



Scott Williams
179 North Main, Suite 111
Logan UT 84321
435-752-6263
<http://extension.usu.edu/cache>

DATE: 3/15/2016

TO: All 4-H and FFA Junior Livestock Program Participants

RE: Market Livestock and Commercial Dairy Projects

The time is here to begin planning your Junior Livestock market animal project. Here is information to help you plan for required events and educational opportunities. **Please read this letter completely.**

1. All exhibitors must register with 4-H, or be a member of his/her FFA chapter. **4-H youth not registered with Cache County 4-H by June 10, 2016 will not be allowed to exhibit their project animal at the fair.** FFA members must be registered with their respective FFA Chapters and meet all the requirements. Completing the "green card" at tag-in does not automatically complete the registration process. The 4-H year goes from October 1 to September 30 of each year. 4-H registration is \$5.00 per year.
2. 4-H members should visit <http://ut.4honline.com> to register for the current year. If the member was registered in 2014 and/or 2015 you should have a profile in the program. Contact the 4-H office for assistance.
3. Exhibitors must currently be in the third grade or older and at least eight years of age on October 1, 2015. This is a requirement set by Utah 4-H and National 4-H.
4. The green Entry Card (normally collected at tag-in by the chairman) and *Commitment to Excellence* forms must be completed with all of the appropriate signatures and turned in to the 4-H office by 5:00 pm, Friday, June 10, 2016.
5. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to accompany their project animal to tag-in. Tag-in dates, times and locations are listed below. Market Steers and Dairy heifers must be tagged a minimum of 100 days prior to the fair check-in, 60 days for goats, hogs and lambs. **Please do not expect the committee chairs to come to you.** Arrange your schedules to bring your animals to one of the following tag-in locations:
 - a. Lambs/Goats: Friday, June 3 – 5:30 – 7:00 PM or Saturday, June 4, – 8:00 – 10:00 AM, at the Cache County Fairgrounds.
 - b. Hogs: Friday, June 3 – 5:30 – 7:00 PM or Saturday, June 4, – 8:00 – 10:00 AM, at the Cache County Fairgrounds.
 - c. Steers: Friday, April 22 – 4:00 – 5:30 PM at *Smithfield Livestock Auction; or Saturday, April 23 – 9:00 – 10:30 AM at Smithfield Livestock Auction.
 - d. Commercial Dairy Heifers: April 22 – 4:00 – 5:30 PM or Saturday, April 23 – 9:00 – 10:30 AM at *Smithfield Livestock Auction. Or arrange with Spencer Gibbons, Commercial Dairy Heifer project Chairman

*The Smithfield Auction has been sold and if we are unable to use the facility we will notify exhibitors of the change.
6. Each Exhibitor can tag-in two animals in each species. Each exhibitor can show two animals of any species or combination of species at the fair but can sell only one animal in the Junior Livestock Auction.
7. Market weights/requirements for animals at fair time are:
 - Hogs: 230-310 lbs;
 - Goats: 50 lbs minimum, no maximum
 - Lambs: 100 lbs minimum, no maximum;
 - Steers: 1100 lbs minimum, no maximum;
 - Dairy Heifers: legible bangs tattoo, vet-checked confirmed at least 6 months pregnant and have a health certificate and/or any other health restrictions that may be in place at that time.

8. 4-H and FFA exhibitors must show and sell their own project animal.
9. All ewe lambs must have a Scrapie identification ear tag which identifies the farm where the lamb was born. When purchasing your lambs, make sure that all ewe lambs have a Scrapie identification tag for the breeder of the lamb from whom you purchase the lamb. Ewe lambs will not be allowed to weigh-in at the fair without a Scrapie tag. This is a law which we must comply with.
10. All ear tags will be removed at tag-in time for all species. The only exception is a Scapie tag which is required by law in all ewe lambs.
11. 4-H Livestock Record books for the Junior Livestock Project are now available and will be given out at tag-in. It is also available on-line in a form fill format that can be filled out on the computer at <http://extension.usu.edu/cache> > junior livestock. Record Books requested after June 20 will cost \$2.00. Completed Record Books are due Monday, August 22, 2016.
12. All 4-H youth should belong to a club. National 4-H defines a club as *"5 or more youth from 3 or more families, youth in leadership roles and meets at least six times per year."* If you are not in a club, look around your neighborhood at other youth doing a livestock project and organize a club.
13. The Junior Livestock Ambassadors will host a series of **Livestock Discovery Nights**. These program are very educational and helpful. All of the scheduled programs will be at the USU Extension office, Rm 111 at 7:00 pm.
 - a. Thursday March 17, Selection of Project animals.
 - b. Thursday April 14, Care and Feeding of your Project Animals
 - c. Thursday, April 21, Tips to prepare for the Shows and Proper Auction Promotion
14. Cache County Fair is August 8-13, 2016. Exhibitors must enter market livestock projects during the designated times:
 - a. Hogs - Wednesday, Aug 10, 6:00-8:00 am
 - b. Steers - Wednesday, Aug 10, 8:30-10:00 am
 - c. Dairy Heifers - Wednesday, Aug 10, 8:30-10:00 am
 - d. Lambs - Wednesday, Aug 10, 9:00-11:30 am
 - e. Market Goats - Wednesday, Aug 10, 8:00 – 8:30 am
15. Market Quality Judging (Each exhibitor MUST exhibit his/her own project animal):
 - a. Hogs - Thursday, Aug 11, 8:00 am
 - b. Lambs - Thursday, Aug 11, 11:00 am
 - c. Goats Thursday, Aug 11, 10:00 am
 - d. Dairy Heifers - Thursday, Aug 11, 3:00 pm
 - e. Steers - Thursday, Aug 11, 3:30 pm
16. Showmanship contests:
 - a. Steers - Wednesday, Aug 10, 6:00 pm
 - b. Hogs - Friday, Aug 12, 8:00 am
 - c. Lambs - Friday, Aug 12, 11:00 am
 - d. Goats – Friday Aug 12, 10:00 am
 - e. Dairy Heifers - Thursday, Aug 6 as part of the Junior Dairy Show
17. Junior Livestock Auction will begin at 9:00 am Saturday, August 13.

For more information contact the 4-H office, your FFA Advisor or a member of the Committee:

Brad Tolman, Chairman	753-0290	Jason Reeve, Mtn Crest FFA	435-459-2187
Doug Coombs, Beef	245-4325	Megan Haslam, Mtn Crest FFA	245-6093 ext 248
Spencer Gibbons, Dairy	258-5640	Dave Erickson, Sky View FFA	563-5678
Ned Simper, Sheep	258-5092	Clint Aston, Sky View FFA	770-5999
Jason Rindlisbacher, Sheep	563-4780	Scott Williams, 4-H Agent	752-6263
Steve Hall, Swine	245-0377		
Keith Christensen, Swine	563-9130		
Jacob Israelsen, Goats	435-592-0666		