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4-H/FFA Market Animal Project

Guide Book ~ 2008

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CHECK LIST: This self-check list is to help you meet deadlines. Check (✓) and date when you complete each step.

_____ Jan 31st due – 4-H 2008 forms: enrollment, livestock contract & behavior expectations forms

_____ Feb 1st due – 2007 record books

_____ June – Contact veterinarians to schedule health checks on the farm for beef and sheep flock checks. All health checks must be completed within 60 days of the first show.

_____ June 13th 4:00 pm- 8:00 pm & 14th 7:00 am-11:00 am – Spring Weigh In
- Animal(s) tagged - Sheep, Swine, and Goat
- Complete market animal identification card & County Bred Certification
- Complete Maryland 4-H Livestock Registration
- Health papers completed and approved

_____ June 14th – GCLA Spring Show

_____ June 21st – District Show to be held at Washington County

_____ Aug 3rd – Send names & addresses of buyers to Extension Office

_____ Aug 9th – 16th - Garrett County Agricultural Fair

_____ Aug 16th – 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale – 5:00 p.m.

_____ August 24th-September 3rd – Maryland State Fair

_____ Sept 12th–Thank you cards/letters to your buyers and trophy donors must be turned in to Extension Office before you will receive your check for the sale of your market animal

_____ Fair premium and livestock checks cashed within 30 days of receiving

_____ November – Beef Weigh In

_____ December – Complete market animal record sheet & record book

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2008 Directory

- **Assistance Available:** If you have any questions or need some help, please feel free to call one of the following people:

Garrett Co. Livestock Association

Bylaws of the Garrett County Livestock Association are available at the Extension Officeor online at http://extension.umd.edu/local/Garrett/index.cfm

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2008 Rules and Guidelines for Market Animal Projects for the Livestock Sale at the Garrett Co. Fair

Introduction:
The following rules and general information are to be followed by each exhibitor. Additional rules are found in the Garrett County Fair premium book. The information given in this booklet is intended to help you with your animal project. Please keep this copy handy and refer to it as necessary. Any questions not covered may be referred to your club leader, FFA advisor, or Extension Educator. You have just made a large investment by deciding to raise, show, and sell a market animal. This guidebook was compiled to provide information that will help to you learn and succeed in raising your animal.

Membership:

- Youth entering an animal in the Garrett County Livestock Association Sale at the Garrett County Fair must be enrolled in a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter by January 31st, and abide by that organization's rules for active membership.

- FFA members must be a dues paying member in good standing of that organization, not 19 years of age by January 1st, or the first fair year after graduation, whichever is the later. (Example: Graduate June 2007 eligible to have an animal at the 2008 Fair).

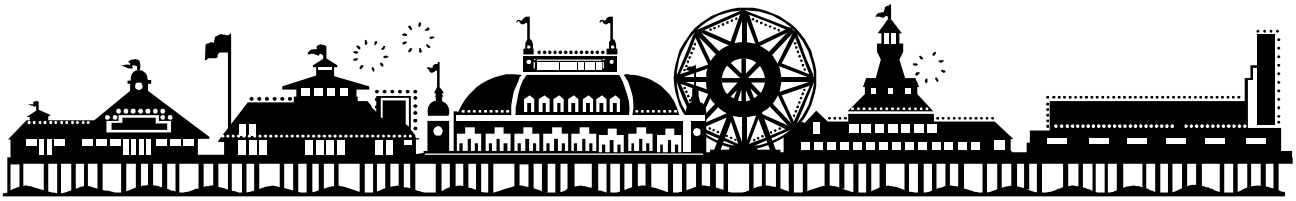
- 4-H youth must be 8-18 years of age as of January 1st of project year (cannot have reached their 19th birthday by January 1st of that sale year).

- A project record must be completed and submitted to be eligible for a market animal the next year. 4-H Records are **Due February 1st** to the Extension Office. FFA members submit records to Agricultural Education Instructors by their deadlines. The Livestock Association will review all records.

- For First Year Members: Active membership is interpreted to mean attending 6 out of 8 meetings from January 1st to the Fair, or 75% of meetings held. First year members interested in the beef project must bring their steer to the Fall Weigh-in, and be enrolled in 4-H by January 31, 2008.

