

# 4-H, FFA & OTHER YOUTH FAIR PREMIUM BOOK



## SEASONS TO CELEBRATE

**September 15 - 21, 2024**

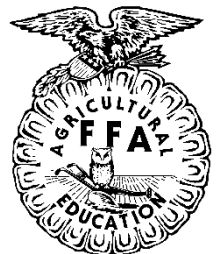
St. Joseph County Grange Fair

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**Welcome to the 174<sup>th</sup> St. Joseph County Grange Fair**  
**St. Joseph County Grange Fair Association**

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## Fair Admission, Ticket and Camping Information

### 2024 St. Joseph County Grange Fair

#### Gate Admission Passes

Fair gates open at 8:00 a.m. each day Sunday, September 18 through Saturday, September 24.

Adults.....	\$10.00
Children 11-16 years old.....	\$5.00
Children 10 years and under.....	FREE

Flex-Pass (7 admission passes into the fair):

- Purchased before Sept. 1..... \$50.00
- Purchased Sept. 1 and after..... \$60.00
- Early Bird Special (one flex pass and one grandstand ticket to each grandstand event) ..... \$120.00

Parking (Sunday through Saturday)..... FREE

#### Special Day Prices (8:00 a.m. to closing)

- Monday - Kids Day, 18 and under ..... FREE
- Tuesday - Hometown Hero Day (Firefighters, EMT, Dispatch, Victim Services, Medical, Law Enforcement) ..... \$5.00
- Wednesday - Seniors Day (62 and older).... \$5.00
- Friday - Veterans' Day (including spouse)... \$5.00

#### Grandstand Show Tickets

No refunds on show tickets. No smoking is allowed in grandstands or bleachers. No laser lights are allowed in the grandstand or track.

Harness Racing (Mon. & Tues. at 12 p.m.).....	FREE
Antique Tractor Pulls (Friday at 8 a.m.).....	FREE
DeWayne Spaw (Saturday & Sunday).....	FREE
Fireworks & Admission Sunday, September 22..	FREE

Grandstand Shows:

	<u>Pit Passes</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Child (5-12)</u>
Sunday - Farm Truck Pulls & Semi Pulls at 3 p.m.			
	\$20.00	\$12.00	\$6.00
Monday - Super Kicker Rodeo at 7 p.m.			
	\$20.00	\$12.00	\$6.00
Tuesday - Too Hot to Farm Tractor Pulls, Semi Pulls, and National Truck Pulling Legends (NTPL) at 7 p.m.			
	\$20.00	\$12.00	\$6.00
Wednesday - TNT Bump N Run & Demo Derby at 7 p.m.			
	\$20.00	\$12.00	\$6.00
Thursday - KOI Dirt Drags at 7 p.m.			
	\$20.00	\$12.00	\$6.00
Friday - Regional Show NTPA Modified Truck & Tractor Pulls at 7 p.m.			
	\$25.00	\$15.00	\$6.00
	\$25.00	\$12.00	\$6.00
Saturday - Regional Show NTPA Modified Truck & Tractor Pulls at 7 p.m.			
	\$25.00	\$15.00	\$6.00

**Michigan State Law Regarding Fair Admissions:** Any person who shall wrongfully or maliciously gain admission to the fairgrounds contrary to the rules of said society, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine of not less than one (1) or more than twenty-five (25) dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding thirty (30) days, or such fine and imprisonment both, at the discretion of the court before whom the offender may be tried.

#### Fair Camping

Reserve your campsite now for \$275.00 for all non-upgraded electrical sites and \$325 for all upgraded electrical sites for two weeks of camping. Call the fair office at 269-467-8935 for reservations! All prices are subject to change.

- Week Admission Pass (limit 3 per campsite) \$35.00/person

**St. Joseph County Grange Fair camping rules** (in accordance with the Michigan Health Department):

- The electric company requires all extension cords to be 12 ga. or larger.
- All campers in the upgraded area will require a 30amp RV plug or adapter.
- All campers, including pre-registered campers MUST check in with the camping office upon arrival to fill out papers and get passes.
- All campers MUST pay upon arrival
- All campers MUST have a permit
- All campers use Nottawa Drive-in Gate
- NO Gray Water pits
- No campfires or fire pits allowed
- Bicycles are NOT allowed on fairgrounds
- Each person in the camper must have a season pass, which can be purchased from the camping superintendent.
- All pets brought to the Fairgrounds must have appropriate papers and shots and be confined to the immediate campsite area. Pets may NOT accompany owners into commercial buildings, livestock barns, or on the grounds outside of the owner's campsite. Violation will be grounds for expulsion from the Fairgrounds and campsite with no refund.
- All pets shall be on a 6' leash and never unattended
- Only one (1) car per campsite
- NO refunds to persons leaving early.
- Camping superintendent has the authority to ask campers to move or leave the grounds.



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Carcass Sheep Evaluation..... 6:30 p.m.  
Carcass Beef Evaluation..... 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 11**

Dog Skill-A-Thon ..... 5:30 p.m.

**Thursday, September 12**

4-H Cat Show ..... 6:00 p.m.

**Friday, September 13**

Poultry Check-In..... 4:00 p.m.  
Rabbit Check-In..... 4:00 p.m.  
Sheep Check-In..... 4:00 p.m.  
Swine Check-In ..... 4:30 p.m.  
Dairy Cattle Check-In ..... 5:00 p.m.

**Saturday, September 14**

4-H Dog Show ..... 8:30 a.m.  
Beef & Dairy Beef Check-In ..... 8:00 a.m.  
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Swine Check-In ..... 8:00 a.m.  
Dairy Cattle Check-In ..... 8:00 a.m.  
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4-H Dairy Cattle Interviews..... 3:00 p.m.  
\*Skill-A-Thons and Interviews will end at 6:00 p.m.

**Sunday, September 15**

4-H Horse Show (Day 1)..... 8:30 a.m.  
4-H Rabbit Show..... 9:00 a.m.  
4-H Poultry Show ..... 10:30 a.m.  
4-H Swine Interviews ..... 9:00 a.m.  
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**Monday, September 16**

4-H Horse Show (Day 2)..... 8:30 a.m.  
4-H Goat Show ..... 8:30 a.m.  
4-H Swine Show ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Open Class Goat Show ..... 10:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, September 17**

4-H Horse Show (Day 3)..... 8:30 a.m.  
4-H & Open Class Beef Cattle Show 9:00 a.m.  
4-H Dairy Beef Show ..... 9:00 a.m.  
4-H Sheep Show..... 4:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 18**

4-H & Open Class Dairy Cattle Show 10:00 a.m.  
4-H Demonstrations/Performances/  
Public Speaking/Illustrated Talks..... 3:00 p.m.  
4-H Animal Project Demonstrations. 3:00 p.m.  
4-H "Style Revue" ..... 6:45 p.m.

**Thursday, September 19**

4-H Small (Market) Animal Sale..... 10:00 a.m.  
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**Friday, September 20**

4-H Sweepstakes Showmanship  
Contest..... 7:00 p.m.  
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**Saturday, September 21**

4-H Horse Show (Day 4) ..... 8:00 a.m.  
Livestock Judging Contest..... 10:00 a.m.

**\*\* ALL TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE \*\***



*...To Make the Best Better.*

## St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Program

## 4-H Youth Division Code of Conduct for Exhibition at the St. Joseph County Grange Fair

**Sponsorship:** The St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Program is the non-formal youth educational component of Michigan State University Extension, which is jointly funded by the United States Department of Agriculture, Michigan State University, St. Joseph County Grange Fair Association and the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners. Many St. Joseph County businesses, civic organizations and private individuals provide materials and financial support for the 4-H program.

**4-H Clubs:** 4-H clubs are comprised of groups of five or more young people between the ages of 5 and 19 years in urban, suburban, small town and rural settings. 4-H clubs carry out a wide variety of educational projects in civic and community service, agriculture, home economics and other areas. Volunteer adult leaders and older 4-H members enrolled in the 4-H Teen Leadership project give 4-H members direction and leadership.

4-H clubs function democratically. 4-H members run their own clubs with the guidance of adult leaders, elect officers, help plan and hold meetings and select educational projects. Each club drafts its programs to suit its members and the localities in which they live.

**Current Situation:** 121 Cloverbud members ages 5-7 and 546 4-H members ages 8-19 are enrolled in 4-H this year (2024). These youth are members of one or more of the 19 4-H clubs in the county. These 4-H members have planned and conducted meetings and completed projects with the help and guidance of over 175 adult volunteer leaders and 11 teen leaders.

**Emblem Colors and Pledge:** The national 4-H emblem is a four-leaf clover with a letter "H" on each leaf. Club colors are green and white. The white background on the 4-H flag symbolizes purity. The green of the emblem represents nature's most common color, and is symbolic of youth, life and growth. The national 4-H pledge reads as follows:

I pledge My head to clearer thinking,  
My heart to greater loyalty,  
My hands to larger service,  
My health to better living,  
for my club, my community,  
my country, and my world.

