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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. **Please read this letter completely.** Changes have been made from prior years.

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 12, 2017 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 4-H registration process. The 4-H year goes from October 1 to September 30. 4-H registration is \$12.00 per year.
2. 4-H members should visit <http://ut.4honline.com> to register for the current year. Members registered in 2016 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, 2016. This is a requirement set by Utah 4-H and National 4-H.
4. The green Entry Card and *Commitment to Excellence* form must be completed with all of the appropriate signatures and turned in at tagging time. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
5. The *Commitment to Excellence* forms can be found at <http://extension.usu.edu/cache/4-H/junior-livestock>
6. **Show rules require all animals must be tagged and animals must be located within Cache County under the direct care of the exhibitor; Market Steers must be tagged a minimum of 100 days prior to the fair check-in, 90 days for Dairy Heifers and 60 days for Goats, Hogs and Lambs.**
7. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to accompany their project animal to tag-in. **Please do not expect the committee chairs to come to you.** Tag-in dates, times and locations are listed below:
 - a. Lambs/Goats: Friday, June 2 – 5:30 – 7:00 PM or Saturday, June 3, – 8:00 – 10:00 AM, or Friday June 9, 5:30- 7:00 PM at the Cache County Fairgrounds.
 - b. Hogs: Friday, June 2 – 5:30 – 7:00 PM or Saturday, June 3, – 8:00 – 10:00 AM, at the Cache County Fairgrounds.
 - c. Steers: Friday, April 21 – 4:00 – 5:30 PM; or Saturday, April 22 – 8:00 – 9:30 AM at USU Corrals 1500 north 1200 west, Logan. (See map on next page)
 - d. Commercial Dairy Heifers: Friday April 21 – 4:00 – 5:30 PM; or Saturday, April 22 – 8:00 – 9:30 AM at USU Corrals 1500 north 1200 west, Logan. Or May 6, at the Spring Dairy Show at Cache County Fairgrounds. Or contact Spencer Gibbons, Commercial Dairy Heifer project Chairman.
8. 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.
9. Market weight requirements for animals at fair time are:
 - Hogs: 230-330 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.
10. 4-H and FFA exhibitors must show and sell their own project animal.
11. State law requires all ewe lambs and doe goats 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 and doe goats have a Scrapie identification tag for the breeder of the lamb or goat.

12. All ear tags will be removed at tag-in time for all species. The only exception is a Scrapie tag which is required by law or State Show tags.
13. 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/4-H/junior-livestock>. Record Books requested after June 12 will cost \$2.00. Completed Record Books are due Monday, August 21, 2017.
14. 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.
15. Cache County Fair is August 9-12, 2017. Exhibitors must enter market livestock projects during the designated times:
 - a. Hogs - Wednesday, Aug 9, 6:00-8:00 am
 - b. Market Goats - Wednesday, Aug 9, 8:00 – 8:30 am
 - c. Steers - Wednesday, Aug 9, 8:30-10:00 am
 - d. Dairy Heifers - Wednesday, Aug 9, 8:30-10:00 am
 - e. Lambs - Wednesday, Aug 9, 9:00-11:30 am
16. Grand and Reserve Champion market animals will be drug tested and must go directly to harvest.
17. Market Quality Judging (Each exhibitor MUST exhibit his/her own project animal):
 - a. Hogs - Thursday, Aug 10, 8:00 am
 - b. Goats Thursday, Aug 10, 10:00 am
 - c. Lambs - Thursday, Aug 10, immediately following the market goat show
 - d. Dairy Heifers - Thursday, Aug 10, 3:00 pm
 - e. Steers - Thursday, Aug 10, 3:30 pm
18. Showmanship contests:
 - a. Steers - Wednesday, Aug 9, 6:00 pm
 - b. Hogs - Friday, Aug 11, 8:00 am
 - c. Goats – Friday Aug 12, 10:00 am
 - d. Lambs - Friday, Aug 11, immediately following goat showmanship
 - e. Dairy Heifers - Thursday, Aug 10 as part of the Junior Dairy Show
19. Junior Livestock Auction will begin at 9:00 am Saturday, August 12.

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

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Doug Coombs, Beef	435-245-4325
Casey Major, Beef	435-994-4597
Spencer Gibbons, Dairy	435-258-5640
Ned Simper, Sheep	435-760-1671
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Steve Hall, Swine	435-245-0377
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Jacob Israelsen, Goats	435-592-0666
Justin Jenson, Goats	435-881-6443
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