- For Re-enrolling Members: Active membership is interpreted to mean 75% of club meetings held since last year's fair (August 2007). If a youth has a hardship and cannot attend the required number of meetings, the Livestock Association has agreed that they may attend either of their annual livestock meetings to make-up one meeting.

- Youth in last year of 4-H/FFA eligibility: If a member finds they are not able to attend all club meetings because of college classes and want to tag and sell a market animal - they may submit to the Livestock Association a letter requesting a waiver of attendance - if for the past 3 years they have met the requirements for attendance and Record Book completion. They are encouraged to participate as much as possible in club and county educational programs.



Fall & Spring Weigh-In & Tagging Information

Tagging: For the 2008 Garrett County Fair year, a member may tag three (3), but only show and sell two (2) market animals (beef, sheep, swine, or goats). There cannot be more than one of beef, sheep, swine or goats tagged or sold. It is mandatory that market animals be identified by an ear tag by the established deadline. For 2008 all animals will be ear tagged with the State 4-H Ear ID tags. **If a tag is lost prior to fair weigh-in, contact the Extension Office immediately.**

County Bred Class
Market animals that are bred and born in Garrett County are eligible for competition in the County Bred Champion program. All county-bred animals must be identified as such at the initial weigh-in and tagging for the species. At weigh-in and tagging the exhibitor must note the name of the county producer from whom the animal was purchased and, the producer must sign the attestation statement on the card used to record the animal's information at weigh-in and tagging. Animals may not be designated as county bred animals after the initial weigh-in and tagging date.

Fall Weigh-In: November 2007

- **Beef:** A fall weigh-in will be held for beef steers in November. This is a mandatory weigh-in. Weights will be used to calculate rate of gain for the Fair. Steers will be ear tagged, vaccinated and checked for general health and condition. A health check will not be done at Fall weigh-in because it is too early for the 2008 show season.

Spring Weigh-In: June 2008

The Livestock Association will conduct a spring weigh-in for all market sheep, swine, and goats. These animals must be the bona fide property of the youth by this date. Animals will be tagged, weighed, and given a health check. Weigh-in weights will be the beginning weight for rate-of-gain calculations. **All Garrett County youth participating in the Spring/District Show must weigh their animal on Friday evening**. Those not showing may weigh on Friday or Saturday.

- **Steers:** They may be brought to the spring weigh-in to be weighed, but this is NOT mandatory. Hoof trimming may be available if there is sufficient interest. Anyone exhibiting at the Spring/District Show must have their health check done before arrival. **Health check will not be done at weigh-in.**

- **Sheep**: If your market lamb is the only sheep on the farm/property, then the veterinarian inspection can be done at weigh-in. If there are additional sheep, your entire flock has to be Veterinarian inspected at your farm. All Market lambs are required to be weighed & tagged at the Spring Weigh-in.

- **Swine:** A market swine must be a barrow or gilt.

- **Goats:** Goats may be wethers or does. Horns should be blunted. If your market goat is the only goat on the farm/property, then the veterinarian inspection can be done at weigh-in. If there are additional goats, your whole flock has to be veterinarian inspected at your farm. All Market goats are required to be weighed & tagged at the Spring Weigh-in.

Garrett County Fair

Weigh-In: A licensed Veterinarian will check for castration and general health condition of all market animals at the time of fair weigh-in. The Garrett County Fair Oversight Committee will disqualify any animal found to have one or more testicles (no matter what size or condition) and the animal must then be removed from the Fairgrounds. If the animal meets Garrett County Fair regulations, it may be shown as a breeding animal - if registered. Animal health care is very important. Before giving any medication, please read all labels carefully and administer under the advisement of a veterinarian. Check your animal regularly for any signs of parasites, lice, ring worm and warts and treat appropriately. Animals will be checked at the scales at the time of weigh-in for any health-related conditions. If an animal is found to be of poor health or condition, the animal may need to be removed from the fairgrounds. Removal is at the discretion of the oversight committee.

- **Beef:** Must weigh a minimum of 950 lbs. at the fair weigh-in. All horns must be removed. If stub horns return, eligibility will be determined by the Garrett County Fair oversight committee.