Contributions made by local businesses, civic organizations and private individuals help provide 4-H citizenship, leadership and "life skills" development activities throughout the year.

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In an effort to promote high standards of character and service to the community, the St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board, MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development, and the St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council endorse the following code of conduct, which represent:

**Conduct Expectations:** Fair and 4-H officials expect courteous and orderly conduct by all exhibitors and fair attendants. **Harassment, profanity or unsportsmanlike conduct toward officials, judges, show manager, staff, leaders or other exhibitors will not be tolerated.**

### Members:

All 4-H members in St. Joseph County MSU Extension activities will:

- Accept their responsibility to represent St. Joseph County 4-H and MSU Extension programs with dignity and pride by being positive role models.
- Conduct themselves in a courteous and respectful manner and exhibit good sportsmanship.
- Respect, adhere to and enforce the rules, policies and guidelines established by St. Joseph County 4-H and MSU Extension programs.
- Abstain from and not tolerate physical or verbal abuse, profanity or threatening behavior.
- Comply with equal opportunity and antidiscrimination laws.
- Abstain from criminal activities.
- Under no circumstances, possess, sell or consume alcohol or possess, sell or use controlled substances or use any form of tobacco at an MSU Extension activity or event.
- Under no circumstances, attend or participate in an MSU Extension activity or event under the influence of alcohol and/or controlled substances.
- Operate machinery, vehicles and other equipment in a responsible manner
- Accept and respect decisions made by the St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council and MSU Extension Staff.
- Under no circumstances steal or misuse 4-H property and/or donated funds

Failure to follow the code of conduct can result in discipline and penalties as stated on page 9.

### Volunteers:

All 4-H Volunteer Leaders in St. Joseph County MSU Extension Activities will:

- Accept their responsibility to represent St. Joseph County 4-H and MSU Extension programs with dignity and pride by being positive role models.
- Conduct themselves in a courteous and respectful manner and exhibit good sportsmanship.
- Respect, adhere to and enforce the rules, policies and guidelines established by St. Joseph County 4-H and MSU Extension programs.
- Abstain from and not tolerate physical or verbal abuse or profanity.
- Comply with equal opportunity and anti-discrimination laws.
- Avoid criminal activities.



- Under no circumstances, possess, sell or consume alcohol or possess, sell or use controlled substances at an MSU Extension activity or event.
- Under no circumstances, attend or participate in an MSU Extension activity or event under the influence of alcohol and/or controlled substances.
- Accept the responsibility to promote and support MSU Extension program to develop an effective, county, state and national program.
- Operate machinery, vehicles and other equipment in a responsible manner.
- Accept and respect decisions made by the St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council and MSU Extension Staff.
- Under no circumstances steal or misuse 4-H property and/or donated funds.

All MSU Extension volunteers must comply with the MSU Extension Volunteer Code of Conduct.

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## St. Joseph County Grange Fair 4-H/FFA & Other Youth Division

### General Rules

1. **Exhibitor Eligibility:** Entry in the 4-H/FFA & Other Youth Division is open to all youth ages 8-19 by January 1 (Cloverbud members ages 5-7 by January 1) of the current year who are duly enrolled (at the St. Joseph County MSU Extension Office) members of a St. Joseph County 4-H club or FFA chapter, or any other youth. Members must be enrolled in 4-H Online by May 1.
  - A. 4-H/FFA & Other Youth members will herein be referred to as "exhibitors". All youth exhibitors must adhere to the rules in the 4-H/FFA & Other Youth Fair Premium Book regardless of terminology. 4-H will be used as an identifier for superintendents and procedures within this youth division as managed by the MSU Extension office.
2. **Exhibit Eligibility:** Following are the rules governing exhibit eligibility:
  - A. Exhibitors may enter only one exhibit per class, unless otherwise noted.
  - B. The youth exhibitor must complete all exhibits.
  - C. School projects are not eligible as 4-H exhibits.
  - D. Exhibitors may not exhibit in a class that they have exhibited in at another fair during the current year.
  - E. Youth exhibitors may not enter an exhibit that has been exhibited at another fair.
  - F. Exhibitors may not participate in St. Joseph County Sweepstakes if participated in a sweepstakes contest in another county in the current year.
3. **Liability:** The following is the policy of the St. Joseph County Grange Fair Association:
  - The St. Joseph County Grange Fair Association, its agents, volunteers and employees shall not be held liable in case of injury to exhibitors, concessionaires, or the public on the grounds of the St. Joseph County Grange Fair.
  - Every possible protection and courtesy will be extended to all at the St. Joseph County Grange Fair,

- but the St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board/Association shall not be responsible for any loss of exhibits, animals or equipment in case of fire, theft or loss from any other cause.
4. **Final Entries:** Each exhibitor must complete and submit a 4-H/FFA & Other Youth Division Entry Form by Monday, August 12, 2024. **Horse entry forms are due by August 1, 2024.** Both deadlines are subject to change. Forms available online for download at [www.canr.msu.edu/st\\_joseph/4-h/4\\_h\\_fair](http://www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_fair).
  5. **Still Project Excused Absence:** exhibitors who are unable (for a valid and excused reason) to be present for their still exhibits evaluation must:
    - A. Contact the Extension 4-H Program Coordinator prior to the fair to request approval of the absence.
    - B. Complete a one-page "Absentee Project Report Form" for each still project.
    - C. Arrange to have project(s) and absentee project report(s) delivered to the fair during the regular still exhibit project evaluation time.
  6. **Livestock Excused Absence:** exhibitors who are unable (for a valid and excused reason) to be present for their livestock evaluations must:
    - A. Contact the Extension 4-H Program Coordinator prior to the fair to request approval of the absence.
    - B. Complete a Market or Breeding record book for each livestock project for which he/she is enrolled.
    - C. Arrange to have project(s) and Market or Breeding record book delivered to the 4-H Program Coordinator by 4:00 p.m. Friday, September 6, 2024.
    - D. Make up Skill-A-Thon.
  7. **Emergency Absence:** Emergency absences should be brought to the attention of the 4-H Program Coordinator **in writing** as soon as possible for approval.
  8. **Fair Passes and Exhibit Tags (subject to change):**
    - A. Exhibitors (11-19 years of age), registered 4-H leaders (approved by the 4-H Program Coordinator), and FFA advisors will be issued a fair admission pass.
    - B. Still project exhibitors must have their exhibit tag(s) in hand before starting through the project evaluation process. Exhibit tags can be picked up in Building #46 (red barn), unless otherwise stated on Saturday, September 14, 2024 starting at 8:30 a.m.
  9. **Judging:**
    - A. The judge's decision is final.
    - B. All animal and still project exhibits will be judged according to the "Danish" (A, B, C) judging system unless otherwise noted. Each exhibit will be judged on its individual merit and an A, B or C ribbon and associated premium awarded accordingly.
    - C. All other classes will be judged in competition against each other and 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> place "placing" ribbons and premiums awarded as indicated for each class.
    - D. Cloverbuds are encouraged to exhibit the work they complete in their 4-H groups or clubs. The setting must be noncompetitive, with equal recognition given to all participants. Participation ribbons will be given to all participants in Cloverbud classes.
  10. **Premiums:** Premium table numbers are listed directly under each section heading (and in some cases for a given class), and refer to one of the premium payment tables inside back cover of the fair book. **Note:** In the event the receipts of the fair or MDA funding are insufficient to pay the expenses and premiums in full, the premiums will be prorated among those entitled to premiums.



## General Exhibitor Livestock Rules

**Introduction:** The 4-H program is educational by design. Its first priority is to help youth develop character, community service and skills in preparation of serving others in society. All youth exhibitors will be held to the same standard and should strive to present the animals they have in the best manner possible. Each exhibitor should willingly teach others the things they have learned and are learning in their project experience. Because of the priority of developing high character and service to others, all livestock exhibitors and families will care for and prepare their animals for showing in the areas designated by the appropriate livestock superintendent so that all exhibitors and families can learn from each other.

### Preparation, Care & Exhibition of Animals

1. **Animals will be treated Humanely:** All animals shall be brought to the fairgrounds in a clean and presentable fashion. All exhibitors and families shall provide feed and water daily between **6:00 - 8:00 a.m.** and **6:00 - 8:00 p.m.** All exhibitors and families shall not inflict undue pain for any purpose. If there is a question about the appropriateness of any treatment of an animal, the member or family members should get permission from the superintendent before implementing the practice. Abusive use of show aids will not be tolerated. Parents may intervene if safety or excessive handling is observed.
2. **“Report to Superintendent Immediately”** tags will be placed on any pen where animals have not been properly cared for by the exhibitor; *Explanation of tagging process:* 1<sup>st</sup> yellow tag = warning - verbal. 2<sup>nd</sup> yellow tag = written warning. Red tag results in loss of privileges and may result in loss of monies. Refer to the project Animal Certification/Care form for full details.
3. **Proper Fitting and Representation of Animal Information:** The exhibitor is responsible for preparing their animal for presentation during the show. Immediate family members, grandparents, legal guardians, other current-year St. Joseph County 4-H members, or St. Joseph County 4-H leaders may **assist** them during fair week. However, the **exhibitor must actively participate in the grooming of the animal** as well. It is expected that the animals will be washed and clipped as allowed in species rules. Tampering with the color or quality of the animal's coat is not allowed unless species rules provide an exception. If there is a question about the appropriateness of a grooming or fitting technique the appropriate superintendent should be consulted for approval prior to using the technique. Tampering or misrepresentation of ownership, breeding, age, preparation, or other irregularity in exhibiting will be considered fraud and deception. Any use of a professional fitter, groomer, arranger, etc. at the fair facilities is prohibited. Violation of this rule, as determined by the appropriate 4-H Species Superintendent and the St. Joseph County 4-H Program Coordinator will result in the disqualification of the exhibitor and the animal(s) will be removed from the fair facilities and market animals will not be sold at the auction.

