

PROPOSED 2012 FAIRBOOK RULES (pertaining to Market Livestock Animal Projects)

There were 41 Members, Leaders/volunteers, and parents in attendance at the Market Sale Committee Meeting on Tuesday, October 25th, held at the Belgrade Middle School Library. It was a great meeting with lively discussions about the nine Fairbook proposals that were made at the September meeting. Each of those proposals (see below #'s 1-9) were discussed thoroughly by those in attendance. Six additional proposals were made. All 15 proposals will be discussed again at the November 29th meeting at 5:45pm at the Belgrade Middle School Cafeteria. Those who attended either the September or October meetings (or both), will be eligible to vote on these 2011-2012 Fairbook proposals which affect the 2012 4-H Market Sale. The wording of these six new proposals is not "official", but are based off 4-H Agent's (Danica's) notes. Official wording from the Market Sale Committee will be available during the first week of November. Please contact Danica Jamison if you have any questions at 406.388.3213.

10. Marketing. Each Member selling an animal in the 4-H Market Sale must talk with a minimum of 10 prospective buyers.
11. Proxy Buyer. Any Member who has a Buyer's proxy form correctly filled out, and in an amount they are satisfied with, will be allowed to execute the proxy without having to go through the sale ring. These proxy buyer's names/businesses will be announced during the sale to acknowledge their purchases.
12. Number of Animals for Sale. Leave the number of animals/animal units allowed to sell at the 2012 Market Sale, the same as written in the 2010-2011 Fairbook.
13. Number of Animals for Sale. Members will be allowed to sell 1 animal or 1 pen of 3 rabbits or poultry per Member.
14. Dress Code for Showmanship. Members must wear dark pants or jeans, long-sleeved button-down shirts with collars, and closed toe shoes when showing their animal during the Market Sale.
15. Sale Order. Grand Champion and Reserve animals will be sold first. Following that, all species will be sold together as a species, with a different species going first each year, following a predetermined rotation over the years.

The following rules (1-12) were submitted at the September 19, 2011 meeting of the Market Sale Committee.

1. Re-Sale Animals. It will be the responsibility of the MSC to secure a buyer for the re-sale animals before the sale. The MSC shall seek bids from several sources before securing a buyer. The bid price secured for the animals shall be the stated resale price at the sale.
2. Per Head Sale. All animals selling at the market sale shall be sold by the head and not by the pound.
3. Add-On Contributions. The MSC shall allow and administer "add-on" contributions to market project members. For example, a person wants to donate \$100.00 to a child, but doesn't want to buy an entire animal, they can donate the money to that child before the sale and the money will then be added on to the child's sale proceed check.
4. Dress Code. Any member taking an animal through the sale shall be dressed in a white shirt and dark jeans, with close toed shoes. Ties are optional and there is an exception for dairy or any other species that historically shows in white clothing.
5. Number of Animals for Sale. Each market project member shall be allowed to sell up to two animals at the sale but only one of each species. For example, a member can take a steer and a pig but not two steers or two pigs.
6. Number of Animals for Sale. Each market project member shall be allowed to take one steer or two pigs or lambs, if there is less than 51 total animals in the project, to be determined by each species. Each species shall be limited to 100 animals for the sale.
7. Number of Animals for Sale. The members in the rabbit or poultry projects shall be allowed to take two pens of rabbits or poultry and also 2 large animal units.
8. Exhibitor Numbers. Each market project member shall be assigned a number at the beginning of the fair and shall wear the number throughout the week and during the sale.
9. Setting Standards. Each species shall adopt the market standard for the weight and size of their animals and each animal shall meet those standards before being allowed to sell at the sale.