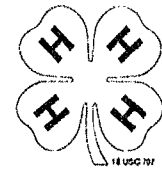


GOGEBIC COUNTY
4-H MARKET LIVESTOCK PROJECT
2023–2024 GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS



- 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, 2023. Youth must be a current resident of Gogebic County as of December 1st, 2023. 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 1st, 2023.**

2. The animal must be raised in Gogebic 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.

- 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, 2024. 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. Members will attend a meeting held the Monday evening prior to the Gogebic County Fair and identify which two specie(s) 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 1st 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 5, 2024, 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.
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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 8, 2024, 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 5, 2024, 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 10, 2024. 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.

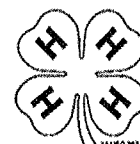
24. All animals that are registered for the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Auction will be sold through the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Auction, Saturday, August 10, 2024. As long as all the other Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Project Rules have been followed and requirements have 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.

GOGEBIC COUNTY 4-H MARKET LIVESTOCK PROJECT 2023 – 2024 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, 2024.
2. Animals must have been born on or after January 1, 2023. 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, 2024. They must also be castrated by January 1, 2024.
4. Steers will be weighed, checked for castration, and identified with ear tag in January 2024. 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 and radio frequency identification ear tag 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, 2023**.

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



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GOGEBIC COUNTY 4-H MARKET LIVESTOCK PROJECT 2023 – 2024 4-H MARKET HOG RULES & REGULATIONS

1. All exhibitors in the 4-H Market Hog Project must be at least 8 years or older by January 1, 2024.
2. Animals must be born during the current calendar year of the auction.
3. Barrows and gilts must be in the exhibitor's possession and under their care by May 1, 2024.
4. Hogs (barrows and gilts) will be weighed and identified with tattoo and/or ear tag in April and/or May 2023. 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. Male hogs must be castrated before attending any weigh in.
5. Hog weigh in(s) will be scheduled by the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Club no later than the March regular monthly meeting.
6. Weigh in will take place in April and/or May. It will be the responsibility of the 4-H member to make arrangements for transportation of 4-H market hogs to and from weigh in. All 4-H market hogs to be sold at the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Auction must be weighed in at one of the two club weigh ins.
7. All members registering a hog must be present with animal during April and/or May scheduled weigh in.
8. 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.
9. Hogs will be a maximum weight of **325** pounds or a minimum weight of **225** pounds. On Thursday of the Fair, during The Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock weigh in, any hog not weighing the minimum of **225** pounds or exceeding the maximum of **325** 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.
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10. Only barrows or gilts are eligible in 4-H Market classes.
11. **If required** by the U.P. State Veterinarian, hogs must have a current negative Pseudo-Rabies test within 45 days before the fair.
12. Sign up deadline for intent to raise a 4-H market hog will be **December 1st, 2023**.



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GOGEBIC COUNTY 4-H MARKET LIVESTOCK PROJECT 2023 – 2024 4-H MARKET LAMB RULES & REGULATIONS

1. All exhibitors in the Market Lamb Project must be **8 years** of age or older by January 1, 2024.
2. Animals must be born during the current calendar year of the auction.
3. Ewes and wethers (lambs) must be in the exhibitor's possession and under their care by May 1, 2024.
4. Ewes and wethers (lambs) will be weighed and identified with tattoo and/or ear tag in April and/or May 2023. 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. Male lambs must be castrated before attending any weigh in.
5. Lamb weigh in(s) will be scheduled by the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Club no later than the March regular monthly meeting.
6. Weigh in will take place in April and/or May. It will be the responsibility of the 4-H member to make arrangements for transportation of 4-H market lambs to and from weigh in. All 4-H market lambs to be sold at the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Auction must be weighed in at one of the two club weigh ins.
7. All members registering a lamb must be present with animal during April and/or May scheduled weigh in.
8. 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.
- 9. At April and/or May weigh-in lambs must not exceed 95 pounds.**
10. Lambs will be a maximum weight of **160** pounds or a minimum weight of **95** pounds. On Thursday of the Fair, during The Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock weigh in, any lamb not weighing a minimum of **95** pounds or exceeding the maximum weight of **160** pounds at weigh-in time may not be entered into 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. Only ewe or wether lambs are eligible in 4-H Market classes.
12. All lambs must be slick sheared.
13. Sign up deadline for intent to raise a 4-H market lamb will be **December 1st, 2023**.