11. **4-H Livestock members DO NOT need a current Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification on file at the MSU Extension office for 2024.**
12. **Ribbons/Rosettes:** Ribbons/rosettes will be awarded in all classes as specified in the Departments, Sections, and Classes detailed in this book.
13. **Trophies/Plaques:** exhibitors who have been awarded a trophy, plaque or other special award **must** write a “thank you” note to each donor(s) in order to take the award(s) home at the conclusion of fair week.  
The “thank you” note must be properly addressed, stamped and submitted in exchange for the award in Building No. 43 **10:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.** on Saturday, September 21, 2024. The 4-H St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council sells special 4-H “thank you” note cards (including a pre-stamped envelope) at the 4-H Fair Office. The cost is \$2.00 per card/envelope "set".
14. **Special Awards:** Special awards (rosettes, trophies, plaques, gift certificates, etc.) will be given only for those exhibits judged worthy of this recognition by the judge.
15. **Special Award Codes:**
  - (P) = plaque
  - (R) = rosette appropriate to class
  - (T) = trophy
  - (PR) = plaque & rosette appropriate to class
  - (TR) = trophy & rosette appropriate to class
16. **Project Guidelines:** Refer to specific project guidelines (where they exist) for information on exhibit requirements.
17. **Exhibit and Animal Release:** All still project exhibits will be available to take home **10:00 - 11:00 p.m.** on Saturday, September 21, 2024 and **9:00 - 10:00 a.m.** on Sunday, September 22, 2024. All animal project exhibits will be released at 5:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 22, 2024. **Attention: All exhibits MUST BE GONE by Sunday, September 22, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.** per the St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board.
  - A fine will be assessed against any and all premiums earned on any and all exhibits removed prior to the published release times without the permission of the St. Joseph County 4-H Program Coordinator and the St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board.
18. **Unclaimed Exhibits:** Any project exhibit not picked up by October 31 will either be donated to charity or disposed of as appropriate.
19. **Solicitations:** Solicitations of any nature on the fairgrounds except by contracted concession or commercial rental spaces are prohibited.
20. **Advertising/Free Merchandise:** No person will be permitted to post or display signs, or distribute handbills or merchandise except under fair contract.
21. **Pets:** No pets are allowed on the fairgrounds.
22. **No Smoking Regulation:** No smoking in any building or tent on the fairgrounds by order of the fire marshal.
23. **Golf/ATV/Off-Road Vehicles Policy:** Please check with the St. Joseph County Grange Fair at (269) 467-8935.
24. **Open Class:** The St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board passed the following rule regarding cross-over into open class: youth exhibitors may enter the same animals in appropriate classes in the Open Class division for goats and horses. The 4-H exhibitor will pay entry fees and housing fees.

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4. **Fraud and Deception:** Fraud and/or deception will not be allowed relative to any exhibit. Fraud and/or deception is defined to include, but not limited to, the following:
  - A. Tampering, altering, and/or misrepresentation relative to non-livestock projects (i.e., a non-livestock project may only be exhibited one time at the Fair).
  - B. Tampering, altering, and/or misrepresentation relative to but is not limited to animal's breeding, age, ownership, and/or method of preparation or completion. (For example, with animal exhibits this includes, but is not limited to coloring that alters or misrepresents breed characteristics, pumping, drenching, and filling).
  - C. Unethical fitting of animal exhibits is defined as the administration of any substance (to include, but not limited to, drugs covered in letter (D) below, blood, oils, steroids, air, chemical substances) or performance of any surgical or nonsurgical procedure altering the animal's configuration or natural conformation of any part of the animal's body, or rendering its tissues unfit for human consumption and is prohibited. Exceptions that are allowed to letters (A) & (B) above include hoof trimming, dehorning, removal of hair, manipulation of normally attached hair, castration, branding, tattooing, ear notching, docking of tails on sheep and swine, and coloring that does not alter or misrepresent breed characteristics.
  - D. MARKET ANIMALS SHALL NOT CONTAIN any identifiable or unidentifiable foreign substance, including drugs, steroids, or chemicals, greater than those standards established by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) or Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as permissible for sale for consumption as human food both on day of show and day of shipment to market from the fair. Test samples that may be collected from any animal exhibit shall be free of any foreign substance including any steroids, drug or chemical affecting the central nervous system (for example, stimulants, depressants or pain killers). Refusing such tests will result in disqualification and forfeiture of all awards.
  - E. Species superintendent team may file documentation without filing fees if rules A - D are not followed.
5. **Animal Exhibitor Dress Code:** Exhibitors may not wear any item that promotes their club's name or logo, a farm name, award(s) won by the exhibitor or species or breed associations while exhibiting in animal classes at the fair. **Note:** Volunteers working at the fair in support of a livestock show must also follow the Animal Exhibitor Dress Code during the show. Exhibitors must be dressed appropriately for shows and evaluations as specified in the St. Joseph County 4-H/FFA & Other Youth Fair Premium Book under each species' requirements.
6. **Substitute Exhibitor:** An exhibitor/parent/guardian may request permission **in writing** for a substitute showman from the project superintendent **prior to** the class being shown. Some valid reasons are: personal emergency or an approved scheduling conflict that prevents the exhibitor from being able to show their own animal. The substitute exhibitor must be a current-year St. Joseph County 4-H or FFA member. Substitute showmen are not allowed in Showmanship classes.
7. **Assistant Animal Handlers:** Assistant handlers are allowed when an exhibitor has more than one animal in a market class. The assistant handler must be a current-year St. Joseph County 4-H or FFA member.
8. **Accommodations for Youth with Disabilities:** Accommodations in judging will be given to exhibitors identified on fair entry forms prior to fair in writing as having a disability (physical, mental, emotional and/or learning) that affects their ability to compete effectively with exhibitors without disabilities. Youth with disabilities may be assisted, as necessary, during project evaluation and/or in the show ring by a parent/guardian, 4-H leader or other current St. Joseph County 4-H/FFA member. It will be the responsibility of the "assistant" to inform the judging clerk (in the case of project evaluation) or the show superintendent (in the case of animal science classes) of the reason for his/her presence at the evaluation or in the show ring.
9. **Coaching is prohibited:** Coaching of an exhibitor while they are in the show ring or participating in the evaluation of their project work is prohibited. Coaching is any behavior intended to direct the actions of a given exhibitor during the show or evaluation. Exhibitors determined to be the recipient of coaching may be disqualified from the class at the discretion of the 4-H project superintendent, judge and/or St. Joseph County MSU Extension staff. \* Parents may intervene if safety or excessive animal handling is observed.
10. **Examination and Testing of Project Animals:** The St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council, St. Joseph County 4-H Livestock Association, St. Joseph County 4-H Horse Council, St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board of Directors, and St. Joseph County MSU Extension staff reserve the right to order the examination or testing of any animal for any reason by officials or veterinarians appointed by any of the above-mentioned organizations.
11. **All youth livestock exhibitors** will be held responsible for cleaning and tearing down their project pen/stall at the end of fair. Individuals or clubs may be assessed a \$50.00 fine for failure to do so.
12. All pen/stall cards must be above pen/stalls by **Sunday September 15, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.** Any pen/stall without signs will be yellow tagged.

### Filing a Rules Related Complaint

The following procedure will be followed regarding the handling of a rule violation complaint:

1. Contact the appropriate superintendent or assistant superintendent and discuss your concerns with them to determine if rules have been violated. The superintendent may then choose to consult with local St. Joseph County MSU Extension staff. If you are not satisfied with the results of this process, you may file a complaint, see rule 2 and following.
2. Any person interested in bringing a rule violation complaint against an exhibitor must complete, sign and submit a "4-H Rule Violation Complaint Form" to the 4-H Program Coordinator within 24 hours of the alleged violation or becoming aware of the situation and within the seven (7) day fair time frame. Every effort should be made, if possible, to submit a complaint prior to an animal exhibition in a show. This does not guarantee removal of the animal from the show. If an alleged violation happens after exhibition, a complaint form must be submitted no later than the last Saturday of the current fair week by 12:00 p.m. A \$100 cash filing fee per complaint form is due and payable at the time the complaint is filed. If the complaint is upheld, the filing fee will be refunded. If the

complaint is not upheld, the filing fee will go to the St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council.

