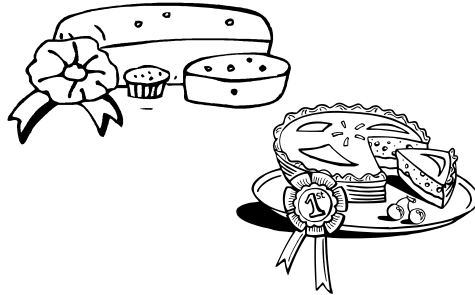


Muskegon County Fair



Exhibitor's Handbook



This exhibitor manual has been created for all leaders, exhibitors and parents to help them get a basic understanding of each livestock, still exhibit and baked goods division requirements and expectations. This guide is not all inclusive. Please refer to the Muskegon County Youth Fair, fair book for detailed rules and regulations regarding participation at the Muskegon County Youth Fair.

Please note that all handicapped exhibitors must be assisted by an adult when exhibiting in the large animal livestock classes and the Superintendent must be informed at least one week prior to the fair of the need for assistance.

All participants at the Muskegon County Youth Fair must sign and submit a Code of Conduct form to the Extension Office by June 15th.

All market livestock exhibitors must sign a Drug Free Declaration Form and turn it in upon weigh-in of their animal at the Fair.

All forms can be found online at www.MuskegonFairgrounds.com.

If further information is needed, please contact the Superintendent who is in charge of the specific area in which you are participating.

EXHIBITOR RULES/REGULATIONS

All leaders, youth exhibitors and parents must read and follow carefully the following rules, regulations and guidelines. These will answer many of your questions and help you to avoid many mistakes. All exhibitors are reminded that they are also on exhibit before the public during the Youth Fair, therefore, they must be neat and clean in their dress and courteous in their manners.

In addition to the dress code and other general Youth Fair guidelines, each exhibit area has individual rules/regulations that are specific to that area and are expected to be followed by all who participate. Participants should read over the information carefully for their project area so they know what will be expected of them.

**** Please Note: ALL exhibitors will be expected to check in with their superintendent on Sunday morning at the close of fair week. Failure to check in shall result in fines and/or forfeiting returning to the next year's fair per the rules outlined in the fair book.**

Dress Code:

Due to numerous concerns from guests, audience members and club leaders, a dress code is being implemented and will be enforced for all livestock participants while in the show/sale ring. We ask our exhibitors to abide by the following simple guidelines while exhibiting in any project area and in the livestock sale ring.

1. Conspicuously thin garments, bare midriffs, tank tops and muscle shirts are not permissible. Professional, tailored, sleeveless clothing will be accepted. Tank tops, spaghetti straps, shorts and mini-skirts are not considered professional and therefore, not accepted. All livestock exhibitors will be expected to wear the approved green *Muskegon County Youth Fair* polo shirt during their show events as well as barn duty and inanimate building duty. Shirts can be ordered from GH Imaging in Muskegon Heights, Michigan and an order form can be found on the fairgrounds website. During the sale, exhibitors may wear their club shirts, if desired.
(check with the individual market area guidelines for exceptions to the dress code).
2. No exposed undergarments are permitted. Low-cut shirts are not permitted. Pants must be appropriately fitted and be around the waist, preferably with a belt. No low rise or hip jeans will be allowed. Jeans/pants must be free from any holes or rips.
3. Clothing displaying profanity or vulgar suggestions will not be permitted.
4. Clothing advertising illegal drugs or alcohol, or dealing with death, destruction or suicide will not be worn (no skulls, no blood).
5. Appropriate leather footwear is required. No open-type shoes (i.e. sandals) or tennis shoes are allowed. Leather boots/shoes are preferred for all exhibitors of market animals.
6. Any items of clothing or decorations which impede the exhibitor's vision, hearing or mobility or which may distract the exhibited animal will not be allowed.
7. Beepers and cell phones are not permitted in the show/sale ring.

Each superintendent will use his/her discretion if there is a question as to appropriate attire. Failure to abide by these guidelines could result in disqualification of the show and exclusion from the sale.

