

Department 10

Department 10 (4-H and Vocational/FFA) Rules

This department is open to Greene County 4-H and FFA members in “good standing.”

4-H members MUST be:

1. A participating member of a Greene County 4-H club
2. Engaging in and completing a 4-H project
3. Officially enrolled in pa.4honline.com under supervision of Penn State Extension by June 1.
4. All 4-H livestock exhibits MUST declare their projects to the extension office by June 1.

FFA members MUST be:

1. An enrolled member/student during the currently completed school year.
2. Have completed the fair entry as verified by their FFA Advisor/Ag Teacher prior to the fair.

All entries in this department MUST submit a Greene County Fair Entry Form in the name of the exhibitor postmarked by June 30. In addition, 4-H animal project entries, with the exception of market classes, MUST ALSO submit a completed Penn State Extension 4-H Project Entry Form, available from the Extension Office or from the 4-H club leader, to the Extension Office by June 1.

- All self-determined non-livestock entries must include the project book with entry.
- Any Department 10 classes or sections open solely to 4-H members list “4-H Members Only.”
- Any Department 10 classes or sections open solely to FFA members list “FFA Members Only.”
- All Department 10 classes based on age use the 4-H age of 8-18 on January 1 of the current year.
- There are NO FEES charged for entries in Department 10.
- Disputes about entries in Department 10 should follow the protest policy listed under general rules and guidelines in Appendixes 1-5.

The Market Beef and Lamb Sale held as a result of the Market Beef and Market Lamb Shows is Thursday, August 10, 2023 at 6:00 pm. In support of the Market Beef and Lamb projects, the Greene County Fair, in cooperation with the Penn State Extension County 4-H Program, provides a venue for and sponsorship of the Market Beef and Lamb Sale. 4-H and FFA members selling animals through the Market Sale retain full responsibility for and ownership of their animals up to and through delivery to and use by the buyer.

Exhibitors in Department 10 must comply with the General Rules and Regulations listed in Appendixes 1-5 of the fair catalog. Additional class specific rules and information are listed under each class.

All youth livestock exhibitors that show and/or sell animals through the 4-H and/or FFA programs MUST complete yearly Quality Animal Management Training (QAM) offered by Penn State Extension.

Registered Breeding Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle and Rabbit entries must be registered in the name of the 4-H member. Proof of ownership shall be the name on the registration certificate. 4-H members must attach the original registration certificate to the Penn State Extension Project Entry Form due in the Extension Office June 1.

4-H and FFA Sheep and Goat entries in Department 10 do not have to be purebred animals as long as they are good specimens of their breed. To enter and show in OPEN classes, Sheep and Goats must be registered and have registration papers readily available at the fair and at ring side.

4-H, FFA & Open Release Time for 2024

All livestock will be released at 10:00 pm on Saturday, August 10, 2024.

Livestock is not permitted to leave the grounds before 10pm on Saturday, except:

- Livestock entered in the Washington County Fair with proof.
- 4-H & FFA Market Livestock going to slaughter. Livestock will be released by the barn superintendent. Any other not on slaughter list MUST stay.

Premium checks will be distributed the week following the Fair only to exhibitors that remained on the grounds until 10pm on Saturday, August 10. Early removal will result in loss of premium and award. Checks will be mailed to exhibitor's address. Checks are null and void after 60 days and become property of fair if not cashed. Will not be reissued.

Greene County, PA 4-H & FFA Jr. Livestock Project Rules

4-H & FFA Department 10 Livestock Project Rules are for the participation in all competitive breeding and market shows and market sales held as a conclusion to the Greene County 4-H & FFA project year.