3. The exhibitor and/or parent or guardian against whom a 4-H rule violation complaint has been filed has the right to read the complaint.
4. The animal may be placed under quarantine until appropriate examination and collection of samples for testing are completed.
5. The exhibitor or their parent/guardian against whom the complaint is filed (hereafter referred to as the respondent) is required to complete and submit a "4-H Rule Violation Response Form" to the 4-H Program Coordinator within 12 hours of receiving a copy of the "4-H Rule Violation Complaint Form" filed against them. The individual who brought the complaint (hereafter known as the complainant) has the right to read the response form.
6. Both the complainant and the respondent will be asked to appear before the 4-H/Livestock Association Executive Council Complaint Committee for a hearing on the matter. Any youth exhibitor appearing before this committee must have their parents/legal guardians or their designee present and they may speak on behalf of the exhibitor. Each side has a maximum of 10 minutes to present the facts of their case, with the complainant speaking first. Each side also has five minutes for rebuttal. The Committee will deliberate as they determine appropriate and render its decision. **Upon the decision it will be final.**
7. A written copy of the 4-H/Livestock Association Executive Council Complaint Committee's decision and penalties assessed, if applicable will be delivered by the 4-H Program Coordinator to the respondent and the complainant as soon as possible after a decision has been rendered. If, for any reason, a decision regarding the rule violation cannot be rendered until after the fair, both parties will be notified by mail of the Committee's decision.
8. The St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board of Directors has final authority over decisions involving the Fair per the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

**4-H/Livestock Association Executive Council Complaint Committee:** Committee is comprised of four persons of the St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council Executive board, the 4-H Program Coordinator, the St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board of Directors 4-H Liaison, as well as Livestock Association Committee members as appropriate. The 4-H Youth Council President, or their designee, will serve as the chairperson. If there is a conflict of interest with any of the above representatives, the 4-H Program Coordinator will choose a designee to stand in place of said representative.

**Fair Management Rights:** The fair management (governing entity of the event) reserves the right to take cognizance of fraud/deception or violation of rules in connection with a given exhibit and take such action as deemed just and proper. It also reserves the right of MSU Extension, FFA, or their affiliated organizations to take action in a situation when behavior inappropriate to the purpose of 4-H or FFA that is not explicitly addressed in these rules has occurred.

**4-H Project Animal Certification/Care Form:** All youth exhibitors exhibiting animals at the fair are required to complete the "4-H Project Animal Certification/Care Form" and turn it into their club organizational leader or the MSU

Extension office with fair entry forms by August 12, 2024 (subject to change).

## Penalties for Misconduct

When it is determined that a rule has been violated or misconduct has occurred while exhibiting in the 4-H/FFA & Other Youth Division of the fair, any and all of the following actions may be taken:

1. The exhibit in question shall be barred from the show if determined prior to the show or disqualified if discovered after completion of the class or show. Other animals will be moved up a place. Exception: grand champion drive; champion division animals cannot be moved up because the next overall grand champion animal is not chosen in the ring.
2. Any or all other 4-H/FFA & Other Youth Division exhibits of the exhibitor may be disqualified and the animals may be made ineligible for the 4-H Market Livestock Sale. Should a rule violation be established after a market animal has been sold in the 4-H Market Livestock Sales, the sale will be voided.
3. Awards and/or premiums earned by said exhibitor **in any or all** 4-H/FFA & Other Youth departments may be forfeited and/or withheld pending final decision.
4. At the discretion of a committee comprised of the 4-H Program Coordinator, the St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board 4-H Liaison, the St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council Executive Board and Livestock Association, the exhibitor and/or exhibitor's family may be barred from competition at the St. Joseph County Grange Fair for a period of up to three years.

## Registration and Check-in

1. Ear tags, neck tags, leg bands and wing bands will be supplied, and tattoo numbers assigned by the St. Joseph County MSU Extension office. 4-H superintendents and FFA advisors may borrow tagging pliers and tattoo kits for a maximum of three (3) days only.
2. All youth exhibitors must follow the identification and registration process at the initial weigh-in/tagging of each species.
3. Initial weigh-in/tagging and fair week weigh-in/check-in dates and times are listed in each appropriate section by species and in Project Information Letters online at [https://www.canr.msu.edu/st\\_joseph/4-h/4\\_h\\_livestock](https://www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_livestock).
4. Reweighing, at the request of the exhibitor, is prohibited.
5. **All animals must be checked in by the exhibitor or an immediate family member unless prior arrangements are made in writing and filed at the MSU Extension office 24 hours in advance of check-in times at fair.**

## 4-H Livestock Association Market Livestock Sales

1. Market animals must be shown at the fair in the 4-H/FFA & Other Youth division in order to be sold in the 4-H Market Livestock Sales.
2. **Goats, poultry, rabbits:** All market livestock will be consigned to the Small Animal Auction unless the

- Dairy market steer must weigh a minimum of 1,100 lbs. to compete in this section.
- Dairy market steers will be divided into classes at the discretion of the Superintendent and/or MSU Extension.

#### Class

- 1123 - Dairy Market Steer
- 1124 - Grand Champion Dairy Market Steer (PR)
- 1125 - Res. Grand Champion Dairy Market Steer (PR)

#### Section Y - Dairy Market Steer Rate-of-Gain (Placing premium table = 105a)

- Each properly registered dairy market steer for which complete information is on file will automatically be entered in the rate-of-gain class.
- First place is awarded to the individual dairy market steer, with the highest average daily rate-of-gain.

#### Class

- 1126 - Dairy Market Steer Rate-of-Gain (1<sup>st</sup> T, 2<sup>nd</sup> T)

## Department 6 - Sheep

*Ryan Waltke, Superintendent*  
*Bill Kelley, Assistant Superintendent*

- See [www.michigan.gov/mdard/animals/exhibitions](http://www.michigan.gov/mdard/animals/exhibitions).
- Read and follow "General Exhibitor Livestock Rules" starting on Page 7.
- Exhibitors will not be allowed to enter or exhibit in this species department if exhibited at another county fair during the current year.
- All Sheep intended for exhibition at the fair must have a USDA scrapie ear tag in order to be unloaded, weighed in June and housed at the fair. All farm tags excluding scrapie tags must be removed prior to June weigh in. Call MDA to register and receive a premises identification number at 888-565-8626 then call USDA to order official tags at 517-324-5290.
- The exhibitor must own all sheep or have joint ownership within a family corporation and/or partnerships of 4-H members with one or more parent, sibling and/or legal guardian. Exhibitors may tag up to four (4) lambs. All sheep may be cross-tagged between family members living in the SAME primary household. **No leasing of lambs is allowed.**
- Possession:** Each 4-H member must remain in possession of their animals after tag/weigh-in and must be housed at the member's home. If an animal is determined to be in violation by Superintendent, that animal will be disqualified unless special permission is granted by Superintendent and/or MSU Extension prior to moving animal outside of range.
- All sheep exhibitors are subject to receiving random farm visits conducted by the species Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent.
- Lambs will be weighed in at time of unloading, no reweighing.
- All sheep must be weighed-in on Friday, September 13, 2024, 3:30 - 7:30 p.m. or Saturday, September 14, 2024, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- Lambs weighing less than the 100 lb. required minimum weight will be ineligible for exhibition and will be sent home

at weigh-in. **Exception:** Ewes less than 100 lbs. have the option to declare as Breeding Stock or be taken home.

- Pen Bedding:** May use natural/dry mulch or shavings.
- Halters** may be used in market lamb classes by exhibitors if desired and approved by Superintendent, and by exhibitors of all ages in breeding stock classes.
- Lamb "Check-Off" Fee:** In accordance with the Lamb Promotion, Research & Information Order \$0.007 per pound of live lambs sold will be deducted at the first point of sale.
- No barn set-up in the sheep barn on Saturday, September 7, 2024 until **all** carcass weigh-ins are completed.
- Cool, wet towels may be used to prevent overheating of lambs.
- Show Order: Showmanship (oldest to youngest), Cloverbuds, Breeding Stock, Market Wethers, Market Ewes (order rotates annually), Home Born & Raised, Champion Drive, and Adult Showmanship.

#### Section A - Evaluation (A, B, C premium table = 2)

- Required participation by all exhibitors:** All exhibitors exhibiting any type of sheep project must participate in the 4-H Sheep Project Evaluation. A completed evaluation includes an interview with a judge and competing in the sheep skill-a-thon. Failure to complete the appropriate evaluation(s) will result in their sheep project animal(s) disqualification from the show(s) and require the removal of their lambs from the fairgrounds.
- Interview Schedule:** Sheep Project Interviews will be conducted on an individual basis on **Sunday, September 15, 2024, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.** at the pen where the exhibitor's sheep project animal(s) are housed.

