 2020.

Project records must be kept for each animal project. Record forms are available at the 4-H Office. The records must be submitted to the 4-H office by the date specified. Each record will be judged on completeness by the advisory committee.

**Total Possible Points for the Record Portion of the Project:
100 points for all species.**

Attendance at three (3) meetings is required for sheep, meat goats, swine, market poultry and market rabbits and; four (4) meetings are required for beef. Two (2) meetings must be species specific, the other meetings can be species specific or generic (designed to include all species). Type of meeting, date, time and location will be announced in the **4-H News**. Exhibitors will receive 100 points for each meeting attended.

Educational Report Info: Exhibitors are encouraged to attend shows/ or seminars other than the opportunities offered by the 4-H Program. If a member attends/participates in a show/seminar NOT publicized in the 4-H News, they may submit a show/seminar program and a short report (10-15 sentences) about their experience/observations within five (5) business days of the show/seminar to receive credit for a species-specific meeting. **EACH MEMBER IS LIMITED TO TWO (2) EDUCATIONAL REPORTS per species.**

All exhibitors must participate in the showmanship contest for the species that they are raising and showing.

Total Possible Points for the showmanship Portion of the Project:

**Beef - 300 points; Sheep, Swine, Meat Goat – 300 points
Poultry - 300 points; Rabbits - 300 points**

300 points=Blue Ribbon; 200 points= Red Ribbon; 100 points=White Ribbon

*The maximum points for each ribbon category will be reduced by five (5) points per placing within the category. **EXAMPLE:** If the exhibitor was placed 3rd in their showmanship class and received a *blue ribbon*, they would receive 290 points towards the project championship. (*Individuals previously designated *Master Showman* will be considered to have earned a *blue ribbon* and will be awarded 300 points for participation in **Master Showmanship Class**.)

A General Livestock Skillathon will be held prior to the fair. Participation is not mandatory, but points earned will be added to the members Project Champion score for each species they are showing. All members are encouraged to at least try the skillathon.

All exhibitors must show their animal in their respective market class. Points will be awarded as follows: 100 points for 1st blue, 95 points for 2nd blue. All other blues in the class will be awarded 90 points; all red ribbons will be awarded 75 points; all white ribbons will be awarded 50 points.

**Total Possible Points for Market Class Portion of the Project:
Beef, Sheep, Swine, Meat Goat, Poultry, Rabbits – 100**

For **Sheep Exhibitors ONLY** - Points will be awarded for exhibitor participation in Leadline Contest.

Total Possible Points for Leadline Portion of the Project: Sheep – 100
(100 points-Blue Ribbon;
75 points-Red Ribbon;
50 points-White Ribbon)

Public Presentation— Each member **MUST** do a **Public Presentation**. **Public Presentations** may be on any topic. Please remember there can be **NO LIVE ANIMAL** presentations given. Exhibitors who do not give their **Public Presentation** prior to **May 4, 2020** will be ineligible to participate in the **2020 Erie County 4-H Livestock Program at the Erie County Fair**.

Makeup dates for Public Presentations for those members that become sick or have a family emergency, or new members will be April 28 and May 4, 2020 at CCE. Your total score from your public presentation will be added to your project champion score.

Livestock Judging Contest: Points from participation in Livestock Judging Contest will be added to your project champion score for each species you are showing. Total number of points accumulated in the nine above categories will be calculated.

Exhibitor with greatest point total in each separate species will be designated Jr. Department Project Champion for the respective species. Project Champion will sell his/her market animal immediately following sale of the Commended Market Animal. In the event of a tie, winner will be determined on the basis of the exhibitor with most points scored in category 1. Tie-breaking procedure will continue with each subsequent category, in numerical order, until tie is broken and winner is determined.

STATE FAIR

All 4-H members are eligible to participate at State Fair providing they have participated with livestock at the Erie County Fair 4-H Livestock Shows.

Livestock Requirements:

- a) all animals must carry positive identification (tattoo, ear tag or ear notch) and it **MUST** be recorded in the 4-H Office.
- b) a feed record must be kept on all **market animals** that will be exhibited at State Fair. These feed records must be up to date and accurate and presented to the 4-H Livestock Educator along with the State Fair entry. All **breeding animals** must have production, maintenance and breeding records. These must also be presented to the 4-H Livestock Educator along with your entry.

All 4-H members must be accompanied by an adult while at State Fair.

Members must stay in the NY State Fair dorms and must follow all dormitory rules and regulations.

Any member *not staying* in the dorm must have a waiver signed by a parent at the time of entering.

There are camping sites available upon request. An adult in the campsite must accompany all 4-H members.

2020 Erie County 4-H Market Animal Show Rules (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Meat Goat, Rabbit, Poultry)

The following rules will apply to all six (6) species of market animals, Beef, Sheep, Swine, Meat Goat, Rabbit and Poultry. Any individual wishing to participate in the 2020 Jr. Department Market Animal Shows must abide by all of the following rules:

- ❖ To be eligible to show, 4-H'ers who participated in the Erie County 4-H program in 2019 must have submitted a 4-H Enrollment no later than December 2, 2019. New participants must submit a 4-H Enrollment by May 1, 2020.
- ❖ All market animal participants must have presented a *Public Presentation* prior to May, 2020 to be eligible to show. Make up-dates will be offered on April 28 and May 4, 2020. Each 4-H member may register a total of 2 market steers, 2 market lambs, 3 market pigs or 6 rabbits. There are no limits for poultry. ****Additional animals designated for State Fair must be registered with the Erie County 4-H Office.***
- ❖ There is a limit of one animal per species, per exhibitor that can be sold at the Erie County Fair. For example, an exhibitor may enter one (1) steer, one (1) pig, one (1) lamb, one (1) meat goat, one (1) pair of chickens and one (1) pen of rabbits. An exhibitor *may* enter, two (2) pigs, two (2) lambs or two (2) meat goats, however, only one animal per species can be sold.
- ❖ All eligible animals must be sold at the *Erie County Fair*. A 6% commission will be withheld from the exhibitors' checks to defray sale, trucking and species check-off expenses.
- ❖ All market animals will be weighed at the Fair. All animals will be weighed one time only. Only one (1) animal per species per 4-H'er will be weighed. No substitutions will be allowed. Weight brackets are as follows:

Beef - minimum 1,000 lbs. (no max weight)

Sheep - minimum 90 lbs. (no max weight)

Swine - minimum 220 lbs. –max 290 lbs.