ALL SUPERINTENDENTS, LEADERS AND PARENTS ARE ASKED TO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE THE ABOVE DRESS CODE.

Market Beef Steer

Beef Superintendent: Matt Wert (616) 438-1804 Email: MWert76@aol.com
Co-Superintendent: Jim Hawkins (616) 636-7011 Email: Jchawkins7273@gmail.com

General

All market beef projects must be purchased and owned by December 1st. You may show a total of one (1) market beef project. All registration papers for market beef are due **December 1st**. The deadline for any replacement animal (livestock) is June 15th. Project record books are due on **Tuesday of fair week by 10:00am** to the superintendent and must be *completed*; if they are not received, then the animal will not be allowed to be shown or sold. All participants must show and sell their own animals. ***Mandatory pictures for the buyers will be taken following the market classes...be prepared and be present!***

Market Beef Weights/Tag Requirements

Fair weigh-in for all market steers will take place on **Sunday from 6:00-10:00 p.m.** All market steers must weigh a minimum of 900 lbs. at Fair weigh-in. If the animal does not make the required weight, it will not be shown or sold – **no exceptions**. All bovine must have an RFID tag in their ear or they will not be allowed on the fairgrounds. The Muskegon County Youth Fair will follow whatever TB requirements are in place by the State of Michigan at the time of the fair.

Barn Setup

The Superintendent will determine how the barn is to be set up for Fair week. During Fair setup, the Superintendent will have a map of the barn layout, stall assignments, tack area, etc. All animals will be grouped by club. Non-compliance with the Superintendent's assignment will result in animal being sent home and possible disciplinary action.

A sign should be hung above each animal identifying the owner, club and animal information. Decorations are permitted and encouraged as long as they do not interfere with the animals' safety or the safety of the general public.

Stall Requirements

- All stalls should be kept clean on a daily basis, with stalls cleaned and re-bedded as needed. Bedding will be provided by the Livestock Committee and charged to the exhibitors on a "per animal" basis if applicable.
- All market beef and feeder steers will be tied out in the rest area at night after 9:00pm and brought back into the barn by 9:00am. All feeding should be done in the tie-out area; no feed will be allowed in the stalls. Exhibitors should provide straw to be placed in their tie-out area for nighttime bedding. All market steers should be fed and watered by 9:00 a.m. each morning they are at the fair. A water tank is provided and exhibitors are encouraged to lead their animals out of the stalls to be watered at the tank a minimum of three times throughout the day; more if the temperatures are hot. However, if exhibitors choose to leave water buckets in their stalls, the buckets must be kept full at all times and should not be able to be tipped over. Failure to comply with these rules will result in a \$10 fine per animal, per occurrence.
- Animals must be kept clean and free from excessive manure.
- All steers should be tied in their stalls with rope halters; nylon or other halters will *not* be permitted.
- All steers must have neck ropes while tied in the stalls, in addition to rope halters.
- Youth will be responsible at all times for the proper care and nutrition of their animals.

Barn Duty

- ** All participants must sign up for barn duty according to the direction of the Superintendent. Double duty may be required as all time slots must be filled. Barn duty may be shared between beef and dairy exhibitors, depending on the number of participants. Failure to complete assigned number of barn duty responsibilities will result in disciplinary action.
- ** All participants are on barn duty during the Beef Show and during the Livestock Sale.
- ** While on barn duty, all exhibitors should wear the approved green Muskegon County Youth Fair shirt.
- ** Barn duty includes, but is not limited to, keeping manure out of all beef and dairy stalls at all times, keeping isles swept and clean, keeping the wash rack area clean, emptying wheelbarrows before the next set of exhibitors begin their barn duty, greeting the public, answering questions when asked and presenting oneself in a courteous and professional manner.

Showmanship

- * All participants should conduct themselves in a professional manner, keeping in mind all aspects of good sportsmanship. Exhibitors will be expected to show their animal to the best of their ability, using the showing procedures, equipment and tools which are standard in the industry.
- * Market beef exhibitors are expected to adhere to the dress code as stated, wearing the approved green polo shirt, jeans and leather boots/shoes are mandatory while in the show and sale ring.
- * All market beef exhibitors will be expected to use an approved show stick and leather show halter. Participants will be expected to follow the standard showman guidelines and conduct themselves accordingly in the show ring at all times.
- * It is expected that each participant take the initiative to learn more about their market animal with regards to fitting, training and showing. If you are in need of help learning how to prepare and show your project, it is up to you to contact your 4-H leader or the beef superintendent so that they may be of assistance in teaching you.