#### Class

- 1601 - Market Lamb Evaluation - exhibitors 8-11 years old
- 1602 - Best-of-Show in class 1601 (R)
- 1603 - Market Lamb Evaluation - exhibitors 12-14 years old
- 1604 - Best-of-Show in class 1603 (R)
- 1605 - Market Lamb Evaluation - exhibitors 15-19 years old
- 1606 - Best-of-Show in class 1605 (R)
- 1607 - Breeding Sheep Evaluation - exhibitors 8-11 years old
- 1608 - Best-of-Show in class 1607 (R)
- 1609 - Breeding Sheep Evaluation - exhibitors 12-14 years old
- 1610 - Best-of-Show in class 1609 (R)
- 1611 - Breeding Sheep Evaluation - exhibitors 15-19 years old
- 1612 - Best-of-Show in class 1611 (R)

#### Section B - Sheep Project Skill-A-Thon (No premium - Ribbon only)

- Sheep project skill-a-thons will take place on **Sunday, September 15, 2024, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.**

#### Class

- 1613 - Sheep Project Skill-a-thon - exhibitors 8-11 years old
- 1614 - Sheep Project Skill-a-thon - exhibitors 12-14 years old
- 1615 - Sheep Project Skill-a-thon - exhibitors 15-19 years old

#### Section C - Sheep Fitting & Showmanship (Placing premium table = 102)

- All exhibitors are eligible to compete in Fitting & Showmanship classes. Pre-registration is required.

2. Exhibitors must show own project animal.
3. Classes may be divided at the discretion of the superintendent and/or MSU Extension.

#### Class

- 1616 - Sheep Fitting & Showmanship, 15-19 (TR)  
 1617 - Sheep Fitting & Showmanship, 12-14 (TR)  
 1618 - Sheep Fitting & Showmanship, 8-11 (TR)

#### Section D - Market Ewes & Wethers (Placing premium table = 102)

1. Read and follow "General Exhibitor Livestock Rules" starting on Page 7.
2. **Registration and Ear-tagging:** All market and carcass lambs must be ear-tagged and registered at the St. Joseph County MSU Extension countywide weigh-in/registration on June 4 or June 6, 2024, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Lambs that are not registered on either of these dates are not eligible to be shown at the fair. Exhibitors may ear-tag and register four market lambs, but may show and sell only two at the fair, and one in the Carcass Lamb Contest if all eligibility requirements are met. All animals may be cross-tagged between family members living in the **SAME** primary household.
3. Male market/carcass lambs must be "wethered" (castrated) by June 1 of the current project year. No rams can be shown as market lambs.
4. Hair samples will be pulled from all market lambs at the time of weigh-in/tagging in June. Hair samples will also be pulled from the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Wethers and Ewes immediately following the Grand Champion Drives.
5. All market lambs must be rough shorn by fair weigh-in.
6. All market lambs will be consigned to the Large Animal Auction unless the Livestock Removal Authorization Form is submitted to the 4-H office by Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.
7. Market lambs will be divided into classes based on fair weigh-in weight at the discretion of MSU Extension and/or Superintendent.

#### Class

- 1619 - Market Ewe  
 1620 - Grand Champion Ewe Drive:  
     1<sup>st</sup> Place - Grand Champion Ewe (PR)  
     2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Reserve Grand Champion Ewe (PR)  
 1621 - Market Wether  
 1622 - Grand Champion Wether Drive:  
     1<sup>st</sup> Place - Grand Champion Wether (PR)  
     2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Res. Grand Champion Wether (PR)

#### Section E - Market Lambs (Home Born & Raised)

1. A 4-H Home Born & Raised Market Lamb must be both birthed and raised by a 4-H exhibitor on the exhibitor's property, or on a superintendent verified site. (The animal must be raised by the 4-H exhibitor at the place of birth.) Exhibitors may only show one animal in this class.

#### Class

- 1623 - Champion Home Born & Raised Market Lamb (TR)  
 1624 - Reserve Champion Home Born & Raised Market Lamb (TR)

#### Section F - Carcass Lamb Contest (Placing premium table = 105a)

1. Entry in this section is limited to 10 participants. If more than 10 exhibitors submit entry forms, selection of the 10 participants will be based on a combined factor of exhibitor age plus number of years in the project.
2. Completed entry forms must be received in the St. Joseph County MSU Extension office by June 6 of current year in order to be considered. Applicants will be notified by letter regarding the status of their entry.
3. A member's carcass lamb must be one of the market lambs registered in his/her name.
4. To compete in the 4-H Carcass Sheep class, sheep must weigh a minimum of 100 lbs.
5. All lambs entered in the Carcass Lamb Contest must be shorn within two weeks of the weigh-in date or be disqualified.
6. Carcass Lamb weigh-in is at the fairgrounds on **Saturday, September 7, 2024, 10:00 a.m.** Sheep project leaders will coordinate trucking of club carcass lambs.
7. The Carcass Lamb Evaluation will take place on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at Bontrager's Custom Meat Processing, Leonidas.
8. Exhibitors participating in this contest are required to attend the Carcass Lamb Evaluation or be disqualified.
9. See St. Joseph County 4-H Carcass Lamb information sheet for more information.
10. Lamb carcasses must meet the following industry standards in order to be placed in the class: Live weight - 100 lbs.; Loin eye area - 2.0; Back fat thickness - .10 min. Any animal that does not meet all of the above requirements will be disqualified.
11. If a carcass animal is disqualified at the live evaluation, the member can request that the animal be shipped with the rest of the carcass animals for butchering, however, the member will be responsible for all processing expenses and the animal will **not** be entered into the carcass contest. Exhibitor will still be required to attend hanging evaluation for educational purposes.

#### Class

- 1625 - Carcass Lamb  
 1626 - Champion Carcass Lamb (PR)  
 1627 - Reserve Champion Carcass Lamb (PR)

#### Section G - Market Lamb Rate-of-Gain (Placing premium table = 105a)

1. All animals that meet eligibility requirements for this section are entered automatically.
2. First place is awarded to the lamb that has the highest average daily rate-of-gain.

#### Class

- 1628 - Rate-of-Gain (1<sup>st</sup> T, 2<sup>nd</sup> T)

#### Section H - K Breeding Stock Rules (Placing premium table = 102)

1. All purebred breeding stock animals in Section H must be eligible for registry.
2. Exhibitor may exhibit any breeding stock. Exhibitor may exhibit only one in each breeding stock class per section unless otherwise noted in class description.



- Breeding Stock must go through a basic health requirements check-in with superintendent prior to being housed at the fairgrounds.

### Section H - Pure Breed

#### Class

- 1629 - Jr. Ram Lamb, born on or after Feb. 15, 2024
- 1630 - Sr. Ram Lamb, born Sept. 1, 2023 - Feb. 14, 2024
- 1631 - Yearling Ram, under 2 years of age and born before August 31, 2023
- 1632 - Pair of Ram Lambs
- 1633 - One aged Ram, 2 years or older
- 1634 - Jr. Ewe Lamb, born on or after Feb. 15, 2024
- 1635 - Sr. Ewe Lamb, born Sept. 1, 2023 - Feb. 14, 2024
- 1636 - Yearling Ewe, under 2 years of age and born before August 31, 2023
- 1637 - Pair of Ewe Lambs
- 1638 - One aged Ewe age 2 years of age or older
- 1639 - Dam & Daughter, owned by one exhibitor
- 1640 - Champion Ewe (R)
- 1641 - Reserve Champion Ewe (R)
- 1642 - Champion Ram (R)
- 1643 - Reserve Champion Ram (R)

### Section J - Commercial Sheep

#### Section K – Wool Type

(Same Classes and Premiums as Section H)

### Section L - Championships

#### Class

- 1644 - Grand Champion Ewe shown in Sections H-K (PR)
- 1645 - Grand Champion Ram shown in Sections H-K (PR)
- 1646 - Champion Flock (TR)

## Department 8 - Goats

*Diana Yeager, Superintendent*

*Tarina Jansen, Assistant Superintendent*

*Maree Troyer, Assistant Superintendent*

- See [www.michigan.gov/mdard/animals/exhibitions](http://www.michigan.gov/mdard/animals/exhibitions).
- Read and follow "General Exhibitor Livestock Rules" starting on Page 7.
- Exhibitors will not be allowed to enter or exhibit in this species department if exhibited at another county fair during the current year.
- All Goats intended for exhibition must have a USDA scrapie tag on the animal in the ear (small eared goats must have a collared tag) in order to be housed at the fair. **If tattooed, a copy of the paperwork must be given to the superintendent PRIOR to being housed.** Call MDARD to receive a premises identification number (PIN) at 888-565-8626 then call USDA to order official tags at 866-873-2824.
- All goats must weigh-in on June 4 *or* June 6, 2024, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at countywide market and carcass goat weigh/tag/registration day at the fairgrounds.
- Any market goat that does not weigh 60 lbs. on the day of weigh-in at fair will be sent home. **Exception:** does less than 60 lbs. have the option to declare as Breeding

Stock. All red neck tags numbers MUST be presented at check-in to be eligible for fair.