Meat Goat - minimum 60 lbs. (no max weight)

Rabbits – Pen of 3 Fryers each with a minimum weight of 3.5 lbs. to 5.5 lbs.

or Pair of 2 Roasters each with a minimum weight of 5.5 to 9 lbs.

Poultry - no minimum

All overweight and underweight market animals may be shown in the non-sale show.

- ❖ Exhibitors must be present and show their market animal in the respective market class, exhibitor's respective showmanship class, and must also be present to sell their market animal in the respective market auction (unless excused by the Livestock Advisory Committee). Failure to be present will result in exhibitor forfeiting his/her right to sell their project animal at the respective 2020 4-H Market Auction.

❖ All fitting is expected to be done by the 4-H exhibitor who owns the project animal or with the assistance of another Erie County 4-H Project exhibitor. This includes all fitting and grooming done for any contest or show in which the animal participates. Exceptions will be made only for first time *Erie County 4-H Program* Exhibitors and at the discretion of the *Advisory Committee*.

❖ All market animal classes will be judged on market quality at the time of show. The Danish system will be used. Animals judged “**No Award**” will not be eligible for the *Erie County Fair 4-H auction*, and must be removed from the fairgrounds

❖ All animals must meet the *Health Requirements* of the *New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets*, and be accompanied by a *Health Certificate*. All cattle must have a negative BVD test.

All 4-H participants are expected to follow the **4-H Code of Conduct** and present themselves in a positive manner at all times.

Herdsman Contest

A \$20.00 premium, donated by the Erie County Fair, will be awarded to exhibitors selected as outstanding herdsman in each of the Jr. Market Shows. Judging will be conducted on a daily basis by *Advisory Committee* members of a different livestock species. Awards will be based on the interest exhibitors have taken in making and keeping the barn neat and attractive throughout the week, without major assistance from parents or other adults. Points are awarded for general appearance and educational presentation of the project(s) in the stall, animal care, exhibitor’s attitude and time spent near animal(s). *This does not apply to Poultry or Rabbits.*

Beef, Sheep, Swine and Meat Goat “New York Bred, Born and Raised” class:

Open to all exhibitors who are showing an animal which was bred and born in New York State. Animals will be judged on market quality. A copy of your receipt must be presented at the time you submit your animal identification card, and you must sign up for this class through the online entry.

Specific Rules for Market Steer Exhibitors

All steers must be of 100% beef breeding and must have been born after January 1, 2019. Steers must have been owned, castrated, and cared for by the exhibitor since January 1, 2020. All steers must have a negative BVD test result and carry an RFID tag.

Only steers are eligible for the market show. No heifers, bulls or stags are allowed.

Steers, who through behavior or any other cause, cannot be led with no restraints - other than a halter – to the scale at the designated weigh-in time or show ring on show day, cannot be shown and will receive “*No Award*” and must be removed from the Fairgrounds immediately. This rule has been established for numerous reasons including, but not limited to, concern for the safety of the exhibitor and the general public.

All exhibitors ***MUST*** be able to handle their steer on a halter. Failure to do so may prohibit you from exhibiting at the Fair in 2020. Each member must have their handling ability signed off on by a Beef Advisory Committee member by July 1, 2020.

All steers must be completely dehorned and healed when exhibited. Animals with scars must be approved by the Advisory Committee to be eligible to show.

While at the Fair, all fitting and showing is expected to be done by the member. See Page 8, first paragraph for clarification.

All Market Steers will arrive on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 between the hours of 6:00 - 7:45 am. All steers will be weighed at 8:00 am beginning at one end of the barn.

Participants in the *Market Steer program* must be nine (9) years old as of January 1, 2020.

All steers must be released for exhibition by a Beef Advisory Committee member. Steers who cannot be led appropriately on both a rope halter and show halter as of July 1, 2020, will become ineligible for participation in the Fair.

Specific Rules for Beef Breeding Cattle Exhibitors

Registered purebred heifers only of 100% beef breeding ***OR*** non-registered heifers. Heifers must be from purebred beef or crossbred beef parents. Animals of dairy or part dairy breeding are not eligible.

All heifers exhibited must be owned and cared for since June 1, 2020. A copy of the registration paper must be submitted with your Fair entry. All commercial heifers must have a certificate on file in the 4-H Office by June 1, 2020.

All heifers must be de-horned, have negative BVD test and carry an RFID tag.

All calves shown in individual classes must be at least four (4) months old at time of show.

Participants in the beef breeding project must be at least 8 years old as of January 1, 2020.

All breeding cattle participants must give a Public Presentation prior to May, 2020

Mandatory Procedures Checklist for Beef Exhibitors

All cattle must have a negative BVD test result.

All market steers must have been registered in the 4-H office by January 6, 2020 (Registration Form, BVD certificate copy).

Submit 4-H enrollment, due December 2, 2019, for all beef members.

Project records – complete and submitted by August 1, 2020 at the close of business to the 4-H office.

Commercial heifer certificate on file in 4-H Office by June 1, 2020.

Attend at least four (4) meetings (two specifically for beef exhibitors; the others can be generic or beef specific)

Erie County Fair Entry for Beef must be submitted through the online entry process by July 13, 2020.

Complete a *Public Presentation* prior to May.

Participate in the Livestock Skillathon Contest & General Livestock Judging Contests – not mandatory.

Show in Beef Cattle Showmanship - at the Fair

Show in the Beef Market Class - at the Fair

Sell your steer in the 4-H Beef Auction - at the Fair

Specific Rules for Dairy Cattle Exhibitors

All animals must be owned **OR** leased through the *Erie County 4-H Dairy Lease Program*, registered or certified as an identifiable grade, in the name of and cared for by the exhibitor since June 1, 2020. Dairy Animals must have an RFID ear tag.