Rules and guidelines in this document have been developed and adopted by the Greene County Planning and Development Committee to uphold and adhere to a standard for livestock project [participation to provide an equitable and fair educational project experience for all. The committee will oversee the livestock project rules to ensure the engagement of ethical, sportsmanlike, and safe practices in raising, showing, and selling livestock. Rules will be reviewed and updated annually. The committee will investigate, gather information and statements, if required, regarding and questions brought to their attention about the established rules and in matters of a junior exhibitor, parent, and/ or leader misconduct in relation to the 4-H & FFA Jr. Livestock Rules, the National Code of Show Ring Ethics, PDA animal health requirements. The committee will convene at least three members to hear the issue and, in private, discuss the course of action to be recommended to the 4-H Educator or FFA Advisor. Upon the 4-H Educator's or FFA Advisor's agreement with the recommended course of action, said committees will implement the recommendation and formal protests during fair time.

Eligibility Rules for Greene County 4-H & FFA Member Participation in State Shows

- **PA Farm Show Jr. Market and Breeding Shows:** All livestock project members who successfully carry a livestock project at the county level are eligible to show market and/ or breeding animals in that species in the Jr. Market Show at the Pennsylvania Farm Show the following January. The member must follow the Farm Show Guidelines for tagging animals for market shows at the county level and for registering animals for breeding shows found at <https://www.farmshow.pa.gov/pafarmshow/Pages/default.aspx>.
- **Jr. Dairy Show at the All-American:** All dairy project members who successfully carry and show a dairy animal at the county level are eligible to show the animal in a district show as a qualifier for the state Jr. Dairy Show held at the All-American Dairy Show at the PA Farm Show Complex in September. Members must receive a blue award to qualify.

Eligibility Rules for member participation in Greene County Department 10 Shows and Sales

All Members:

- Follow the 4-H & FFA age requirements on January 1 of the current year for traditional members.
- Carry the project for which they wish to make entry in the associated county show in 4-H or FFA and participate in all aspects of the project, including show and/ or sale requirements to show and sell.
- Complete QAM (Quality Animal Management) training annually.
- Show their own project animal entry unless a request for extenuating circumstances has been made to and approved by the Planning and Development Committee in a timely manner. Extenuating circumstances may include but are not limited to: an injury or illness documented by a medical doctor deeming the member unable to show, a military obligation that takes them away from the area, or other extenuating circumstances that must be reviewed by the committee. In these cases, only another 4-H or FF A member can show the animal. For breeding shows, in the case of two entries in the same class, another 4-H or FFA member can show the second animal. Parents or other family members may also assist with the multiple entries in breeding shows.

4-H Members:

- Adhere to the **PA 4-H Code of Conduct for Members**; and Parents to the **PA 4-H Parent Code of Conduct**.
- Must follow the state and County 4-H standards for participation including:
 - Enrollment as an active member in the PA 4-H online enrollment system: <https://4h.zsuite.org/> by March 31st.
 - Participate in a Greene County 4-H club and attends a minimum of 60% of the club meetings.
 - Exceptions can be made for college students or unforeseen circumstances with notification and approval to 4-H leaders and Extension Office.
 - Engages in the 4-H project work, including the completion of the project book under the supervision of a Penn State Extension 4-H Educator.
 - Participate in Project Interviews and Skillathon.

FFA Members:

- Adhere to the FFA Code of Ethics.
- Must be a dues-paying "member in good standing," defined as a member who:
 - Was an Ag Ed student during the currently completed school year and a current FFA member.
 - Is an enrolled approved FFA Member.
 - Engages in an SAE, including the completion of records under the supervision of an FFA Advisor.

County Market Project Member Requirement: It is a county requirement that all 4-H & FFA members engaging in a market rabbit, goat, steer, lamb, and swine livestock project be an active part of all aspects of the project, including participation in the associated Buyers' Appreciation Dinner held as a part of the market livestock show and sale.

Steer, Lamb, Rabbit, and Goat Buyers' Appreciation Banquet – 2nd Saturday after the Greene County Fair

All project members and parents must sign the following forms in acknowledgment they have read and agree to follow the rules for market and breeding livestock projects:

1. The National Code of Show Ring Ethics for all shows (2 copies attached; sign and return one copy).
2. 4-H & FFA Jr. Livestock Project Rules as listed in the document; sign and return signature page only.