- Check in time at fair for all 4-H goats is Saturday, September 14, 2024, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Tying of goats in assigned pens is at the discretion of the exhibitor. Any goat that attempts or does climb or jump over the pen must be tied in the pen once such action is observed.
- All breeding stock and market project animals must be owned by the exhibitor or have joint ownership within a family corporation and/or partnerships of 4-H members with one or more parent, sibling and/or legal guardian.
- Exhibitors must have primary responsibility for care and training of their project animal(s) by June 1 of the current project year.
- All market goats must be dehorned and castrated by June 1. Market goats may be allowed with a maximum one-half (½) inch horn/scur with the discretion of superintendent and assistant superintendent at fair check-in. All breeding stock goats must be dehorned. Meat breeding stock goats may be shown with horns but are not allowed to be in showmanship.
- No bucks are permitted.
- Milking on show day is left to the discretion of the exhibitor and leader.
- Exhibitors should use collars, neck straps or neck chains to aid in controlling the goat.
- Goats may be either grade or registered, and will compete on an equal basis.
- All goats must be picked up by **10:00 a.m.** on Sunday, September 22, 2024.
- Exhibitor dress code consists of dark pants and dress shirt of exhibitor's choice. No T-shirts. Exhibitors **MUST** wear dark colored closed toe footwear. Dairy exhibitors may choose to wear white pants and a white shirt.
- All goat pens must be cleaned down to the cement and re-bedded with fresh **pine shavings only** a minimum of one time during the fair week.
- Dairy goats and meat goats will show in separate rings with separate judges, but will run the same show order: Showmanship (oldest to youngest), Cloverbuds, Market, Breeding Stock, Home Born & Raised, County Bred & Born, Pet class.
- No barn set-up in any goat barn on Saturday, September 7, 2024 until all carcass weigh-ins are completed.

### Section A - Goat Evaluation

(A, B, C premium table = 2)

- Required participation by all exhibitors:** All exhibitors exhibiting any type of goat project must participate in the 4-H Goat Project Evaluation. A completed evaluation includes an interview with a judge and competing in the goat skill-a-thon. Failure to complete the appropriate evaluation(s) will result in their goat project animal(s) disqualification from the show(s) and require the removal of their goats from the fairgrounds.
- Interview Schedule:** Goat Project Interviews will be conducted on an individual basis on **Sunday, September 15, 2024, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** at the pen where the exhibitor's goat project animal(s) are housed.

#### Class

- 1301 - Market Goat Project Evaluation - exhibitors 8-11 years old
- 1302 - Best-of-Show in class 1301 (R)

- 1303 - Market Goat Project Evaluation - exhibitors 12-14 years old
- 1304 - Best-of-Show in class 1303 (R)
- 1305 - Market Goat Project Evaluation - exhibitors 15-19 years old
- 1306 - Best-of-Show in class 1305 (R)
- 1307 - Breeding Stock Goat Project Evaluation - exhibitors 8-11 years old
- 1308 - Best-of-Show in class 1307 (R)
- 1309 - Breeding Stock Goat Project Evaluation - exhibitors 12-14 years old
- 1310 - Best-of-Show in class 1309 (R)
- 1311 - Breeding Stock Goat Project Evaluation - exhibitors 15-19 years old
- 1312 - Best-of-Show in class 1311 (R)

**Section B – Goat Project Skill-A-Thon  
(No premium - Ribbon only)**

1. All goat project skill-a-thons will take place on **Sunday, September 15, 2023, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.**

**Class**

- 1313 - Goat Project Skill-a-thon - exhibitors 8-11 years old
- 1314 - Goat Project Skill-a-thon - exhibitors 12-14 years old
- 1315 - Goat Project Skill-a-thon - exhibitors 15-19 years old

**Section C - Goat Fitting & Showmanship  
(Placing premium table = 102)**

1. All exhibitors are eligible to compete in Fitting & Showmanship classes.
2. Entry must be made in showmanship class.
3. Exhibitors must show their own project animal.
4. Showmanship animals **must** be shown in a market or breeding stock class.
5. A class may be divided at the discretion of the Superintendent and/or MSU Extension.
6. Exhibitors may show in **EITHER** (not both) dairy goat or meat goat showmanship class.

**Class**

- 1316 - Dairy Goat Fitting & Showmanship, 15-19 (TR)
- 1317 - Dairy Goat Fitting & Showmanship, 12-14 (TR)
- 1318 - Dairy Goat Fitting & Showmanship, 8-11 (TR)
- 1319 - Meat Goat Fitting & Showmanship, 15-19 (TR)
- 1320 - Meat Goat Fitting & Showmanship, 12-14 (TR)
- 1321 - Meat Goat Fitting & Showmanship, 8-11 (TR)

**Section D - Market Goats  
(Placing premium table = 102)**

1. Read and follow "General Exhibitor Livestock Rules" starting on Page 7.
2. Market goats must have milk teeth present at fair check-in and are suggested to be born on December 1, 2023 or after. Does and/or wethers are eligible for market class.
3. **Registration and Ear-tagging:** All market and carcass goats must be ear-tagged and registered at the St. Joseph County MSU Extension countywide weigh-in/registration on June 4 or June 6, 2024, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Goats that are not registered on either of these dates are not eligible to be shown at the fair. Exhibitors may ear-tag and register three market goats, but may show and sell only two at the fair, and one in the Carcass Goat Contest if all eligibility requirements are met. All animals may be

cross-tagged between family members living in the SAME primary household.

4. All market goats **MUST** have a scrapie tag in the ear, or on the collar for earless goats only, at the June weigh-in to be eligible for fair.
5. Male market goats must be "wethered" (castrated) by June 1 of the current project year. The only methods of castration that will be accepted are surgical cut or banding.
6. Dairy Market Goat project animals are limited to the following breeds: Alpine, LaMancha, Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, Oberhasli, Saanen, and Toggenberg. Market Goat may be a "cross" between two or more of these breeds.
7. Meat Goats are any goat that is not included in rule #6 above. Example: Boer, Angora, Fainting, etc. or crossbred with a dairy breed.
8. Market goats will be divided into classes based on fair weigh-in weight at the discretion of the Superintendent and/or MSU Extension.
9. Exhibitors showing two individual goats will sell their higher placing goat in the Small Animal Sale. The second animal will be sold at support price or can be taken home upon completion of the goat removal authorization form. **The form must be completed and returned to the 4-H office by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 17, 2024.** In the event both goats place as Dairy/Meat Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion both animals must be sold in the 4-H Small Animal Sale.

**Class**

- 1322 - Dairy Market Goat
- 1323 - Champion Lightweight Dairy Market Goat (TR)
- 1324 - Res. Champion Lightweight Dairy Market Goat (TR)
- 1325 - Champion Mediumweight Dairy Market Goat (TR)
- 1326 - Res. Champion Mediumweight Dairy Market Goat (TR)
- 1327 - Champion Heavyweight Dairy Market Goat (TR)
- 1328 - Res. Champion Heavyweight Dairy Market Goat (TR)
- 1329 - Grand Champion Dairy Market Goat (PR)
- 1330 - Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Market Goat (PR)
- 1331 - Meat Market Goat
- 1332 - Champion Lightweight Meat Market Goat (TR)
- 1333 - Res. Champion Lightweight Meat Market Goat (TR)
- 1334 - Champion Mediumweight Meat Market Goat (TR)
- 1335 - Res. Champion Mediumweight Meat Market Goat (TR)
- 1336 - Champion Heavyweight Meat Market Goat (TR)
- 1337 - Res. Champion Heavyweight Meat Market Goat (TR)
- 1338 - Grand Champion Meat Market Goat (PR)
- 1339 - Res. Grand Champion Meat Market Goat (PR)

**Section E - Dairy Goats (All Breeds)  
(Placing premium table = 102)**

**Class**

- 1340 - Junior Doe Kid, born on or after April 1, 2024
- 1341 - Intermediate Doe Kid, born March 1 - March 31, 2024
- 1342 - Senior Doe Kid, born January 1 - February 29, 2024
- 1343 - Junior Yearling Doe, born May 1 - December 31, 2023 (not in milk).
- 1344 - Senior Yearling Doe, born January 1 - April 30, 2023 (not in milk.)
- 1345 - Champion Junior Doe (TR)
- 1346 - Reserve Champion Junior Doe (TR)
- 1347 - Yearling Milker, under 2 years
- 1348 - Junior Milker, 2 years and under 3
- 1349 - Intermediate Milker, 3 years and under 5
- 1350 - Senior Milker, 5 years and over