- **Sheep:** Sheep must weigh between 80-140 lbs. at the fair weigh-in. A market lamb must be a wether or ewe (cryptorchids are not accepted). Market lambs must be slick shorn. All sheep must have an USDA Scrapie ID Tag - there are no exceptions to this rule. **Tail Docking Policy**: Market Lambs should be docked at the distal end of the caudal tail fold. Lambs docked at this length should have a minimum tail length of .7 inches at the time of show. Purchased lambs should have a minimum tail length of 1.4 inches at the time of weaning. Compliance of this policy is voluntary for 2008 – tails will not be measured. Any sheep or lamb that exhibits a rectal prolapsed at a 4-H activity will be ineligible.

  Swine: Swine must weigh between 220 - 280 Lbs. at the fair weigh-in. It is recommended that swine have a minimum of one half inch of hair at market weight.

- **Goats:** Market Goats may be of a meat breed, a crossbreed or dairy breed. Market goats must weigh a minimum of 50 pounds with no upper weight limit. They must be wethers or females and horns must be blunted. Market Goats must be less than 1 year in age. All goats must have an USDA Scrapie ID Tag.

- **Rabbits:** Pen of three (3) under 10 weeks old and between 3 to 5 pounds. Meat type rabbits only, no crossbreeds. (Only champion and reserve champion pens to be sold).

- **Poultry:** Meat birds (2) - (Only champion and reserve to be sold).

GENERAL NOTES

- Begin working with your animal as soon possible. Regular practice improves your performance in shows.
- Respecting the safety of all exhibitors, animals that cannot be controlled during the show will be removed from the show ring.
- Please be on time for your shows and sale. Times are listed in the fair book. Exhibitors that miss their show or sale time will not be allowed to show/sell in a different class or time. **If an animal is not shown it can not be sold during the Livestock Sale Saturday night.**
- For assistance and information about grooming and showing, please refer to the listed references in this guidebook, plan to attend future workshops, or contact your Club leader or the 4-H

Extension Educator.

- If an animal is uncontrollable, tranquilizers may not be used. If tranquilizers are used, the animals cannot be sold during the Livestock Sale Saturday night.
- No animal can be substituted because of death, illness or injury after they have been weighed and tagged.
- The USDA will not allow any health forms to be faxed. Only original forms will be accepted.

It is hereby understood that the Garrett County Livestock Association, their representatives, 4-H volunteers, 4-H Extension Educator or FFA Advisors may routinely examine these animals. However, the above mentioned will not be responsible for any injury, disease, illness or death incurred at the time of examination or identification. If this is not satisfactory, arrangements will be made to have the job completed by a veterinarian at the exhibitor's expense.

4-H Animal Ownership Deadlines: The dates listed are for the Maryland State Fair and the Garrett County Fair.

Animal	Maryland State Fair	Garrett County Fair
Beef Steers	January 1	Tagged at Nov weigh-in.
Dairy Steers	January 1	N/A
Market Goats	June 1	Spring Weigh-In
Market Sheep	June 1	Spring Weigh-In
Market Swine	June 1	Spring Weigh-In
Poultry	June 1	June 1
Rabbits	June 1	June 1

If you are planning to own and exhibit any of the above animals, please make certain they are listed on your 4-H enrollment form. This list is used for future mailings relating to the animal projects. If you are planning to exhibit at the Maryland State Fair, please contact the Extension Office. A different tagging and identification system is used. It is the policy of the Maryland State 4-H Program that once a market animal is sold it is no longer eligible for show. Once the gavel is tapped, the animal becomes the possession of the buyer and is no longer a 4-H Market Animal. At the conclusion of the county fair, a copy of market animals sold and their 4-H market animal tag numbers is sent to the State 4-H Office. Market animals sold at a county fair may not be exhibited at the State Fair in any class in that same year.

