

# Hudsonville Fair

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## 4-H BEEF, SHEEP & SWINE RULES AND REGULATIONS

### HUDSONVILLE LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE

1. It is the 4-H member and their family's responsibility to read, understand and abide by these regulations.
2. A 4-H member must be 12 years old by January 1<sup>st</sup> to show a market steer and/or 9 years old by January 1<sup>st</sup> to show market hogs and lambs.
3. A 4-H member may continue in a livestock project through the year in which he/she is 19 years of age on January 1<sup>st</sup>.
4. To be eligible to sell any market livestock, 4-H member must live in Ottawa County, go to school in Ottawa County, or be an active member of an Ottawa County 4-H club.
5. All animals must be castrated and dehorned at the time of tagging. In case of regrowth, absolutely no horns or scurs longer than ½ "will be allowed at the fair weigh-in.
6. All beef, lambs and hogs will be tagged at a specified time and place with beef and dairy beef being weighed at that time. Lambs and beef will be nose printed at weigh-in and again at fair.
7. All 4-H members must complete a notebook with feed records in order to show and sell their market livestock project at the Hudsonville Fair. It must be judged by weigh-in at the fair. Without the notebook, the project will not be weighed, judged or sold.
8. Dress code for showing and selling market livestock shall be as follows: General – neat and attractive jeans or slacks, collared and buttoned shirts without writing, and no hats. Footwear – Steers: leather shoes or boots, hard-toed preferred. Hogs and lambs: boots or leather shoes: no canvas shoes. While in the barns, shoes must be worn at all times. This rule will be enforced for the exhibitor's protection.
9. Showmanship classes are for market animals only and all projects must be shown in showmanship and all market classes to sell.
10. All members will be responsible for properly caring for their animals during the week of the fair from Monday through Saturday by properly feeding, watering, and cleaning up after them. After all animals are removed on Saturday, a thorough cleaning of the housing facility is mandatory or a charge for cleaning will assessed accordingly. All steers will be double tied.
11. A maximum of 2 Hogs or Lambs can be weighed in at the fair to be shown and sold.
12. A 4-H member may show, and be limited to, only two (2) market projects. They may choose two projects from the following three areas: Market Steers (dairy or colored), one or two Hogs, or one or two Lambs.
13. Once the animal is on the fairgrounds, there will be no outside help allowed with the fitting and/or preparation of the animal for the show or sale except immediate family members, club leaders, or other club members from the Hudsonville Fair.
14. Hogs may be barrows or gilts. Lambs may be weathers or ewes. The market beef project (dairy or colored) will be for steer only. A steer must be either 100% beef breed or 100% dairy beef breed.
15. A member can tag in a minimum of 1 Hog or Lamb or a maximum of 3 Hogs or Lambs.
16. If a family has more than 1 member showing either Hogs, Lambs or Steers, they may tag in a spare for all family members which must be designated at tag in. If a family is going to have more than 1 spare for Hogs, Lambs or Steer for multiple family members, each spare must be designated to specific family members. In no case shall the total number (including spare) be more than 3 per member for Hogs and Lambs and 2 for Steers.
17. If some members elect to show 2 Hogs or Lambs of the same sex and both animals are in the same weight class, the member can designate another Hudsonville Fair 4-H member to show the animal.

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18. All hogs shown at the fair may not be taken home but must be slaughtered.
19. Any animals deemed non-sellable must be removed from the fairgrounds no later than Friday at 12:00 noon.
20. Conduct policy: Any 4-H member, 4-H leader, 4-H parent or 4-H guest participating in a 4-H sponsored activity who is involved in the act of theft or vandalism, or who is caught with illegal drugs or alcohol, or who is involved in any other such offense, shall immediately be sent home at his/her expense.
21. The 4-H leaders and livestock committee will not be held responsible for accident or injury.
22. The livestock committee will decide what market animals, if any, need to be rejected. The livestock committee will also have an authority to send home any members who violates any of the rules, if deemed necessary, subject to Fair Board approval.
23. The market livestock auction checks will be handed out at the annual fall livestock banquet, and not before.
24. All animals must meet the following minimum weight restrictions for fair: colored steer 900 lbs., dairy steers 900 lbs., lambs 85 lbs., and hogs 180 lbs. Those sheep and steer not meeting these weight requirements will be sent home. Hogs that do not meet the required weight will be handled by the Livestock Committee.