Note: It is highly recommended that tail length is at least one vertebra or .5 inches in length. Tail should be able to be lifted with a #2 pencil. You will not be penalized, but we want to encourage best practices.

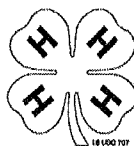


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GOGEBIC COUNTY 4-H MARKET LIVESTOCK PROJECT 2023 – 2024 4-H MARKET TURKEY RULES & REGULATIONS

1. All exhibitors in the 4-H Market Turkey Project must be **8 years** of age or older by January 1, 2024.
2. Turkeys must be hatched during the current calendar year of the auction.
3. Turkeys must be in exhibitor's possession and under their care by May 1, 2024.
4. **The 4-H Market Club will make a tour of project member's poultry facility the first week of May to examine and leg band their birds.** 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. Turkey May leg banding will be scheduled by the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Club no later than the April regular monthly meeting.
5. **Turkeys will be wing banded 2 weeks prior to the Fair. Members may band up to 4 turkeys,** 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, which are not related to the 4-H youth registering the animal. Wing banding will be scheduled by the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Club during June's regular monthly meeting.
6. All members registering a pen of turkeys must be present with animal during May scheduled leg banding.
7. 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.
8. Turkeys will be any commercial meat breed.
9. A pen of two turkeys will be sold at the auction.
10. If there is a poultry exhibition ban in the State of Michigan, the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Auction rules for poultry are subject to change.
11. Sign up deadline for intent to raise a 4-H Market Pen of Turkeys will be **December 1st, 2023.**

Note: It is suggested that birds be a white feathered meat breed, same sex and approximately the same weight. Due to the fragility of Poultry, it is highly recommended to raise additional animals.

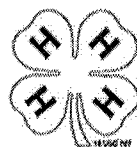


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GOGEBIC COUNTY 4-H MARKET LIVESTOCK PROJECT 2023 – 2024 4-H MARKET BROILER RULES & REGULATIONS

1. All exhibitors in the 4-H Market Broiler Project must be **8 years** of age or older by January 1, 2024.
2. Broilers must be hatched during the current calendar year of the auction.
3. Broilers must be in exhibitor's possession and under their care by June 13, 2024.
4. **The 4-H Market Club will make a tour of project member's poultry facility 8 weeks prior to the Fair to examine and leg band their birds.** 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. Broiler leg banding will be scheduled by the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Club no later than June regular monthly meeting.
5. **Broilers will be wing banded 2 weeks prior to the Fair. Members may band up to 12 broilers,** 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, which are not related to the 4-H youth registering the animal. Wing banding will be scheduled by the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Club during June's regular monthly meeting.
6. All members registering a pen of broilers must be present with animals during June scheduled leg banding.
7. 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.
8. Broilers will be any commercial meat breed.
9. A pen of six broilers will be sold at the auction.
10. If there is a poultry exhibition ban in the State of Michigan, the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Auction rules for poultry are subject to change.
11. Sign up deadline for intent to raise a 4-H Market Pen of Broilers will be **December 1st, 2023.**

Note: It is suggested that birds be a white feathered meat breed, same sex and approximately the same weight. Due to the fragility of Poultry, it is highly recommended to raise additional animals.



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Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Project Rules and Regulations Signature Page 2023 – 2024

I have read and understand the following,

- Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Project General Rules and Regulations 2023-2024
- Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Project 2023-2024 4-H Market Steer Rules & Regulations
- Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Project 2023-2024 4-H Market Hog Rules & Regulations
- Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Project 2023-2024 4-H Market Lamb Rules & Regulations
- Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Project 2023-2024 4-H Market Turkey Rules & Regulations
- Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Project 2023-2024 4-H Market Broiler Rules & Regulations

I agree to abide by all of the referenced rules and regulations. By signing below, I am also identifying my intent to selling at least one species at the Gogebic County 4-H Auction.

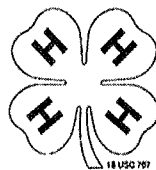
DATE _____ SIGNED _____
4-H Member

I / We the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the above youth, agree to have my child participate in the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Project. I / We have read and understand the Rules & Regulations as listed above and will abide by these rules and regulations.

DATE _____ SIGNED _____
Parent / Guardian

This completed form must be on file with the Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Group Leaders or post marked no later than December 1st, 2023.

If you have any questions, contact **Gogebic County 4-H Market Livestock Leaders or Gogebic County 4-H Program Coordinator at MSU Extension Office at 906-663-4045 Ext. 625**



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