- a. All grade cattle must have a *Grade Certificate* and photo on file in the 4-H office by June 1, 2020.
- b. Grade cattle are not eligible to compete at the *NYS Fair*.

An animal born on November 30, 2019 or earlier has to be dehorned in order to be eligible to show at the *Erie County Fair*. This rule has been established for reasons including, but not limited to, concern for the safety of the exhibitors and the general public.

No bulls or bull calves will be shown in the Jr. Department.

All animals must meet the health requirement as set by the *New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets*.

All animals must have a negative BVD test and carry an RFID tag.

Participants must be 8 years old as of January 1, 2020.

Dairy Cattle Leasing Program Rules

An exhibitor may lease any number of animals provided they do not already own a dairy animal.

A 4-H member may show a milking animal, provided they have been active in the dairy leasing program for 3 consecutive years. Members must be aware and knowledgeable about milking, however, the decision will be made by the owner of the cow.

Dairy Lease agreements must be submitted to the 4-H office by June 1, 2020.

Other Important Info

Dairy Dressing Contest - Contestants should dress their dairy animal in a costume that is non-harmful to the animal. Contestants are encouraged to dress in accordance with the animal's costume. There will be two (2) age groups.

Dairy Records - are designed to encourage young people to learn more about their projects. The record books will be graded and points will be awarded towards the *Project Champion Program*. Record packets are due to the 4-H office by the close of business on August 1, 2020.

All animals must be properly washed and fit in order to be shown. The *Advisory Committee* will have the final decision on any questionable animals not meeting these criteria. The animal must be maintained throughout the Fair or premiums may be forfeited.

All fitting is expected to be done by the 4-H exhibitor who owns or leases the project animal, or with the assistance of another Erie County 4-H Project Exhibitor. This includes all fitting and grooming done for any contest or show in which the animal participates. Exceptions will be made only for first time *Erie County 4-H Program* Exhibitors, and at the discretion of the *Advisory Committee*.

Dairy Challenge: Dairy Challenge is a contest designed to challenge your knowledge of aspects of the dairy industry. Our county level challenge will help to prepare you for the contest at the NY State Fair. Points earned from the Dairy Challenge are added to your Project Champion score. This contest is not mandatory, however your committee strongly encourages you to try.

Dairy Judging: Dairy Judging is a contest that you are the judge and you will place 4-5 classes of dairy animals. Some classes will have questions. There is an official judge that will explain the correct placings and also listen to your oral reasons. Dairy Judging is not mandatory however your points are added to your Project Champion total. This contest will also prepare you to move on to the contest at the NY State Fair.

Dairy Project Champion Rules

Project records will vary from year to year and will be distributed at orientation.

Each member will be required to choose one (1) animal to use as his or her *Project Animal*. Exhibitors must submit their choice to the 4-H office by August 11, 2020 at 5:00 pm.

Attendance at four (4) meetings is required. Two meetings must be species specific. The other meetings can be species specific or generic (designed to include all species). The type of meeting, date, time, and location will be announced in the *4-H News*. Exhibitors will receive 100 points for each meeting *Club meetings do not count as a species meeting*.

All exhibitors must participate in the *Showmanship Contest* for the species that they are raising. Showmanship participants will receive:

300 points for a Blue Ribbon; 200 for a Red Ribbon; 100 points for a White Ribbon.

Each ribbon color will be reduced by 5 points/placing in each category.

(Example: 3rd place blue will receive 290 points). Members previously designated *Master/Champion Showman* will be considered to have earned a Blue Ribbon, and will be awarded 300 points for participation in the *Master/Champion Showmanship Class*.

All exhibitors **MUST** show their animal in its respective *breed class*. Points will be awarded as follows:

200 points for a Blue Ribbon;

100 points for a Red Ribbon;

50 points for a White Ribbon.

Each ribbon color will be reduced by 5 points within the category.

Participation in the *Dairy Judging Contest* is strongly encouraged. Points awarded for the contest are:

200 for a Blue Ribbon;

100 for a Red Ribbon;

50 for a White Ribbon.

Participation in *Dairy Bowl* is strongly encouraged. Points will be awarded for each practice session attended. Our county dairy bowl run-off will count as a dairy meeting. Points awarded from participation at the District Level are:

100 for top score individual;

places decrease by 5 for each individual placing.

Each member **MUST** give a *Public Presentation* in the spring. Presentation topics may be of your choice. Exhibitors who do not give a *Public Presentation* prior to May 4, 2020 will be ineligible to participate in the *2020 Erie County 4-H Livestock Program*. Points awarded from your presentation will be added to your project champion score.

Dairy Challenge: A contest that will test the members knowledge about the dairy industry. Score will be added to the Project Points for the members dairy project.

The total number of points accumulated in the nine (9) above categories will be calculated. The exhibitor with the greatest point total in each separate species will be designated the *Jr. Department Dairy Project Champion*. In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined on the basis of the exhibitor with the most points scored in category 1. The tie-breaking procedure will continue with each subsequent category, in numerical order, until the tie is broken.

Erie County 4-H Dairy Steer Program - NEW 2020

Market Dairy Steer – This is a 2 year project. The steers will be sold to local schools in support of the “Farm to School” initiative.