Livestock Sale

Buyers: We urge members to contact buyers for your animals. Please send the business name and owner's names and addresses to the Extension Office by August 1st. Be sure to include a complete official mailing address so that information about fair passes and sale details will be sent to them. You may send your buyer lists to Extension Office by email to wguard@umd.edu, by fax (301) 334-6961 or by mailing. It is not acceptable behavior for anyone associated with a 4-H/FFA exhibitor to approach a buyer after the animal is sold and directly ask or suggest that the buyer give the animal

back to an exhibitor. Any 4-H/FFA member exhibitor or anyone associated with an exhibitor that is determined to be in violation of this rule will be subject to sanctions up to and including having the privilege of exhibiting and/or selling market livestock at the Garrett County Fair permanently revoked.

Weighing: No animals will be weighed for the livestock sale after the date and time for weigh-in set at the county fair. Animals not meeting the required weights at fair weigh-in may not be permitted to stay on the fair grounds.

Sale Order: Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, County Bred Grand Champion and County Bred Reserve Grand Champion for all species must be sold. The superintendent will determine the sale order for all other animals by class placing or by drawing for position.

Pictures: Pictures for buyer posters and exhibitors are taken by a local photographer and any not used by the association, will be returned to the exhibitor. The member must have their picture taken with the animal at the fair on the scheduled day or they cannot sell.

Night of Sale: Each steer must be left with an ordinary halter for leading after the sale. Halters should be tagged with the exhibitors name and may be picked up at the Extension Office on the Wednesday following the fair.

Payment to Members: Payment for animals will start after September 1st and continue as funds are collected. Deductions from the check include:

Beef - 2% commission, with $8.00 minimum - plus $1.00 for beef promotion
Sheep - 2% commission, with $8.00 minimum
Swine - 2% commission with an $8.00 minimum, plus pork promotion fee
Goats, Rabbits & Poultry - 2% commission, with an $8.00 minimum.
For all - One-half cost of pictures (per animal) and 25 cents for Livestock Association dues.

Thank You Cards: Before you will receive your livestock sale check, a thank you card or letter must be written to your buyer(s) and award sponsors. This thank you notification with postage attached must be turned into the Garrett County Extension Office no later than September 12th.

Other notes: In case of carcass condemnation, the 4-H or FFA member selling the animal is responsible. The buyer should be entitled to a replacement of equal weight.

Animal Show, Sale & Picture Attire: - Livestock: Beef, Sheep, Swine and Market Goats

1. Proper show attire is required for all fitting and showing, breeding shows, market shows, pictures and the livestock sale.
2. Safe, appropriate attire, including footwear, is required at all times. No sandals or lightweight tennis shoes. Good work shoes or boots are best.
3. Black or dark-color or khaki slacks/jeans are required. White shirts or nice dress shirts with sleeves and collar are required. Girls may wear long dark or khaki colored skirts.
4. No hats in the show ring or sale ring.
5. Appropriate neckpieces may be worn.
6. Unacceptable attire includes t-shirts, shirts with inappropriate logos (such as advertising for

alcohol, tobacco or farm names).

7. Faded or jeans with holes are not allowed.
8. Proper show items for your animal are required. Example: Swine: Hog cane or flapper and a brush. Beef: Show stick, comb, and show halter.

General Information for Exhibits at Fair:

1. Exhibitors must also abide by General Rules and Regulations printed in the fair book. Please read the rules prior to fair week.
2. Beef animals must be controllable. Exhibitors must be familiar with and able to show their own animal.
3. All animals must be checked by a veterinarian prior to the fair and health papers presented at the time of fair weigh-in.
4. All Market animals are to be brought to the fairgrounds on Sunday of fair week and will be weighed on Sunday from 9:00 am - 4:00 p.m. (Note: This time may change prior to the fair and exhibitors will be notified via a letter and/or news release in newspaper).
5. Animals are to be kept clean and bathed. Bathing must be completed before 12:00 noon and restricted to one bath a day. Special permission will be given under unusual circumstances. Animals being shown that day have 1st priority at the wash rack.
6. All animals shall be prepared and in their stalls by 12:00 noon. No walking animals around fairgrounds. Stay in designated livestock areas.
7. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning their barn area. Beef manure dropping should be forked out at the time it is deposited. Urine areas should be removed daily and new sawdust added. General cleaning must be finished by 10:00 a.m. Trash, twine and pop cans are not to be deposited in the manure pile.
8. Tack boxes are not allowed in the sheep, goat or swine barn. Beef tack boxes are limited to one per family.
9. Exhibitors are responsible for raking and cleaning walk areas in the barn, general areas around the barns and will also help clean the show ring.
10. No horse play in the barns. You are responsible if someone gets hurt.
11. No spraying people with the water hoses.
12. Consider all people in the barns as potential buyers.
13. Any exhibitors who have breeding, open class or a 4-H animal not selling must make their own arrangements to have the animal removed from the fairgrounds after the sale.
14. Due to space restrictions no canopies, tents, or generators will be allowed. If additional power is needed contact the fair board.