Dairy Feeder Steer & Beef Feeder Steer

Feeder Steer Superintendent: *same as Beef Superintendent*

General

All feeder steer projects must be purchased/owned by May 1st of the current fair year. **Feeder Steer maximum weight limit is 600lbs.**; all feeder steers over 600lbs. at weigh-in will be sent home. Dairy feeder steers must be a dairy breed (*Holstein, Jersey, Guernsey, Brown Swiss, Milking Shorthorn or Ayrshire*). Beef feeder steers will consist of all beef breeds, including crossbreds. Refer to the fair book for more specific guidelines.

The feeder project must be only steers. All animals must be castrated and dehorned by May 1st.

All participants must show and sell their own animal. All registration papers for feeder steers are due **March 1st**. Project record books are due on **Tuesday of fair week by 10:00 a.m.** to the superintendent and must be *completed*; if they are not received, the animal will not be allowed to be shown or sold. **Mandatory pictures for the buyers will be taken following the market classes...be prepared and be present!**

Feeder Steer Weights/Tag Requirements

Fair weigh-in for all feeder steers will take place on **Sunday from 6:00-10:00 p.m.** Feeder steer maximum weight is 600lbs.

** All bovine must have an RFID tag in their ear or they will not be allowed on the fairgrounds. The Muskegon County Fair will follow whatever TB requirements are in place by the State of Michigan at the time of the fair.

** All feeder steers must be vaccinated with a 9-way vaccine.

Barn Setup

The Superintendent will determine how the barn is to be set up for Fair week. During Fair setup, the Superintendent will have a map of the barn layout, stall assignments, tack area, etc. All animals will be grouped by club. Non-compliance with the Superintendent's assignment will result in animal being sent home and possible disciplinary action.

A sign should be hung above each animal identifying the owner, club and animal information (breed, age, weight, etc.). Decorations are permitted and encouraged as long as they do not interfere with the animals' safety or the safety of the general public.

Stall Requirements

- All stalls should be kept clean on a daily basis, with stalls cleaned and re-bedded as needed. Bedding will be provided by the Livestock Committee and charged to the exhibitors on a "per animal" basis if applicable.
- All market beef and feeder steers will be tied out in the rest area at night after 9:00pm and brought back into the barn by 9:00am. All feeding should be done in the tie-out area; no feed will be allowed in the stalls. Exhibitors should provide straw to be placed in their tie-out area for nighttime bedding. All market steers should be fed and watered by 9:00 a.m. each morning they are at the fair. A water tank is provided and exhibitors are encouraged to lead their animals out of the stalls to be watered at the tank a minimum of three times throughout the day; more if the temperatures are hot. However, if exhibitors choose to leave water buckets in their stalls, the buckets must be kept full at all times and should not be able to be tipped over. Failure to comply with these rules will result in a \$10 fine per animal, per occurrence.
- Animals must be kept clean and free from excessive manure.
- All steers should be tied in their stalls with rope halters; nylon or other halters will *not* be permitted.
- All steers must have neck ropes while tied in the stalls, in addition to rope halters.
- Youth will be responsible at all times for the proper care and nutrition of their animals.

Barn Duty

** All participants must sign up for barn duty. Double duty may be required, as all time slots must be filled.

** All participants are on barn duty during the Beef Show and during the Livestock Sale.

** While on barn duty, all exhibitors should wear the approved green Muskegon County Youth Fair shirt.

** Failure to complete number of assigned barn duty responsibilities will result in disciplinary action.

** Barn duty includes, but is not limited to, keeping manure out of all beef and dairy stalls at all times, keeping isles swept and clean, emptying wheelbarrows before the next set of exhibitors begin their barn duty, greeting the public, answering questions when asked and presenting oneself in a courteous and professional manner.