- 1351 - Champion Senior Doe (TR)
- 1352 - Reserve Champion Sr. Doe (TR)
- 1353 - Grand Champion Doe (PR)
- 1354 - Reserve Grand Champion Doe (PR)
- 1355 - Best Udder, judged on udder only (TR)
- 1356 - Dam and Daughter (any dairy or dairy cross breed)
- 1357 - Champion Dam and Daughter (TR)
- 1358 - Reserve Champion Dam and Daughter (R)
- 1359 - Dairy Goat Junior Herd - herd to consist of a dam and two female offspring, or three female offspring of one female
- 1360 - Champion Dairy Goat Junior Herd (TR)
- 1361 - Reserve Champion Dairy Goat Junior Herd (TR)

**Section G - Meat Goats**  
(Placing premium table = 102)

**Class**

- 1362 - Doe Kid, under 1 year
- 1363 - Yearling Doe, 1 year and under 2 years
- 1364 - Jr. Doe, 2 years and under 4 years
- 1365 - Sr. Doe, 4 years or older
- 1366 - Champion Doe (TR)
- 1367 - Reserve Champion Doe (TR)
- 1368 - Dam and Daughter (any meat/meat cross breed)
- 1369 - Champion Dam and Daughter (TR)
- 1370 - Reserve Champion Dam and Daughter (R)
- 1371 - Meat Goat Junior Herd - herd to consist of a dam and two female offspring, or three female offspring of one female
- 1372 - Champion Meat Goat Junior Herd (TR)
- 1373 - Res. Champion Meat Goat Junior Herd (TR)

**Section H - Carcass Goat Contest**  
(Placing premium table = 105a)

1. Entry in this section is limited to 10 participants. If more than 10 exhibitors submit entry forms, selection of the 10 participants will be based on a combined factor of exhibitor age plus number of years in the project.
2. Completed entry forms must be received in the St. Joseph County MSU Extension office by June 10 of current year in order to be considered. Applicants will be notified by letter regarding the status of their entry.
3. A member's carcass goat must be one of the market goats registered in his/her name.
4. To compete in the 4-H Carcass Goat class, goat must weigh a minimum of 60 lbs. at carcass class weigh in, if the animal does not make the minimum weight, it will be disqualified.
5. Live Goat weigh-in is at the fairgrounds on **Saturday, September 7, 2024**. Goat project leaders will coordinate trucking of club carcass goats.
6. If a carcass animal is disqualified at the live evaluation, the member can request that the animal be shipped with the rest of the carcass animals for butchering, however, the member will be responsible for all processing expenses and the animal will **not** be entered into the carcass contest. Exhibitor will still be required to attend hanging evaluation for educational purposes.
7. The Carcass Goat Evaluation will take place on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at Bontrager's Custom Meat Processing, Leonidas.
8. Exhibitors participating in this contest are required to attend the Carcass Goat Evaluations or be disqualified.
9. Carcass Goats **ONLY** may have a maximum horn/regrowth of 2 inches.

**Class**

- 1374 - Carcass Goat
- 1375 - Champion Carcass Goat (PR)
- 1376 - Reserve Champion Carcass Goat (PR)

**Section J - Market Goat Rate-of-Gain**  
(Ribbon Class Only)

1. All animals that meet eligibility requirements for this section are entered automatically.
2. First place is awarded to the goat that has the highest average daily rate-of-gain.

**Class**

- 1377 - Rate-of-Gain (1<sup>st</sup> T, 2<sup>nd</sup> T)

**Section K - Market Goat Home Born & Raised**  
(No premiums - ribbon only)

1. A 4-H Home Born & Raised Market Goat must be both birthed and raised by a 4-H exhibitor on the exhibitor's property, or on a superintendent verified site. (The animal must be raised by the 4-H exhibitor at the place of birth.) Exhibitors may only show one animal in this class.
2. Home Born & Raised forms must be filled out at countywide weigh-in/registration in June.

**Class**

- 1378 - Home Born & Raised Dairy Goat (1<sup>st</sup> R, 2<sup>nd</sup> R)
- 1379 - Home Born & Raised Meat Goat (1<sup>st</sup> R, 2<sup>nd</sup> R)

**Section L - Market Goat County Bred & Born**  
(No premiums - ribbon only)

1. A 4-H County Bred & Born Market Goat must be both bred and birthed in St. Joseph County. Exhibitors may only show one animal in this class.
2. County Bred & Born forms must be filled out at countywide weigh-in/registration in June.

**Class**

- 1380 - County Bred & Born Dairy Goat (1<sup>st</sup> R, 2<sup>nd</sup> R)
- 1381 - County Bred & Born Meat Goat (1<sup>st</sup> R, 2<sup>nd</sup> R)

**Section M - Pet Goats**  
(No premiums in this section - ribbon only)

1. All goats must be at least one (1) year old and can be a doe or wether of any breed with or without horns.
2. All Goats intended for exhibition must have a USDA scrapie tag on the animal in order to be housed at the fair. See "General Goat Rule" #4 for more information.
3. Must have a collar and leash or halter. No spike collars allowed.
4. Goats do not have to be shaved but need to be clean, have trimmed hooves, and be show presentable.
5. Goats in this section may not be registered or shown in any other class, i.e., showmanship, market or breeding stock.
6. It is at the discretion of the Goat Superintendent, Goat Assistant Superintendent, 4-H Coordinator, and/or Goat Judge to dismiss any goat from participating in the class if the animal is deemed unruly and/or unsafe for the handler, other youth or other goats in the ring.

**Class**

- 1382 - Pet Goat

## Department 10 - Swine

*Kevin Yeager, Superintendent*  
*Brady Littlefield, Assistant Superintendent*  
*Rick Gould, Assistant Superintendent*

1. See [www.michigan.gov/mdard/animals/exhibitions](http://www.michigan.gov/mdard/animals/exhibitions).
2. Read and follow "General Exhibitor Livestock Rules" starting on Page 7.
3. Exhibitors will not be allowed to enter or exhibit in this species department if exhibited at another county fair during the current year.
4. The exhibitor must own all swine or have joint ownership within a family corporation and/or partnerships of 4-H members with one or more parent, sibling, and/or legal guardian.
5. **Registration and Ear-tagging:** All market and carcass hogs must be ear-tagged and registered with the St. Joseph County MSU Extension in June. Tagging will take place per club at the discretion of the Swine Superintendent. Hogs that are not registered with the MSU Extension office are not eligible to be shown at the fair. Exhibitors may ear-tag and register four hogs, but may show and sell only two at the fair, and one in the Carcass Hog Contest if all eligibility requirements are met. All animals may be cross-tagged between family members living in the **SAME** primary household.
4. **Ear Tags:** St. Joseph County Fair 4-H tags will be used for identification. In accordance with **state law, all exhibition hogs must also have an official form of ID**, such as an 840 or NUES tag. If they do not already have official ID when purchased, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure hogs are tagged with an official ID tag by the date of tagging. A premises identification number (PIN) is required to purchase tags. Exhibitors can call MDARD at 888-565-8626 to obtain a PIN.
6. MSU Extension staff, 4-H Swine Superintendent or Assistant Superintendents, will handle all shipping arrangements for market hogs. No private trucking of market hogs is allowed.
7. **Swine Sale "Check-Off" Fee:** In accordance with the National Pork Promotion, Research and Consumer Information Act; 0.35% (.0035) of the sale value will be deducted at the first point of sale.
8. **Weigh-In Process:** Hogs must be delivered to the fair on Friday, September 13, 2024, 3:30 - 7:30 pm **or** Saturday, September 14, 2024 8:00 - 11:00 am. Weigh-in will take place at time of unloading. Hogs can be weighed only once - NO reweighing. The exhibitor, or immediate family member must accompany their market hogs through the weigh-in process. Hogs must be **clean and tags legible** or they will be turned away until they are clean. All hogs must have an 840 or NUES tag in place to be unloaded.
9. Hogs weighing less than 225 lbs. **or** more than 320 lbs. are disqualified and will be sent home immediately.
10. **Show Equipment:** Swine Project member may take into the show arena building, including the time in a holding pen, a brush and show instrument. This rule covers the entire time the member is in the show arena. The Swine Department will furnish water bottles to be put in each holding pen for the use of each showman. These provided water bottles must remain in the holding pen area only.
11. The judge and volunteers assisting with the 4-H Swine Show are the only people allowed in the show ring and

holding pen area during the show. **Parents may not accompany their child.**

12. **Club Wash Rack/Runway Duty:** Each 4-H Swine Project club will be assigned specific wash rack(s) to keep clean during the week. ANYONE can use the wash racks. Clubs will be responsible for their assigned wash rack(s) to clean and will be checked daily. **Absolutely no feeding of hogs or cleaning of equipment in the wash rack!**
13. All Pigs that are clipped must have at least 3/8 in. hair.
14. Swine pens **MUST** be stripped of all bedding and replaced with fresh bedding **EACH** morning. **Only pine shavings may be used as bedding.** Cleaning and feeding times are as follows: morning, 6:00 - 8:00 a.m. and evenings, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
15. All market livestock will be consigned to the Large Animal Auction unless the Livestock Removal Authorization Form is submitted to the 4-H office by Tuesday, September 17 at 9:00 a.m. The Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Barrow and Gilt must be consigned to the 4-H Large Animal Sale.
16. **Show Order:** Showmanship (oldest to youngest), Market Barrows, Market Gilts, Cloverbuds, Grand Champion Drive - Barrows, Grand Champion Drive - Gilts, Home Born and Raised.