1. Only steers (castrated males) are eligible. Heifers (females) and bulls are not eligible.
2. Dairy Steers must be 100% dairy bred. Dairy/Beef breed crosses are not eligible. Traditional breeds are: Holstein, Jersey, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Ayrshire and Milking Shorthorn. All cattle must be from a recognized dairy breed registry. Youth will need to supply the sire name and number upon registering it as a 4-H project.
3. Steers should be born by March 1, 2020. Dairy steers are not to exceed 18-20 months of age at final weigh-in, August 2021.
4. Steers will be shown as calves August 2020 and sold as a finished animal August 2021.
5. All male market calves must be castrated and completely dehorned before submitting animal registration form due by June 1, 2020 along with a copy of the BVD certificate.
6. All dairy steers must have a negative BVD test prior to submitting the animal registration paperwork to the 4-H office.
7. Members may register up to two (2) steers, but may show and sell only one (1).
8. Animals must be tagged with an RFID tag supplied from the 4-H office. If identification becomes lost, it is the members' responsibility to contact the 4-H Office as soon as possible.
9. Weigh-in Year #1: Tuesday, August 11, 2020
10. Dairy Steers must weigh between 1000 lbs. to 1600 lbs. at final weigh-in. year #2. Ideal target weight is 1200-1400 lbs.
11. Dairy steer participants are required to also show a dairy heifer or cow.
12. Implants are not permitted.
13. All dairy steers must have a shipping fever and rabies vaccination and must meet the withholding period of 21 days before arrival to the fair. A NY State Health certificate will also be required.
14. Participants must have given a public presentation prior to May of the current year.
15. Steers will be sold through the Farm to School program and will not be in the auction held at the fair.
16. Animals will be trucked at the conclusion of their stay at the 2021 Erie County Fair to Hartland Abattoir Corp., 7968 Ridge Road, Gasport, NY 14067 for processing.
17. Exhibitors must be 8 as of 1-1-2020 to begin a steer calf project, and 9 as of 1-1-2021 to be eligible to show and sell.

Mandatory Procedures Checklist for Dairy Exhibitors

Submit a 4-H Enrollment by December 2, 2019 (new members have until May 1, 2020).

Grade Cattle ID Certificate and lease certificates along with animal photo on file in the 4-H office by June 1, 2020.

Complete Project Records and submit by the close of business to the 4-H office on August 1, 2020.

Cattle must have a negative BVD test and carry an RFID tag.

Attend four (4) meetings with at least two (2) being species specific.

Erie County Fair 4-H Entry Form for Dairy must be submitted on line by July 13, 2020

Complete a *Public Presentation* by May 4, 2020.

Show in *Dairy Showmanship* – at the Fair.

Show your dairy animal in its respective breed class.

Specific Rules for Market Swine Exhibitors

Swine may be *barrows* or *gilts*. ***Boars are strictly forbidden.*** If at any time an entered swine is found to be a boar or possessing boar characteristics (including that of a boar smell) - up to and including the time of slaughter (as applicable) – the participant entering the boar swine will be requested to remove the hog from the Fairgrounds. In those cases where the pig is discovered to be a boar after it has been sold and slaughtered, the participant will forfeit the sale price of the swine by returning the purchase price in full to the buyer of said swine.

- a. If at any time an entered swine is found to be a boar *before* the sale, the entered swine **MUST** be removed from the Fairgrounds immediately.

Pigs must have been born after January 1, 2020. Animals must have been owned and cared for by the exhibitor since May 1, 2020.

Swine registration paperwork, photos and signed *Quality Assurance Pledge* must be in the 4-H office by May 1, 2020 at 4:30 pm to be eligible to show.

All market swine participants must have attended 3 educational meetings to be eligible to show and sell.

All pigs must be bathed and exercised by 9:00 AM. Under a committee member's supervision, pigs may also be bathed and exercised between 8:30 pm and 10:30 pm. Permission must be granted before any swine move about the barn!

Exhibitors will be allowed to have squirt bottles of water in chutes while waiting to show. This rule has been established for the welfare of the animals.

There will be buckets of water at the side of the chutes to be used for the watering of animals only, if needed, while in the chute. There is no water allowed in the show ring.

****NEW FOR 2020* NON-SALE MARKET HOG***

- Market Hog exhibitors will be allowed to bring 2 hogs. Only 1 hog will be eligible to sell through the 4-H program the second will be shown in the non-sale class.
- The non-sale market hog show will be separate from the sale show.
- Exhibitors must meet all program requirements.
- Non-sale market hogs must have been identified on the swine registration form on May 1, 2020.
- All hogs will be weighed and divided into classes. There are no minimum or maximum weights for the non-sale market show, All hogs must be born after January 1, 2020
- Market hogs in the non-sale division are not eligible to be sold through the 4-H/FFA Market Auction.
- Members may not post “for sale” signs on pens of non-sale market hogs.
- Swine participating in the non-sale class must be removed from the fairgrounds by the exhibitor on Sunday, August 23rd at 7:00pm.
- Non-sale market hogs are NOT eligible for transportation to a processor on a 4-H hired trailer.
- Non-sale market hogs may only be used for Showmanship if a member does not have a sale market hog.
- Non-sale market hog participants must be 8 as of January
- Non-sale market hogs are not eligible for the NYBBR show.

Other Important Info

Swine Dressing Contest - Contestants should dress their swine in a costume that is non-harmful to the animal. Contestants are encouraged to dress in accordance with the swine's costume. There will be three (3) age groups. All judging will take place in the swine pen in the barn.

Specific Rules for Market Lamb Exhibitors

Lambs may be purebred or crossbred. Only wether or ewe lambs are acceptable. Lambs must be born after January 1, 2020.

Lambs must be owned and cared for by the exhibitor by May 1, 2020.

All animals must be shorn prior to the Fair and shown in short fleece (maximum fleece length of ¼” on entire body). All animals must have docked tails.

Submit a Market Lamb Registration Form with scrapie ear tag information by 4:30 pm May 1, 2020. Market Lamb

All participants must attend 3 educational meetings to be eligible to show and sell.

NEW FOR 2020- NON-SALE MARKET LAMB

- Market Lamb exhibitors will be allowed to bring 2 lambs. Only 1 lamb will be eligible to sell through the 4-H auction.
- The non-sale market lamb show will be separate from the sale show.
- Exhibitors must meet all program requirements.
- Non-sale market lambs must have been registered on the lamb registration form on May 1, 2020. All non-sale lambs must be born after January 1, 2020.
- All lambs will be weighed and divided into weight classes.
- Market lambs in the non-sale division are not eligible to be sold through the 4-H/FFA Market Auction.
- Members may not post “for sale” signs on pens of non-sale market lambs.
- Lambs participating in the non-sale class must be removed from the fairgrounds by the exhibitor on Sunday, August 23rd at 7:00pm.
- Non-sale market lambs are NOT eligible for transportation to a processor on a 4-H hired trailer.
- Non-sale lambs are not eligible to be shown in breeding classes.
- Non-sale lambs are not eligible for NYBBR class.