Insurance Policy: It is recommended that families check their Homeowner's Insurance to see if project animals are covered under the policy. If not, and a member would like insurance information, contact the Extension Office.

Additional Resource Material: Contact the Extension Office at 301 334-6960 for additional project resource materials.

Health Guidelines For Livestock Exhibitors For the 2008 Show Season

Submitted by: Dr. James Fearer

November 2007- January 1, 2008 –- Vaccination to beef for the bovine respiratory complex and BVD may be given at this time. Remember, if a killed BVD vaccine is used, a booster needs to be given 10 to 14 days after the first shot. Immunity should be adequate through the summer show season.

The Fall Weigh-in is too early to have fair/show health papers done!

Prior to Start of Show Season - In March, April or May 2008:

1. All livestock for exhibition must be inspected by an accredited veterinarian with sixty (60) days of the first exhibition. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to have the completed MD show health paper approved and stamped by the Animal Health Office (the Oakland Lab for Garrett and Allegany Counties) within 30 days of the date of the veterinarian's inspection. Record date of the first event you expect to attend. This year the MDA fair health paper will be good for 180 days from the date of approval. Keep these time intervals in mind if you plan to attend an early show such as the Sheep and Wool Festival. Allow plenty of time for the health paper to be approved and returned to the exhibitor.

2. Exhibitors planning to attend only the Garrett County fair, health papers may be completed at the weigh-in in June for swine or goats and sheep that are not part of a flock back at the farm. For Sheep and goats the entire flock must be inspected. Other animals for exhibit may be inspected in July. If attending the Western District show or the Garrett Spring show, health papers need to be approved in time to meet these dates.

3. Out-of-state shows:

    A. Check for state and show regulations.

    B. An interstate health paper - Certificate of Veterinary Inspection - will be required. This is a different document than the Maryland Department of Agriculture Fair/Show Health Certificate. Animals will need to be examined and any required tests done within 30 days of planned movement out-of-state. Allow plenty of time in case there is a problem with one of the tests.

4. Vaccinations may be booster at this time (not required). Always keep in mind slaughter withdrawal times.

5. All veterinarians do not carry the Maryland Health Papers. Please may sure you have the

papers available for the vet to fill out. You may obtain the health papers at the extension office or online at www.mda.state.us.

At the time of the Show:

1. The Livestock Exhibitor's Self-Certification of Animal Health document needs to be filled out by the owner/caretaker prior to loading the animal(s) to go to the show and presented upon request the designated fair/show representative(s) at each show attended. This is a **NEW** requirement. With this document the exhibitor attests to the health of the animal(s) – no warts, ringworm, respiratory problems, etc. have been observed. This document can be found on the reverse side of the MDA fair health paper, or if the health paper is down loaded, it will be page 2. This must be done for **EACH** show attended.

Special Notes:

1. Out-of state animals purchased and brought into Maryland for exhibition by an Maryland Exhibitor (this includes animals purchased at auctions markets:

   A. If the animal(s) came into Maryland on interstate health papers (CVI), meeting all import requirements – no further testing is needed and the animal(s) may be exhibited on these papers for 30 days after the date of insurance. Required vaccination will still be needed if not already done. After 30 days, a new health paper (a Maryland fair/show paper if showing only in Maryland will need to be obtained.
   B. All other animals will need to be tested, if any are required, when examined for the Maryland fair health paper.

2. If health problems are found on an animal at any time, do not wait until the last minute to have the condition treated, start as soon as the condition if found.

If you have questions, please call the Oakland Animal Health Lab at (301) 334-2185.