Market Project members and parents must sign the following form to participate in the market sale.

1. The Sale Check Deduction Form: Required for all market projects; sign and return.

Market Steer Project members and parents must sign the following form to register.

1. County Owned and Bred Form: Required for market steer project; sign and return.
2. Club Rules and/ or Calendar.

Greene County 4-H & FFA General Livestock Rules for Fairs and Shows

1. **Read, Understand, and Adhere to the Information contained in this Packet of Jr. Market Livestock Rules:** All members and parents must read the packet, complete and sign the acknowledgment page listing projects that will be taken and the location where housed, and agree to adhere to the established Jr. Livestock project requirements defined within for county shows and sales.
2. **Adhere to Ethical Practices following the National Code of Show Ring Ethics:** All members and their parents must agree to adhere to the National Code of Show Ring Ethics for raising, showing, and selling livestock at shows by submitting a signed copy of the form. Market livestock members will submit the document at the meeting before the initial project weigh-in; rabbit and breeding livestock members will submit the signed copy at the May 4-H club meeting or to the FFA Advisor; swine members will submit the signed document at the June 4-H club meeting before the July tag-in/weigh-in. The National Code of Show Ring Ethics names (identifies) the person who will be held accountable for the appearance and condition (health) of the animal as the “absolutely responsible person.” This “absolutely responsible person” is defined as the owner/ exhibitor who, ultimately, is liable for any ethical violations regarding the animal.
3. **Use Safe Grooming Practices:** Use only grooming products that are approved for use on meat-producing animals when fitting any animal for show. Unapproved products may contain ingredients that result in unacceptable residue in the meat. **DO NOT PAINT**, use coloring agents or unapproved products. Livestock animals can enter the food chain at any time; market animals will do so a short while after being shown. As the producer, the project member must provide a safe and wholesome product for the consumer. The Planning and Development Committee may adopt and implement various tests designed to monitor this prohibition, including but not limited to a “white glove or towel test.” Any exhibitor found to be using color agents will forfeit any ribbons and premiums and will not be permitted to show in Greene County for one year. If uncertain that a product is residue safe and approved for use on meat animals, **do not use it! **IMPORTANT**** All Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion market animals will be subject to a **urine test** administered by a veterinarian or Planning and Development Committee member immediately after exhibition. Blood tests will be available upon exhibitor’s request. If upon slaughter, treatment with drugs, biologics, or any chemical from fitting products or feed additives is the cause of the condemnation of a carcass, the loss of the carcass and any other damages will be borne by the exhibitor.
4. **House the Project animal(s) within a Proximity to Engage in the Project’s Daily Care and Maintenance:** All market and breeding livestock youth projects are provided for the education of youth members and require the member to be responsible for the daily care and maintenance of the animal. As such, the project animal must be housed near enough to the member to be taken care of on a daily basis; Parents and others can provide support and mentoring to guide the member’s experience but should ensure the member is largely responsible for all aspects of the project work. Breeding project members must have possession of their breeding animals through birth from previously owned stock, purchase, or at least two months before the fair show. If leasing the animal, the lease must be presented to the Extension Office no later than June 1st. The Planning and Development Committee reserves the right to make on-site visits for compliance.
5. **Submit Declaration/ Fair Entry Forms:** A Declaration Form must be completed for all breeding animal projects and submitted by June 1st for the Greene County Fair. Fair Entry Form must be submitted by each fair’s entry deadline for all animals (market, breeding, and carcass) entered in department 10 (4-H and FFA). A separate form must be submitted for Open Class Entries. For more information or forms go to the Greene County Fair website. 4-H market project members will complete Market Entry Forms at June meetings; FFA members can attend the June 4-H project club meeting to complete the market form. Members must notify leaders if they cannot attend. Both fair livestock entry forms include a line for the exhibitor to list the name of their **veterinarian** and a signature line to attest to the vet/ client/ patient relationship defined at: **PDA Health Requirements and Recommendations for Animals for Exhibition**. This document, developed from the **Animal Exhibition Sanitation Law** found at 3 Pa. C.S.A. 250 I et seq. is updated annually.
6. **Secure Health Papers:** All animals at exhibition are required to meet state health requirements. As defined in the **PDA Animal Health Requirements and Recommendations for Animals for Exhibition**, a CVI (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection), known as the health certificate, is required for all animals except rabbits exhibited at county fairs and shows. The health certificate must be dated within the time period designated by each fair as listed in the fair books. The swine CVI must be obtained within one month of the show. The CVI must be presented to the designated health agent upon arrival and before unloading at the fair or show. The CVI must be available at all times during the event to present upon request.