Specific Rules for Breeding Sheep Exhibitors

All sheep in this section must be purebred and registered in the exhibitor’s name by May 1, 2020.

Limit of two (2) animals per class and ten (10) animals total.

All sheep must be properly washed and fit in order to be shown. The sheep *Advisory Committee* will have the final decision on any questionable animals not meeting these criteria. Fitting is expected to be done by the exhibitor.

All exhibitors must have up-to-date and complete records (i.e. production, breeding, and maintenance records) on all breeding animals exhibited and handed in to the 4-H office by the close of business on August 1, 2020. Records are available at the 4-H Office.

A copy of all registration papers must be presented at the time of check-in at the fair.

All breeding sheep exhibitors must participate in *Breeding Sheep Showmanship*.

Participants in the breeding sheep project must be 8 years old as of January 1, 2020.

All grade ewes (lambs or yearlings) must have a certificate on file in the 4-H Office as of May 1, 2020 to be eligible to show.

All Breeding sheep participants must attend 3 educational meetings to be eligible to show.

Other Important Information

Sheep Dressing Contest: Contestants should dress their sheep and themselves in a costume that is not harmful to the sheep. There will be three age groups. Extra points will be awarded if the fair theme is used.

Sheep Leadline Class: The competition is open to both breeding sheep and market lamb exhibitors. Prizes useful in sheep raising will be awarded. The rules for the class are as follows:

- Contestants must be attired in some apparel made of wool (five (5) extra points will be awarded to contestants who make their own apparel out of wool). Apparel must be different from the previous years (no repeats).
- Sheep or lambs must be brought into the show ring and shown on a halter with leadline. Your animals must be properly fit and clean.
- Contestants will be judged on poise of exhibitor, appearance of exhibitor, quality of animal and behavior of animal on lead.

Contestants will be divided into ***Senior*** (16-19 years of age), ***Intermediate*** (13-15 years of age) and ***Junior*** (8-12 years of age).

Sheep Leasing Program

Exhibitors may lease any number of registered breeding ewes provided they do not already own a registered ewe. Rams will be permitted to youth leasing for their 2nd year or more. Limit of two (2) animals per class.

Lease agreement papers must be in the 4-H Office by May 1, 2020. The registration paper must be presented at the time of check-in at the fair.

Lease participants **MUST** participate in *Breeding Sheep Showmanship* and the *Breed Show*.

All leased animals must be properly fit for show.

Mandatory Procedures Checklist for Sheep Exhibitors

Project records - complete and submitted by August 1, 2020 by the close of business to the 4-H office.

Attend at least three (3) meetings (two specifically for sheep exhibitors; the other can be generic or sheep specific).

Submit your lamb registration card listing scrapie tag, individual ear tag information and signed *Quality Assurance Pledge* to the 4-H office by May 1, 2020 at 4:30 pm.

Erie County Fair Entry for Sheep must be submitted through online entry by Monday, July 13, 2020.

Complete a *Public Presentation* by May 4, 2020.

Participate in Livestock Skillathon and Livestock Judging—not mandatory.

Show in *Sheep Showmanship* - at the Fair.

Show in the *Market Lamb Class* - at the Fair.

Show in the *Purebred Sheep Classes* - at the Fair.

Sell your lamb in the *4-H Lamb Auction* - at the Fair.

Fitting and Showmanship Contests

Each contestant must show his own animal, but during the course of the contest may be asked by the judge to show some other animal. Members must prepare their animal for the *Showmanship Contest* ***without major assistance of parents or other adults.***

Meat Goat Rules

All goat health records must accompany animals to the Fair.

Goats must have a scrapie ear tag number that is to be used as positive identification on the official goat entry form and health papers.

The Interdepartmental Rabies Committee (*NYS Health Department, Department of Environmental Conservation and Department of Agriculture and Markets*) recommends appropriate off-label rabies vaccine by a licensed veterinarian. This is subject to change upon approval of a vaccine for goats.

Goats may be purebred or recorded grade.

Any animal showing an open sore may not be exhibited. Any animal that produces an open sore while at the fair will be sent home immediately.

Herd and/or dairy signs will be permitted.

All exhibitors must attend three (3) educational meetings, give a *Public Presentation* and participate in *Showmanship* and *Market/Breed Class*.

ALL exhibitors are responsible for maintaining their exhibit until released by the 4-H program on Sunday, August 23, 2020. Failure to do so will result in not being able to participate at the Erie County Fair in the future and forfeit of premium checks.

Market Meat Goat Regulations

Market Meat Goats must be born since October 1, 2019.

Market Meat Goats must weigh a minimum of 60 lbs at time of Fair weigh-in, or they will not be eligible for the sale. All goats will be weighed one time only and no substitutions will be allowed. Animals that weigh less than the required 60 lbs. will be eligible for the non-sale class, and not be sold.

All animals must be owned and cared for by the exhibitor since May 1, 2020 and must have been identified on the meat goat identification card submitted to the 4-H office by May 1, 2020.

All meat goats must be either a wether or a doe. Acceptable breeds are Nubian, Kiko, Boer, Spanish, Savannah, Myotonic or crosses of these and may be purebred or grade.

There must be a minimum of five (5) market meat goats to hold an official auction.

All exhibitors must be nine as of January 1, 2020.

NEW FOR 2020- NON-SALE MARKET GOAT

- Market Goat exhibitors will be allowed to bring 2 goats. Only 1 goat will be eligible to sell through the 4-H auction.
- The non-sale market goat show will be separate from the sale show.
- Exhibitors must meet all program requirements.
- Non-sale market goats must have been registered on the goat registration form on May 1, 2020.
- All goats will be weighed and divided into weight classes.
- Market goats in the non-sale division are not eligible to be sold through the 4-H/FFA Market Auction.
- Members may not post for sale signs on pens of non-sale market goats.
- Goats participating in the non-sale class must be removed from the fairgrounds by the exhibitor on Sunday, August 23rd at 7:00pm.
- Non-sale market goats are NOT eligible for transportation to a processor on a 4-H hired trailer.
- Non-sale market goats are not eligible for the NYBBR show.