Showmanship

- * All participants should conduct themselves in a professional manner, keeping in mind all aspects of good sportsmanship. Exhibitors will be expected to show their animal to the best of their ability, using the showing procedures, equipment and tools which are standard in the industry.
- * Feeder steer exhibitors are expected to adhere to the dress code as stated, wearing the approved green polo shirt and jeans. Leather boots/shoes are mandatory while in the show and sale ring.
- * All feeder steer exhibitors will be expected to use an approved show stick and leather show halter, following the same procedures as the market beef project. Participants will be expected to adhere to the standard showman guidelines and conduct themselves accordingly in the show ring at all times. Dairy feeder steers should be body clipped before bringing them to the fair. Beef feeder steers should be fitted according to the guidelines of the finished market beef steers.
- * It is expected that each participant take the initiative to learn more about their market animal with regards to fitting, training and showing. If you are in need of help learning how to prepare and show your project, it is up to you to contact your Club leader or the beef superintendent so that they may be of assistance in teaching you.

DAIRY

Dairy Superintendent: Trevor Young Email: trevor.young@plantpioneer.com

General

All bovine must have an RFID tag in their ear or they will not be allowed on the fairgrounds. The Muskegon County Fair will follow whatever TB requirements are in place by the State of Michigan at the time of the fair. First year exhibitors are limited to one dairy calf or heifer. However, if member is 14 or over, they may then exhibit a cow. Second year exhibitors and up are allowed to show three animals (dairy), with only one in a class. The only bulls allowed are junior calves. Exhibitor must provide their own stalls, feed, hay and bedding for their dairy animals.

Dairy registration deadline is May 1st.

Youth Fair Entry: Entry of dairy cattle is Sunday of fair week from 6:00-10:00pm.

Barn Set-up

The Dairy Superintendent will determine how the barn is to be set up for fair week. During fair setup the Dairy Superintendent will have a map of the barn layout, stall assignments, tack area, etc. All animals will be grouped by Club. Non-compliance with the Superintendent's assignments will result in your animal being sent home.

A sign should be hung above each animal identifying the owner/showman and club. Decorations are permitted and encouraged as long as they do not interfere with the animals' safety or the safety of the general public.

Barn Duty

Every participant is required to take part in barn duty. The amount of time allotted will be determined by the number of participants and assigned by the Beef and Dairy Superintendents. While on barn duty, all exhibitors should wear the approved green Muskegon County Youth Fair shirt.

Stall Requirements

All stalls should be kept clean on a daily basis, with stalls cleaned and re-bedded as needed. All Dairy cattle should be fed and watered by 9:00 am each morning they are at the fair. Fresh water should be provided for the animals throughout the day. Failure to comply with these rules will result in a \$10 fine per animal, per occurrence.

Dress Code

Every participant is required to wear black jeans or khaki dress pants with the approved Youth Fair green polo shirt. No shorts are allowed. All participants must wear sturdy leather footwear; no open toes or tennis shoes.

Showmanship:

- All participants should conduct themselves in a professional manner, keeping in mind all aspects of good sportsmanship and showing their animal to the best of their ability
- Exhibitors will be expected to show their animal to the best of their ability, using showmanship guidelines which are standard in the industry.
- It is expected that each participant take the initiative to learn more about their dairy animal with regards to fitting, training and showing. If you are in need of help learning how to prepare and show your project, it is up to you to contact your Club leader or the dairy superintendent so that they may be of assistance in teaching you.

DOGS

Dog Superintendent: Kris Fitzgerald (231) 557-9068 Email: kfitzgerald@gfs.com

Age

- Exhibitors must be Michigan 4-H members aged 9-19 as of January 1st of the current fair year to participate in the show.
- Youth ages 5-8 years of age as of January 1st of the current fair year must participate in the Cloverbud Division.

Eligibility

- Exhibitors are limited to showing 2 dogs as long as they are not in the same classes.
- The same dog may be shown and shared by family members if they are not in the same classes.
- Cloverbuds may use an older senior exhibitor's dog if they are their mentor.
- Obedience, Rally and Showmanship classes puppies must be 6 months of age or older. For Agility class dogs must be 12 months or older.
- Females in season will not be allowed to show.
- All exhibitors are required to show in Showmanship to be eligible for any other class.
- All exhibitors must turn in a Dog Project Record book to be eligible to show.

