

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

1. All exhibitors in the 4-H Market Steer Project must be at least 10 years of age or older on January 1, 2022.
2. Animals must have been born on or after January 1, 2021. Dental age shall be the determining factor for the age of the steer. Participants will make the steer available on request to be mouthed by a licensed veterinarian.
3. Steers must be in exhibitor's possession and under their care by January 1, 2022. They must also be castrated by January 1, 2022.
4. Steers will be weighed, checked for castration, and identified with ear tag in January 2022. A minimum of 1 leader of the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Club and 1 Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Advisory Board member, which are not related to the 4-H youth registering the animal will be present.
5. Starting March 1, 2007 all cattle (steers) must be identified with an official radio frequency identification ear tag prior to movement from a Michigan premises.
6. January weigh-in will be scheduled by the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Club during their regular December monthly meeting.
7. Steers will be checked for castration again in May, with a minimum of 1 leader of the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Club and 1 Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Advisory Board member that are not related to the 4-H youth registering the animal. Date and location for this check of castration will be scheduled by the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Club during April monthly meeting.
8. All members registering a steer must be present with animal during January and May scheduled weigh in and checks.
9. If a 4-H member is unable to attend the weigh in they must send their animal(s) with a representative. 4-H member must send a written notification to the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Advisory Board Secretary, explaining who is bringing animal(s) and why. This must be submitted no later than 10 days prior to weigh in. Please refer to Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Project General Rules and regulations #21 and #22. Send letter to the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Advisory board 500 N. Moore St. Bessemer, MI 49911. Attention Secretary.
10. The minimum weight of an individual market steer shall be 850 pounds. On Thursday of the Fair, during the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock weigh in, any steer not weighing a minimum of 850 pounds at weigh-in time may not be entered in the auction or any market classes. The purpose of these weight restrictions are to encourage properly finished animals that align with current market trends.
11. Animals must be properly trained and fitted for show. All cattle must be dehorned, and stubs must be no longer than 2 inch from the hair line.
12. Sign up deadline for intent to raise a 4-H market steer will be **December 1st, 2021**.

Note: It is suggested that steers be knife cut or crimped.



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