7. **Participate in Market Show Classes as Scheduled:** Each market show divides animals into three divisions: lightweight, middleweight, and heavyweight. When appropriate, the three divisions can be further divided into 6 or 9 classes by the FFA Advisor and 4-H Educator or Leaders. Class splitting will be determined with the discretion to split animals of the same weight into two classes. Class division decisions are final. Members must show their own project animal tagged in at initial weigh-in.
8. **Follow Showmanship Class Guidelines:** Each exhibitor is required to compete in their specific showmanship age group following 4-H age requirements: junior age 8-10; intermediate age 11-14; and senior age 15-18. Members must show their own animal for each market or breeding showmanship class for which they are entered.

If a market project does not make weight under the minimum weight allowed or over the maximum weight allowed at the final weigh-in, the member may choose to remain with their animal at the show and must participate in eligible showmanship classes but will not participate in the related market project class or sale.

9. **Agree to a Sale Check Deduction:** for expenses associated with the market sale. Each market sale has associated expenses, including pictures for buyers. Members and parents must sign the sale deduction form for the project sale and banquet.
10. **Maintain and Complete 4-H or FFA Project Records:** To be eligible to show, 4-H project record books and FFA SAE records must be "completed to date" at a minimum of two weeks before the animal project show; preferably at the last meeting held before the associated show "completed to date" is defined as the completion and addition of all information except that which is directly related to the projects show and sale. 4-H members must complete Project Interviews and Skillathon to be eligible to show and sell their project. Books will not be accepted at the final weigh-in. Those who do not do so will not be permitted to weigh in, show, or sell. Directly following the project show and sale, members must complete the remainder of the records by adding show and sale information club leaders or chapter advisors will determine the deadline for final completion and submission.
11. **Participate in the Buyers' Appreciation Banquets:** A county requirement of the market livestock project his member participation and the buyers' appreciation banquet held as a conclusion of the market rabbit, goat, steer, and lamb sale and the market swine sale. Project members must participate in all aspects of the project, including planning, set-up, the dinner, and clean-up. At the banquet, members will visit with buyers and present them with the buyers' pictures. The member must deliver the picture to the buyer and the event they do not attend the banquet. Market sale checks will be distributed at the end of the banquet to members present if payment has been made in a timely fashion. Checks for those not in attendance will be processed and available for pick up the second Monday after the banquet.
12. **Follow Scheduled Dates for Project Participation:** Project members will follow dates established for the current year's project, including weigh-ins and the Buyers' Banquet. A calendar for each project will be distributed at club meetings and made available to FFA Advisors.
13. **Assume Responsibility for Market Project Animals:** the daily feeding, watering, and care of the project animal is the responsibility of the member until the animal is released by the fair or show and loaded. Once loaded, the responsibility lies with the hauler, whether that be the member's family or an independent hauler, who must deliver the animal to the destination requested by the buyer.
14. **If anything prevents a 4-H or FFA member from abiding by the above rules or if a violation is known, the Planning and Development Committee must be notified in writing immediately by e-mail to djc6764@psu.edu. All correspondence to the committees must include names of parties involved, name of author sending notification, contact information, description of the issue, and other relevant information/witnesses /evidence. Committee decisions will be delivered with the utmost care regarding individual privacy and confidentiality as situations warrant.**