Vaccination Policy

- In order to participate in the Dog Project, exhibitors are required to provide proof of up to date immunization for all dogs entered. Required vaccinations for rabies, distemper, parvovirus, and adenovirus (hepatitis). Rabies is required by Federal law and must be administered by a licensed veterinarian. The remaining three vaccines are considered core vaccines and are vital to maintaining the health of our canine population. All dogs should receive these core vaccines prior to exposure to other dogs.
- Exhibitors are recommended to have their dogs vaccinated for Leptospirosis and Bordetella (Kennel Cough).
- A copy of the veterinarian record clearly showing rabies and core vaccinations with a due date of the next vaccinations is due with along with Dog Project Registration on June 1st.
- The only acceptable proof of "owner administered" core vaccinations is a copy of the label from the vaccine vial, along with written date administered.
- ALL vaccinations are valid for one year from the time vaccines are given.

Judging and Awards Procedures

- The order of the classes for a particular ring will be posted at the entrance to that ring
- It is the exhibitors' responsibility to be at ringside when their class is called.
- Exhibitors must contact show superintendent with possible ring conflicts 24 hours before the show however it is judge's discretion to hold classes for exhibitors with conflicts with animals in other rings.
- Once a dog has been excused from a class by the judge for lameness or aggressive behavior, it may not be shown in any other class.
- Judges decisions are final.
- Participants, parents, leaders and others are not allowed to speak or ask questions of the judge during judging, unless a judge asks someone a question.
- All awards will be handed out at the conclusion of a class at ring side for obedience; rally and agility after total scores have been tallied. All other classes will continue to run while previous scores are being tallied. Placings will be announced at an appropriate time between classes.
- Showmanship awards will be given in the ring.
- 1st – 5th place ribbons in all classes.
- Championships in Showmanship will be run off in the ring.

Helpers & Ring Stewards

- Each dog club participating in Dog Project must provide 1 helper for every 3 participants.
- Helpers are expected to work ½ of the day.
- Helpers will be listed on the Dog Project Registration form and will be contacted by the Dog Superintendent prior to the show of their duty.
- Exhibitors are expected to assist with setup at the beginning of the fair week and tear down afterwards according to the Superintendent's direction.

Dress Code

- Any clothing that draws undue attention to one's self, or clothing that may distract other handlers, spectators or the judges is unacceptable.

DOGS (continued)

- Halter tops, low cut blouses, sweaters, short shorts, hats, miniskirts, denim of any type and bare mid drifts are not acceptable in any class.
- Flat shoes such as tennis shoes should be worn by all exhibitors. Sandals, flip flops, high heels or boots are not recommended.
- Long hair should be tie back. Jewelry minimal. No clothing with logos, personal identification or any printed word not allowed.
- Green 4H polo shirt and Khaki pants are acceptable.
- For Showmanship, females should consider wearing skirts, dress suits, culottes, or dresses with length that goes below the knee. Males should consider wearing dress slacks, suit, shirt and tie or collared shirt such as a polo.
- For obedience slacks are appropriate.
- For agility athletic wear of the appropriate length are acceptable.
- If at any time the judge feels your attire is not appropriate, it may reflect on your placing.

Other Rules

- All dogs must have proof of vaccinations (DHLPP & Rabies). NO EXCEPTIONS.
- All dogs will be required to wear proper training collar when in their respective classes. This means a buckle collar for agility, a breed appropriate collar for showmanship, and a choke collar for obedience.
- All dogs will be expected to be on their best behavior, dogs showing any aggression will be asked to leave.
- Proper care and treatment of animals must be accorded whenever dogs are on the premises of any youth function.
- All exhibitors must complete a Dog Project Record Book and turn in with Dog Registration by June 1st.