### Section A - Swine Project Evaluation (A, B, C premium table = 2)

1. **Required participation by all exhibitors:** All 4-H members exhibiting a swine project must participate in the 4-H Swine Project Evaluation. A completed evaluation includes an interview with a judge and competing in the swine skill-a-thon. Failure to complete the appropriate evaluation(s) will result in their swine project animals' disqualification from the show and require the removal of their hogs from the fairgrounds.
2. **Interview Schedule:** Swine Project Interviews will be conducted on an individual basis on **Sunday, September 15, 2024, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** at the pen where the exhibitor's swine project animal(s) are housed.

### Class

- 1701 - Swine Project Evaluation - exhibitors 8-11 years old
- 1702 - Best-of-Show in class 1701 (R)
- 1703 - Swine Project Evaluation - exhibitors 12-14 years old
- 1704 - Best-of-Show in class 1703 (R)
- 1705 - Swine Project Evaluation - exhibitors 15-19 years old
- 1706 - Best-of-Show in class 1705 (R)

### Section B - Swine Project Skill-A-Thon (No premiums - Ribbon only)

1. Swine project skill-a-thons will take place on **Sunday, September 15, 2024, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.**
- 1707 - Swine Skill-a-Thon - exhibitors 8-11 years old
  - 1708 - Swine Skill-a-Thon - exhibitors 12-14 years old
  - 1709 - Swine Skill-a-Thon - exhibitors 15-19 years old

### Section C - Swine Fitting & Showmanship (Placing premium table = 102)

1. All exhibitors are eligible to compete in the Fitting & Showmanship classes. Entry must be made in Showmanship class.
2. Exhibitors must show their own project animal.

- Classes may be divided at the discretion of the Superintendent and/or MSU Extension.

**Class**

- 1710 - Swine Fitting & Showmanship, 8-11 (TR)
- 1711 - Swine Fitting & Showmanship, 12-14 (TR)
- 1712 - Swine Fitting & Showmanship, 15-19 (TR)

**Section D - Market Hog Home Born & Raised  
(No premiums - Ribbon only)**

- A 4-H Home Born & Raised Market Hog must be both birthed and raised by a 4-H exhibitor on the exhibitor's property, or on a superintendent verified site. (The animal must be raised by the 4-H exhibitor at the place of birth.) Exhibitors may only show one animal in this class.

**Class**

- 1713 - Home Born & Raised (R)

**Section E - Market Gilts & Barrows  
(Placing premium table = 102)**

- Read and follow General Swine Rules.
- All market/carcass hogs must be ear-tagged at one of the countywide tagging days.
- Maximum optimal starting weight as of June 15 is 105 lbs.

**Class**

- 1714 - Market Gilt
- 1715 - Champion Lightweight Market Gilt (TR)
- 1716 - Res. Champion Lightweight Market Gilt (TR)
- 1717 - Champion Light Mediumweight Market Gilt (TR)
- 1718 - Res. Champion Light Mediumweight Market Gilt (TR)
- 1719 - Champion Heavy Mediumweight Market Gilt (TR)
- 1720 - Res. Champion Heavy Mediumweight Market Gilt (TR)
- 1721 - Champion Heavyweight Market Gilt (TR)
- 1722 - Res. Champion Heavyweight Market Gilt (TR)
- 1723 - Grand Champion Gilt (PR)
- 1724 - Reserve Grand Champion Gilt (PR)
- 1725 - Market Barrow
- 1726 - Champion Lightweight Market Barrow (TR)
- 1727 - Res. Champion Lightweight Market Barrow (TR)
- 1728 - Champion Light Mediumweight Market Barrow (TR)
- 1729 - Res. Champion Light Mediumweight Market Barrow (TR)
- 1730 - Champion Heavy Mediumweight Market Barrow (TR)
- 1731 - Res. Champion Heavy Mediumweight Market Barrow (TR)
- 1732 - Champion Heavyweight Market Barrow (TR)
- 1733 - Res. Champion Heavyweight Market Barrow (TR)
- 1734 - Grand Champion Barrow (PR)
- 1735 - Reserve Grand Champion Barrow (PR)

**Section F - Carcass Hog Contest  
(Placing premium table = 105a)**

- Entry in this section is limited to 10 participants. If more than 10 exhibitors submit entry forms, selection of the 10 participants will be based on a combined factor of exhibitor age plus number of years in the project.
- A member's carcass hog must be one of the market hogs registered in their name.
- Hogs entered in the Carcass Class must weigh at least 225 lbs. but not more than 320 lbs. at weigh-in for in order to be eligible to compete or be disqualified.

- Hogs entered in the carcass contest must be in good health, be of sound quality meeting industry standards and MDARD health regulations. No hogs with ruptured navels, excessive limping, prolapse, abscess, or respiratory (upper or lower) concerns will be allowed as determined by the Swine Superintendent and/or Assistant Superintendents and MSU Extension staff.
- Live Hog weigh-in will take place on **Saturday, September 7, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.** at the fairgrounds.
- If a carcass animal is disqualified at the live evaluation, the member can request that the animal be shipped with the rest of the carcass animals for butchering, however, the member will be responsible for all processing expenses and the animal will not be entered into the carcass contest. Exhibitor will still be required to attend hanging evaluation for educational purposes.
- The Carcass Hog Evaluation will take place on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Bontrager's Custom Meat Processing, Leonidas.
- Exhibitors participating in this contest must attend the hanging Carcass Hog Evaluation in order to receive a premium and any associated awards or be disqualified from the contest.
- Carcass evaluation judging criteria will include: carcass score and quality (color, texture and exudation). Severe cases of PSE will be disqualified based on judge's discretion.
- Hog carcasses must meet the following certification standards in order to place in the class: carcass length = 29.5" minimum, loin eye area = 4.5 sq. in. minimum, back fat = 0.4" minimum. If an exhibitor's hog does not meet this certification standards, the member will only be eligible for a participation ribbon.

**Class**

- 1736 - Carcass Hog
- 1737 - Champion Carcass Hog (based on % muscle) (TR)
- 1738 - Reserve Champion Carcass Hog (based on % muscle) (TR)
- 1739 - Carcass Efficiency (T)

**Department 12 - Poultry**

*Angie Landis, Superintendent  
Karrie Landis, Market Chicken Assistant Superintendent  
Michele Kelley, Turkey Assistant Superintendent  
Karyn Scheffler, Breeding Stock Assistant Superintendent*

- See [www.michigan.gov/mdard/animals/exhibitions](http://www.michigan.gov/mdard/animals/exhibitions).
- Read and follow "General Exhibitor Livestock Rules" starting on Page 7.
- Exhibitors will not be allowed to enter or exhibit in this species department if exhibited at another county fair during the current year.
- All chickens and turkeys for exhibition must either:
  - Originate from a pullorum-typhoid clean flock and have been housed separately from birds of unknown or positive pullorum-typhoid health-status. One of the following must accompany your registration form: parent flock National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) certification number, MDA form VS9-2, MDA form VS9-3. **OR**

**Premium Tables**  
**4-H & Other Youth Fair Premium Book**  
**2024 St. Joseph County Grange Fair**

Premium table numbers are listed directly under each section heading (and in some cases for specific classes), and refer to the premium tables listed below. The premium table for a given section applies to all classes in the section. **Exception:** No premiums are awarded in Best Exhibit, Best-in-Class, Best-of-Show, Champion, Reserve Champion, Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion classes. **Note:** In the event the receipts of the fair or MDA funding are insufficient to pay the expenses and premiums in full, the premiums will be prorated among those entitled to premiums.

<b>A, B, C Premium Tables</b>			
<b>Table No.</b>	<b>"A" Rating</b>	<b>"B" Rating</b>	<b>"C" Rating</b>
1	3.00	2.00	1.00
2	4.00	3.00	2.00
3	5.00	4.00	3.00
4	6.00	5.00	4.00
5	7.00	6.00	5.00
6	8.00	7.00	6.00
7	10.00	5.00	3.00
7a	11.00	7.00	4.00
8	15.00	10.00	----
9	15.00	10.00	5.00
10	18.00	11.00	7.00
11	25.00	15.00	----
12	25.00	15.00	10.00
12a	25.00	18.00	11.00
13	35.00	25.00	----
14	35.00	25.00	15.00

<b>Placing Premium Tables</b>								
<b>Table No.</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>8th</b>
101	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
102	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
103	7.00	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
104	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
105	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.00
105a	12.00	10.00	9.00	7.00	6.00	5.00	3.00	2.00
106	15.00	10.00	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
107	16.00	14.00	12.00	10.00	8.00	6.00	4.00	2.00



## 4-H Youth Development Program St. Joseph County, Michigan



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my **HANDS** to larger service,



my **HEALTH** to better living,

For my club, my community, my country and my world.

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