Breeding Meat Goat Regulations

All animals must be owned and cared for by exhibitor since May 1, 2020.

All animals, registered or non-registered, must have proper identification. Non-registered animals are required to have a scrapie tag.

Animals shown in the market meat goat class are NOT eligible to show in the breeding classes.

The base date for ages is the date of the show.

Exhibitors of breeding animals must be eight as of January 1, 2020.

Limit of two (2) animals per class.

Working Goat Rules

All goat health records must accompany animals to the Fair.

Goats must have an ear tag or tattoo number that is to be used as positive identification on the official goat entry form and health papers.

The *Interdepartmental Rabies Committee (NYS Health Department, Department of Environmental Conservation and Department of Agriculture and Markets)* recommends appropriate off-label rabies vaccine by a licensed veterinarian. This is subject to change upon approval of a vaccine for goats.

Goats may be purebred, recorded grade, or miniature. Class is open to wethers, does (dry and in milk), and all breeds.

No bucks of any age are allowed.

Any animal showing an open sore may not be exhibited. Any animal that produces an open sore while at the Fair will be sent home immediately.

Herd and/or dairy signs will be permitted.

The day of show will be the base date for determining age of goats for the respective breed classes.

Goats with horns will not be permitted to show. Any scur over 1" will have to be cleared by two members of the advisory committee.

All exhibitors are required to participate in Showmanship, Breed Show and submit complete records. All working goat records are due by the close of business to the 4-H office on August 1, 2020.

An exhibitor may exhibit any number of goats in a given class, but only two (2) premiums will be paid out.

Each goat must participate in at least one working goat class.

A copy of the registration form MUST be presented at check in at the Fair for all registered goats.

Project Champion Regulations: Points will be kept on the animal that you choose at the beginning of the project.

Exhibitors must be eight years old as of January 1, 2020.

All exhibitors must have given a *Public Presentation* by May 4, 2020.

Goat Leasing Program Rules

An exhibitor may lease up to two (2) animals provided that they do not already own a goat.

Year One (1) of the Leasing Program: A 4-H member may lease only one (1) animal. This animal must be under 24 months of age as of show day at the Erie County Fair, and may not have freshened.

Year Two (2) of the Leasing Program: A 4-H member may lease one (1) or two (2) animals, one being from the year before and the second being under 24 months of age as of show day at the Erie County Fair, and may not have freshened.

Year 3 of the Leasing Program: A 4-H member may lease up to two (2) animals that may both be in milk, provided the goat has been in the leasing program.

****You must be an active member in the lease program the previous year to show a milking animal.****

Other Important Information

Herdsman Contest:

A \$20.00 premium donated by the Erie County Fair will be awarded to exhibitors selected as the *Outstanding Herdsmen* in each of the *Jr. Livestock Shows*. The general public will conduct judging on a daily *Herdsman Checklist*. The awards will be based on the interest the exhibitors have taken in making and keeping the barn neat and attractive throughout the week, without major assistance from parents and other adults. Points are awarded for general appearance and educational presentation of the project(s) in the stall, animal care, exhibitor's attitude and time spent near animal(s).

Goat Dressing Contest

Contestants should dress their goat in a costume that is non-harmful to the goat. Contestants are encouraged to dress in accordance with the goat's costume. There will be two (2) age groups.

Working Goat Pack Class:

An event where the 4-H member will be judged on their ability to put a pack properly on their goat, the goat's ability to carry the pack, the contents of the pack, and the exhibitors pack (vest) and its contents. The judge will look for specific items in each of the packs. The class is not timed.

Dairy Goat Exhibitor Rules

All animals exhibited must be owned **OR** leased through the *Erie County 4-H Dairy Goat Lease Program* in the name of and cared for by the exhibitor since May 1, 2020.

Goats may be purebred, recorded grade.

Only does are acceptable. No bucks of *any age* will be allowed. This means that all kids that are at the does side need to be castrated.

Goats with horns are not permitted to show. (*Dairy goat program only*)

Each exhibitor may show any number of owned dairy goats. No exhibitor may enter more than two (2) animals in any one class. Exhibitors must be present and show their respective goat in all necessary classes.

All goats (registered or not) must meet the specific breed standards for that breed.

All dairy does, two (2) years and over, **MUST** be in milk to be eligible to show.

All Junior kids **MUST** be born no later than June 1, 2020 to be eligible to be present at the Fair. Kids born June 2, 2020 or after are **NOT** eligible to be on the Fairgrounds for the 4-H Program.

Exhibitors approved dress will be a white shirt and either white or black pants. Pants must be dark black (new) and may not be faded. Farm names and letters should not appear on clothing. Premiums will be withheld for non-compliance.

All exhibitors must keep a *Goat Record Book* and meet required deadlines.

Goat Project Champion Rules

Project Records must be kept for each animal that you are exhibiting. Record forms are available in the 4-H office. Records are required to be complete, accurate and turned in timely. Each record will be graded on completeness and accuracy, and will receive points.

Each member will be required to choose one (1) animal to use as his or her *Project Animal*. Exhibitors must submit their choice to the 4-H office by August 11, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

Attendance at three (3) meetings is required. One meeting must be species specific. The other meetings can be species specific or generic (designed to include all species). The type of meeting, date, time, and location will be announced in the *4-H News*. Exhibitors will receive 100 points for each meeting attended.

All exhibitors must participate in the *Showmanship Contest* for the species that they are raising. **Showmanship participants will receive:**

**300 points for a Blue Ribbon; 200 for a Red Ribbon;
100 points for a White Ribbon**

Each ribbon color will be reduced by 5 points/placing in each category

(**Example:** 3rd place blue will receive 290 points). Members previously designated a Master Showman will be considered to have earned a blue ribbon and will be awarded 300 points for their participation the *Master Showmanship Class*.

All exhibitors **MUST** show their animal in its respective *breed class*. Points will be awarded as follows:

**200 points for a Blue Ribbon; 100 points for a Red Ribbon;
50 points for a White Ribbon**

Each ribbon color will be reduced by 5 points within the category

All exhibitors are required to participate in *Public Presentations*. Your total number of points awarded will be added to your project champion score.

