

# 2013 4-H Livestock Rule Updates & Changes



## 4-H/FFA Identification Rule Change

- 4-H members may now ID separate animals but in the same "division" in both 4-H and FFA
  - Example: 4-Her could ID market lambs A, B & C in 4-H and market lambs D, E, & F in FFA
- State Fair exhibition rule STILL applies! So 4-Her can only show in market or breeding division in 4-H & FFA in the other; for rabbit, horse, poultry & dairy youth can not exhibit in both 4-H and FFA
- 4-Her could show animals A & B as 4-H at county fair, then show animals D & E as FFA at state fair

Youth may ID in both organizations as long as they are separate and different animals.

## Howard County Market Weigh-In Information

All youth that are currently enrolled in 4-H and in a specific market species project will receive letters regarding specific species weigh-ins.

The Livestock Committee and Extension staff have set the following dates for market weigh-ins of beef, swine & sheep.

- Beef: December 27<sup>th</sup>, 9 – 11 a.m.
- Riceville Swine: March 15<sup>th</sup>, 4 – 5:30 p.m.
- Cresco Swine: March 16<sup>th</sup>, 10 – 11 a.m.
- Sheep: April 27<sup>th</sup>, 3 – 5 p.m.
- State Fair Swine Tagging: April 27<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 – 5 p.m.

REMINDER: Market beef, meat goat wethers, and all sheep must have 4-H tags and retinal images to be eligible for State Fair. All meat goat does must have 4-H tags.

## Maximum Livestock ID Limits for county & state fair 4-H animals

- Breeding Beef 10
- Market Beef 10
- Dairy Cattle 20
- Dairy Goat 20
- Dog 4
- Horse 5; Max 2 Lease
- Meat Goat, weighed 10
- Meat Goat, not weighed 10
- Rabbit 30
- Poultry (No ID for SF)
- Sheep, weighed 30
- Sheep, not weighed 15
- Swine, weighed 40
- Swine, not weighed 40

## General Livestock ID Information

ALL 4-H animals must be ID'd in 4hOnline in order to be eligible for any 2013 shows. This includes bucket/bottle calves for the Howard County Fair. FFA members must talk with their advisors to complete the ID process by the deadlines.

### ID Deadlines for 4hOnline

The following deadlines are set by the State 4-H office and apply for Howard County animals as well. These are final!

- Market Beef, verified February 1
- All other species, May 15
- State Fair Rabbits, July 1

### The revised 4H 202 Publication

"Iowa 4-H Animal Identification, Weighing and Exhibiting Requirement for County, State and Interstate Shows" is due out on January 1.

### State 4-H Livestock Website

[www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock)



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# Species Specific Changes

## Swine

- There will be NO 4-H Derby Swine Show at State Fair
  - No regional state fair swine weigh-ins
  - ALL state fair market & breeding swine will still need DNA ear punch tags
  - ALL state fair swine nominations will happen through the county office
  - State Fair swine in Howard County will be tagged at Sheep Weigh-in on April 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-5:00 pm
- Maximum weight limit increase from 290 to 300 pounds
- State Fair exhibitors may exhibit a maximum of 3 breeding gilts per breed and a maximum of 3 commercial gilts

## Beef

- Market Heifer / Breeding Heifer ID change
  - If heifer was originally weighed in as a market heifer, the animal does NOT need to be ID'ed again in 4hOnline as a breeding heifer
  - If heifer does show breeding instead of market, be sure a breed is designated at weigh-in time in 4hOnline by Feb. 1 or heifer is only eligible as a crossbred
- Fall-Aged heifers added to 2013 State Fair show
  - Born Sept 1 – Dec 31, 2011 & 2012 heifers
- Tattoos = If there is no tattoo in a market heifer's ear at weigh-in time & the 4-Her later decides to show her as breeding, the heifer will be retinal scanned at State Fair to verify ID. The heifer will still have to have a dry tattoo in order to show in the breeding beef show.
- Reminder: Heifers ID'ed in 4hOnline under Beef, Breeding MUST have a tattoo and breed, and if showing in a breed class, a registration number in 4hOnline by May 15!

## Horse

- All 4-H horses MUST have photos uploaded to 4hOnline by May 15
- All FFA horses MUST submit photos to their FFA advisor
- ID Changes:
  - ID maximum of 5 total per 4-Her
  - Of those 5, maximum of 2 may be leased
  - NO leasing of halter horses
  - Leased horses must have a completed lease form on 4hOnline
  - Each horse may only be IDed by ONE 4-Her unless there are more 4-Hers in a family than horses
  - 4-Hers may ID horses in 4-H & FFA as long as they are DIFFERENT horses
  - Can only exhibit 4-H or FFA at State Fair
- New 4-H 511C Publication due out in January
- State Fair classes DROPPED: 2/3 year old Western Pleasure; Saddleseat Pleasure; Saddleseat Equitation
- State Fair classes ADDED: Halter: Mares 3-7 years, 8 years & older; Geldings 3-7 years, 8 years & older; Halter: Mare ponies, Gelding ponies; Flags

## Dog

- State Fair Senior Handling age division changed from grade 10 - 12 to 9 - 12.

## Sheep

- ALL State Fair sheep must have a 4-H tag and retinal images. This includes market lambs, commercial ewes, and purebred breeding ewes

## Rabbits

- ALL rabbits eligible for State Fair must be ID'ed in 4hOnline by July 1
  - Applies to all breeding, fancy and market rabbits
  - MUST have a tattoo entered in 4hOnline as well

## Meat Goats

- ALL meat goats (wethers AND does) MUST have a 4-H tag in place and wethers must have retinal images
- If breeding meat goat doe attends weigh-in to get tagged, and are entered into 4hOnline by staff under the "weighed-in" category, they must record the birthdate and do not need to be re-ID'ed under "not weighed in"
- Bracing rule has been removed – All goats must have four feet on the floor in the show ring at all times.



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