

GOGEBIC COUNTY  
4-H MARKET LIVESTOCK PROJECT  
2021–2022 GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS



**1. Animals must be owned and exhibited by youth enrolled in the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Project. The \$20.00 4-H Participation Fee must be paid by December 1, 2021. Youth must be a current resident of Gogebic County or Ontonagon County as of December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Youth must be enrolled in 4-H on 4-H Online and return signed Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Project Rules Signature Page by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.**

2. The animal must be raised in Gogebic County or Ontonagon County by the 4-H youth club member. Each participant will raise and care for their market animal within the practices of Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management (GAAMPs). [https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/0,4610,7-125-1599\\_1605---.00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/0,4610,7-125-1599_1605---.00.html).

**3. Members of the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Club must attend scheduled Business meetings: 6 meetings if raising one species, or 8 meetings if raising two species. In addition – each member must attend 6 educational learning projects presented by a 4-H leader and 3 organized work bees.**

Any member wishing to make-up a meeting, work bee, or educational projects must submit a written letter to the Gogebic County MSU Extension office prior to July 1, 2022. Send letter to the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Advisory board 500 N. Moore St. Bessemer, MI 49911. Attention Secretary.

**Members not meeting active membership requirements will be disqualified from the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Auction or any market classes.**

4. Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Project members can raise up to two of each of the market animal species that will be weighed and identified on the designated dates by the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Club. If members choose to raise more than one species, members will attend a meeting held the Monday evening prior to the Gogebic County Fair and identify which two species they will be entering in the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Auction (only one entry per species).

**First year members cannot sell a steer at the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Auction.**

First and second year selling members can only sell one animal or one pen of poultry at the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Auction.

Third year selling members can sell any two species (cannot be two of the same species). **On Thursday of the Gogebic County Fair at the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock weigh in, the member must declare which animal of each species they will auction.** Third year selling members must be a minimum of **10 years** old as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the project year.

5. Each participant will keep records to be entered with the market livestock project. Records shall be kept from day of purchase or at the time the participant begins feeding, caring for and preparing the animal for sale. These records will be used to complete Gogebic County 4-H Livestock Record Sheet, which must be posted by the animal by 8:00 a.m. Friday of the Gogebic County Fair. The record sheet will be given out to all youth that are selling an animal at the August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Monday night meeting at 6p.m. Additional record books are optional and must be turned in to the clerk by 6:00 p.m. on Thursday of the Gogebic County Fair.

6. All market animals must meet state health standards for show and slaughter.  
<https://www.michigan.gov/mdard>

7. Growth promotional implants or chemicals may not be used for market animals. All animals may be subject to drug testing, if necessary, the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Advisory Board will pay for veterinarians testing. Animals testing positive for these will be eliminated from the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Auction.

8. An animal on medication may be entered for sale if a licensed veterinarian documents that the animal is sellable and can be slaughtered after 30 days. An animal with drug residue will be cleared with a vet documenting that the residue will be eliminated within 30 days. The 4-H youth that owns said animal will be responsible for making arrangements for care and housing of the animal until cleared for slaughter. The 4-H youth will also be responsible for making arrangements to transport the animal to the slaughterhouse. The cost of transportation will be the responsibility of the 4-H youth raising the animal. All documents must be submitted to the Gogebic County MSU Extension Office to be placed on file. An announcement at the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Auction stating "This animal is currently on "x" medication for "x" condition. Animal will not be eligible for slaughter until "x" date. Arrangements for care, housing, and transportation will be between "x" 4-H youth and buyer."

**9. Weigh-In is on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. Youth must be present with animal(s), unless a written request was pre-approved by the leaders, during the Monday meeting prior to the Gogebic County Fair.**

10. After weigh-in, each member registered to sell will be allowed to exhibit only 1 animal or 1 pen of poultry of their identified specie(s) (see rule #4) in the market animal aisle.

11. Entries in the 4-H Market Steer class, 4-H Market Lamb class, 4-H Market Hog class, 4-H Market Turkeys class, or 4-H Market Broilers class must be sold at the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Auction. All animals will be sold by the pound (including poultry).

12. Sale order shall be according to placing by the judge, in each species 4-H Market Steer class, 4-H Market Lamb class, 4-H Market Hog class, 4-H Market Turkey class, or 4-H Market Broiler class. The species order for the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Auction will be voted on by 4-H members at the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Club meeting Monday August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 6:00p.m. at the Gogebic County Fairgrounds.

13. Each participant may have one bid to keep their market animal. This bid must be in writing to the Gogebic County Fair Livestock Clerk by 12:00p.m. on Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022. They will be required to pay sale expenses if they should take the animal home.

14. Buyers will make checks payable to the "4-H Market Sale". After all listed Auction expenses are paid a check will be issued to the member in approximately 4 weeks. Yearly approved expenses will be paid as a percentage of the participants' checks.

15. If a member's animal is uncontrollable, the judge in conjunction with the livestock clerks will determine if the animal needs to be tied or confined. If an animal is tied or confined the animal will automatically take the last place in the Market class and bottom spot in the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Auction for that species. The livestock clerk in conjunction with the auctioneer will determine if an animal needs to be tied or confined during the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Auction.

16. Youth are required to be present during the judging of their market animal class in order to be able to sell it at the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Auction.

17. The Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Auction only provides transportation to, a club approved, slaughterhouse for animals auctioned during this event.

18. If an animal does not meet project requirements, a sign stating “animal not for sale at auction due to unmet rule” will be posted. **The club asks that these animals not be sold until after the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Auction.**

19. 4-H Youth will not receive their check until they have picked up and delivered buyers pictures and a thank-you. Gogebic County MSU Extension Office and/or advisory board members will be calling all/some of the buyers to check that youth have full-filled their responsibilities.

20. The Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Advisory Board collectively reserves the right to periodically inspect the 4-H Market Livestock Project. If a concern about an animal or animals in the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Project is brought to a member of the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Advisory Board. This member will notify other members of the Advisory Board and the Gogebic County 4-H Program Coordinator as soon as possible. One person will be designated to contact the 4-H youth and parents of 4-H youth to inform them of concerns and set up time for a farm visit where a minimum of 3 members of the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Advisory Board will inspect. Members of the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Advisory Board that inspected said animal(s) will report back to the rest of the board, who will address as appropriate.

21. The Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Advisory Board will hear grievances and/or safety concern and will address as appropriate. All grievances must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Advisory Board as they arise. Send letter to the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Advisory board 500 N. Moore St. Bessemer, MI 49911. Attention Secretary.

22. Any Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Club Member that needs an exception due to extenuating circumstances to any of the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Project Rules & Regulations may submit a written request to the Secretary of the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Advisory Board. Any request will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. Except for rule numbered 1&3.

23. All Animals shall be free of diseases, injuries, and conditions that will affect the safety and quality of the meat. If your animal is confirmed by the Gogebic County Fair Veterinarian your animal is automatically disqualified from being eligible to market.

24. All animals that are registered for the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Auction will be sold through the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Auction, Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022. As long as all the other Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Project Rules have been followed and requirements have been met.

25. Non-Compliance with the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Rules & Regulations will forfeit the 4-H member’s ability to sell at the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Auction.