General Livestock Judging: Members score will be added to the Project Champion score.

Goat Skillathon: A contest designed to test a members knowledge of the goat industry. Points earned will be added to the Project Champion score.

Total number of points accumulated in the eight (8) above categories will be calculated. The exhibitor with the greatest point total in each separate species will be designated the *Jr. Department Goat Project Champion*. In the event of a tie, winner will be determined on the basis of the exhibitor with the most points scored in category 1. Tie-breaking procedure will continue with each subsequent category, in numerical order, until the tie is broken.

Mandatory Procedures Checklist for Goat Exhibitors

Attend at least three (3) Erie County 4-H Goat meetings with two (2) being species specific.

Erie County Fair Entry Form for Goats must be submitted online by Monday, July 13, 2020.

Complete a Public Presentation by May 4, 2020.

Submit a project record packet by August 1, 2020 to the 4-H office by the close of business.

Show in Goat Showmanship - at the Fair.

Show your goat in its respective class - at the Fair.

Poultry Exhibitor Rules

All birds, except meat and crossbred for production classes, must be a purebred standard variety and owned by the exhibitor.

All birds must have been hatched by April 1, 2020 - except meat classes.

Exhibitors are *not* limited on the total number of entries.

All poultry except waterfowl shown at State or County Fairs shall have originated from US pullorum clean flocks, or have a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days of the fair.

4-H members must be seven (7) years old as of January 1, 2020 to show Non-Market Poultry.

Exhibitors participating in the Market Program must be 9 years old as of January 1, 2020.

Erie County Fair Entry for Poultry must be submitted online by Monday, July 13, 2020.

All exhibitors are required to volunteer a minimum of two (2) two-hour periods at the *4-H Poultry Exhibit* during the Fair.

All poultry exhibitors are responsible for cleaning manure from under your cage upon departure from the Fair. Failure to do so will prohibit you from participating in 2021.

All *Poultry* participants are required to attend the mandatory exhibitor meeting scheduled for July 21, 2020, at 6:30 pm at CCE Erie County in East Aurora.

Pullorum testing will be available at 5 pm. on Tuesday, July 14 at Cornell Cooperative Extension where a 90-day certificate will be issued by Ag & Markets. Birds requiring Pullorum testing should come to this opportunity.

Other Important Poultry Information

Poultry Showmanship Contest

ALL participants will be judged on their knowledge of poultry breeds, variety, anatomy and handling of the live birds. There will be three (3) divisions, divided according to showing experience.

Poultry or Pheasant Information Poster

A 22" x 28" poster illustrating any phase of the *4-H Poultry/4-H Pheasant Project*, (i.e. Breeds, Health, Diseases, Nutrition, Parts of the Body, Housing, Feather Types and Lacing, etc.)

Poultry Judging Contest

Participants will judge a class of four to five birds, all of the same breed, and place them in order and answer questions.

Poultry Dressing Contest

Contestants should dress their bird in a costume that is non-harmful to the bird. Contestants are encouraged to dress in accordance with the bird's costume. There will be two (2) age groups.

Poultry Knowledge Contest

A multiple-choice test with possibly a hands-on station to test your knowledge of the poultry industry. This is required of all poultry exhibitors.

General Poultry Disqualifications

Birds having any of the following deformities or defects shall be disqualified:

Animals are to be clean and free from parasites. The committee in charge will not accept dirty birds.

General Deformities:

- Crooked back
- Deformed beak
- A wing showing clipped flights or secondary
- Slipped wing
- Split wing
- Twisted wing or tail feathers
- Entire absence of main tail feathers
- Decidedly wry tail (crooked)
- Decidedly squirrel tails (perpendicular with the back)

Combs:

- Lopped combs on single-comb varieties except Mediterranean females
- Rose combs falling to one side or so large as to obstruct sight
- Split combs
- Comb foreign to breed
- Absence of spike on rose comb

Heads:

- Positive enamel white in face of Mediterranean cockerels and pullets
- Positive enamel white in the ear lobe of males or females of American breeds.

Shanks and Toes:

- Stubs, feathers or down on shanks, feet or toes of clean shanked birds
- Leg or toes color foreign to the breed
- Web foot

Color:

- Red or yellow feathers in any black variety
- Brown or buff in quills of primaries or secondary of white varieties except slight gray ticking.

2020 Market Poultry Program Rules

The following rules will apply to the *Market Poultry Program*. Any individual wishing to participate in the *4-H Market Poultry Program* and auction at the *Erie County Fair* must fulfill all of the following requirements:

Attendance at three (3) market poultry program meetings. ***Meetings are held one Tuesday of each month beginning in January at CCE at 7 pm.*** Check the calendar for specifics.

There is a limit of one (1) entry per exhibitor. All exhibitors must be nine (9) years of age as of January 1, 2020 to be eligible to participate.

An entry consists of either two (2) broilers (8-12 weeks of age) **OR** two (2) roasters (12-20 weeks of age) or 1 turkey.

Submit an *Erie County Fair Entry online for Poultry* by July 13, 2020.

All market meat birds **MUST** be purchased through the Erie County 4-H Program.

All eligible entries must be sold at the *Erie County Fair*. A 6% commission will be withheld from the exhibitor's check to defray sale expenses.

All entries will be weighed at the Fair as a pen of two birds. Or a single turkey. The combined weight of both birds or single turkey will be the entry auction weight. All entries will be weighed one time only. Only one entry per exhibitor will be weighed. No substitutes will be allowed. Members may exhibit both chicken and turkey projects.

All *Market Poultry* classes will be judged on health, vigor, and market quality at the time of show. The Danish system will be used. Entries judged "*No Award*" will not be eligible for the *Erie County Fair 4-H Market Poultry Auction* and must be removed from the fairgrounds immediately.

Feed and medication guidelines must be strictly followed for antibiotic withholding periods.

All animals must meet the Health Requirements of the *New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets*. Market birds **WILL** have come from a pullorum-free facility and the 4-H Office will have the certificates.

The same two birds or single turkey will be weighed, judged and sold as one entry.

