

To participate in the NWMT Fair market sale, Market Livestock project members must comply with the following:



- Be **enrolled and in good standing** in an active community 4-H Club and be working closely with a livestock leader. This means that you have complied with all club and county expectations and that you have paid all registration fees. You must enroll in an additional project other than the market project with the species level project. **Enrollment Deadlines: Beef- November 1st** (must be 4-H age 10 to do market beef); **Sheep and Swine-February 1st; Market Poultry/Rabbit -June 1st.**
- Submit a signed copy of the **Market Livestock Commitment** form to the Extension Office and your club leader by the market enrollment deadline listed.
- Participate in **Livestock Quality Assurance Training** in your first year of taking the market animal. **Livestock Quality Assurance Training** is composed of Livestock Quality Assurance (LQA) and market animal project seminar training. All members will attend LQA during their first registered year as a Junior member in the livestock project and again during their first registered year as a Senior member. (Jr. members = 8-13; Sr. members = 14-18). All members are welcome to attend clinics as often as they'd like; however, it is mandatory to attend or present one clinic in that species. A parent/guardian must be LQA certified for member to participate.
- In order to be eligible to take a market beef project, a member must be 10 years of age on or before Oct. 1st of the current 4-H year.
- Ensure that your animal is **weighed & tagged** as dictated by the program. Each 4-H member **may tag up to two** animals in each market livestock project. Tagging paperwork must be completed & turned-in to the Extension office by the deadline posted. *Last day to replace livestock:* steers - Jan. 31; hogs - May 31; lambs - June 30. On your tagging paperwork, you will need to declare the tag number of your primary and your secondary animal if you have a back-up. Once you declare, you are committed to that/those animals: *siblings cannot swap primary or secondary livestock.*
- In July, complete & turn-in a signed copy of **Commitment to Excellence/Drug Withdrawal** forms (*this is a two-sided form*) to your club/livestock leader. You also need to have **updated records** for your market livestock project(s) and one other project for your club/livestock leader to review. **Be sure to keep records on your primary AND your back-up.**
- On or before Aug. 1, **register your fair projects with the fair office** by completing fair paperwork; online (go to [www.nwmtfair.com](http://www.nwmtfair.com) for registration info). Your leader does NOT do this for you.
- You may bring **only 1** hog or 1 sheep or 1 steer to the fair. If you have a primary & a back-up, you can choose which one you're bringing on the morning of check-in. \* **See annual NWMT Fair book for all fair rules & expectations** at [www.nwmtfair.com](http://www.nwmtfair.com).
- All market animals will be weighed on Monday of the fair (except meat poultry/rabbit pens weight in on Tuesday). Bring \$40 non-refundable to pay for the livestock sale (except meat poultry/rabbit pens, fee announced at LQA and due at time of weigh-in). No one is allowed behind the barriers during weigh-in except for the 4-H member whose animal is being weighed. If your animal does not make weight, you can stay at the fair and participate in showmanship and feeder market classes, but you cannot sell.
- If you sold in the market, photos of you and your animal will be made ready for you to take to your buyer after fair. The **buyer's thank you form** needs to also be taken and signed by anyone at the buyers location. This form must be returned to the Extension office by Dec 1st or you will not be able to take a market project the following year.
- **Annual Awards Ceremony** will take place in Sept. Be sure to attend this ceremony so you can be recognized for all your hard work and support others who are being recognized. Afterwards, be sure to thank all sponsors of awards that you received.
- September is the last month of the 4-H year. During that time you should have your records and bookwork for all **4-H projects complete and submitted to your club leader** or you will not be able to take a market project the following year.

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