4-H *Market Poultry* participants are responsible for replacing market birds should they perish up to slaughter time.

All *Market Poultry* participants are requested to help a minimum of two (2) two-hour periods at the 4-H Poultry Exhibit during the Fair. On your shift, you are responsible to interact with the public to teach about the poultry industry. Exhibitors may have a quick make and take, coloring sheet or do a presentation.

All *Market Poultry* participants are required to give a Public Presentation by May 4, 2020 in order to be eligible to show and sell.

All *Market Poultry* exhibitors are responsible for cleaning manure from under your cage upon departure from the Fair. Failure to do so will prohibit you from participating in 2021.

All *Market Poultry* participants are required to attend the mandatory exhibitor meeting scheduled for July 21, 2020, at 6:30 pm at CCE Erie County in East Aurora.

*****Failure to abide by the above rules will result in the loss of privileges (such as selling your market poultry entry) as decided by the 4-H Personnel, Show Coordinator, and the Erie County Fair Personnel. *****

Rabbit Exhibitor Rules

The exhibitor must own all rabbits. Family-owned rabbits are ineligible. Rabbits do not need to have registration or health papers. All rabbits must have permanent ear marks (a tattoo) in the left ear.

All rabbits must have been born by May 1, 2020.

Committee in charge reserves the right to refuse to accept for exhibit any rabbit which shows evidence of parasites, or diseases including but not limited to: Snuffles, tumor, hernia, abscesses, runny eyes and/or nose, mange and colds. Rabbits brought to the Fair dirty and/or with long toenails will not be accepted.

4-H members must be eight (7) years of age as of January 1, 2020 to show Rabbits with the exception of Market projects, where the members must be 9 as of 1-1-20.

Erie County Fair Entry for Rabbits must be submitted online by July 13, 2020.

All rabbit exhibitors are responsible for cleaning manure from under your cage upon departure from the Fair. Failure to do so, will prohibit you from participating in 2021.

All exhibitors are requested to help a minimum of two (2) two-hour periods at the *4-H Rabbit Exhibit* during the Fair. On your shift, you are responsible to interact with the public to teach about the rabbit industry. Exhibitors may have a quick make and take, coloring sheet or do a presentation.

Public Presentations ALL Rabbit participants are required to participate in public presentations. Presentations must be given by May 4, 2020.

Other Important Rabbit Information

Rabbit Knowledge Contest: Participants will be evaluated on their knowledge of rabbits. Contest will consist of a written test, identification of equipment used in raising rabbits, feeds, and judging of a live rabbit.

Rabbit Information Poster: A 22" x 28" poster illustrating any phase of the 4-H Rabbit Project (i.e. Breeds, Health, Diseases, Nutrition, Parts of the Body, Housing, Fur Types, etc.)

Rabbit Dressing Contest: Contestants should dress their rabbit in a costume that is non-harmful to the rabbit. Contestants are encouraged to dress in accordance with the rabbit's costume. There will be two age groups.

2020 Market Rabbit Program Rules

The following rules will apply to the *Market Rabbit Program*. Individuals wishing to participate in the *4-H Market Rabbit Program* and auction at the *Erie County Fair* must fulfill all of the following requirements.

Attendance at three (3) *Market Rabbit* program meetings will be required. Meetings are held on a Tuesday of each month beginning in January at CCE at 7 pm. See calendar for specifics.

There is a limit of one (1) entry per exhibitor. All exhibitors must be nine (9) years of age as of January 1, 2020 to be eligible to participate.

An entry consists of 2-3 rabbits of the same variety and breed. Broken meat rabbit pens must be of the same variety (color).

Entries can be either:

Pen of Fryer Meat Rabbits – 3 rabbits each with a minimum weight of 3.5 lbs. and a maximum weight of 5.5 lbs. all less than 10 weeks of age.

Pen of Roaster Meat Rabbits – 2 rabbits each with a minimum weight of 5.5 lbs. and a maximum weight of 9 lbs. all under 6 months of age.

NOTE: Weights of animals will determine their category. In the Fryer category if weights do not allow for a pen of 3 then the entire group of exhibitors will go to a pen of 2. The third animal will then be exhibited as a single entry.

Rabbits may be either purebred or crossbred, but must be of breeds found in the six breed categories.

Submit an *Erie County Fair* Entry online for Rabbits by July 13, 2020.

All market meat rabbits MUST be identified by a tattoo number and an animal registration card must be submitted to the 4-H office by July 1, 2020 to identify your Meat Rabbit projects.

All eligible entries must be sold at the *Erie County Fair Meat Rabbit Auction*. A 6% commission will be withheld from the exhibitor's check to defray sale expenses.

Exhibitors are required to submit a completed feed record by August 1, 2020 to the 4-H by the close of business

All market meat rabbit classes will be judged on health, meat type, condition, uniformity and fur. The Danish system will be used. Entries judged "No Award" will not be eligible for the *Erie County Fair 4-H Meat Rabbit Auction*, and must be removed from the fairgrounds immediately.

Feed and medication guidelines must be strictly followed for antibiotic withholding periods.

All animals must meet the Health Requirements of the *New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets*.

4-H Market Meat Rabbit participants are responsible for replacing market meat rabbits, should they perish up to slaughter time.

All *Market Meat Rabbit* participants are required to volunteer a minimum of one (1) two-hour period at the *4-H Rabbit Exhibit* during the Fair. On your shift, you are responsible to interact with the public to teach about the rabbit industry. Exhibitors may have a quick make and take, coloring sheet or do a presentation.

All *Market Meat Rabbit* participants are required to attend the mandatory exhibitor meeting scheduled for July 21, 2020 at 6:30 pm at CCE Erie County in East Aurora.

All *Market Meat Rabbit* participants are required to give a *Public Presentation* by May 2020 to be eligible to show and sell.

All *Market Meat Rabbit* exhibitors are responsible for cleaning manure from under your cage upon departure from the Fair. Failure to do so will prohibit you from participating in 2021.

***** Failure to abide by the above rules will result in the loss of privileges (such as selling your market meat rabbit entry) as decided by the 4-H Personnel, Show Coordinator, and the Erie County Fair Personnel. *****