GOATS

Goat Superintendent: Monte Gerwig (231) 730-5195

Co-Superintendent: Amy Gerwig (231) 730-4601 Email: spotshooter@att.net

General

You may show a total of five (5) goats, one (1) of which can be a market goat.

You must turn in your Livestock pre-registration form by **March 1st** with your \$15 exhibitor's fee. All goat projects must be purchased and owned by **May 1st**. All goat registration forms are due **May 1st** with a picture attached to the market goat registration forms. The deadline for any replacement goat is June 15th. All participants must follow the state goat health requirements. For more information about these requirements, go to www.michigan.gov/mda-exhibitinfo.

Project record books are due on Sunday at check-in to the superintendent and must be completed; if they are not received, the animal(s) will not be allowed to be shown or sold.

Goat Check-in

Goat check-in and market goat weigh-in is Sunday from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. All goats must be checked in at the livestock scale in the swine barn. **All market goats must weigh a minimum of 45 lbs. at fair weigh-in, EXCEPT** small breed market goats (i.e. pygmy) which must weigh a minimum of 25 lbs. If the animal does not make the required weight, it will not be sold.

Barn Setup

All exhibitors are required to help setup and take down the barns. Setup takes place the Thursday before Fair at 6:30 p.m. and take down is at 7:30 Sunday morning with all animals leaving at 8:00 a.m. The Goat Superintendent will determine how the barn is to be set up for fair week. All goats will be grouped by Clubs. Non-compliance with the Superintendent's assignments will result in your animal(s) being sent home.

For exhibitors who wish to tie their goats, you will have to provide the chain or rope to tie your goat. It is recommended, but not required, that each pen have a hanging hay feeder. Exhibitors must provide their own water and food buckets. A sign should be hung above each goat identifying the owner and club. Decorations are permitted and encouraged as long as they do not interfere with the animals' safety or the safety of the general public.

Barn Duty Requirements

All pens should be kept clean on a daily basis, with pens re-bedded as needed.

All goats should be fed and watered by 9:00 a.m. each morning they are at the fair. Fresh water should be provided for the animals throughout the day. While on barn duty, all exhibitors should wear the approved, green Muskegon County Youth Fair shirt.

Everyone is required to sign up for barn duty. The poster will be available at barn setup and the amount of time each participant has to serve will be determined by the sheep and goat superintendents. Things to do when on barn duty: sweep the walk way, check to make sure all goats are safe, make sure no one is harassing the goats and answer any questions that people may have, etc.

Showmanship and day of show

All participants should conduct themselves in a professional manner, keeping in mind all aspects of good sportsmanship and showing their animal to the best of their ability.

Goat Exhibitors are expected to wear their green fair shirt, black pants or jeans, and appropriate shoes.

Exhibitors will be expected to show their animal to the best of their ability, using the showing procedures and equipment which are standard in the industry. Participants will be expected to adhere to the standard showman guidelines and conduct themselves accordingly in the show ring at all times.

It is the responsibility of each participant to take the initiative to learn more about their animal in regards to feeding, fitting, training, showing, etc. If you are in need of help learning how to prepare and show your project, it is up to you to contact your Club leader or the goat superintendent so that they may be of assistance in teaching you.

All Participants need to be in the barn (5) minutes before the show starts for a short meeting. The superintendent will go over any last minute show instructions and check to make sure everyone is dressed appropriately.

Llama/Alpaca

Superintendent: Amy Skuse-freye (231) 747-3347 Email: amy.freye@gmail.com
Co-Superintendent: Troy Bitely (231) 638-3518 Email: bitely6@gmail.com

General

You may show a total of (1)Llama and/or (1)Alpaca. You must turn in your Livestock pre-registration form by March 1st along with your \$15 exhibitor fee. Exhibitor does not need to own Llama/Alpaca being shown. All Llama/Alpaca registration forms are due May 1st. Project/record books are due on Sunday at check-in to the Superintendents.

Llama/Alpaca check-in

All Llamas/Alpacas check-in is Sunday from 6:00pm-10:00pm at Llama/Alpaca barn.

Barn Setup

All exhibitors are required to help set-up and take down barn. Set-up takes place the Thursday before fair at 6:30pm and take down is 7:30 Sunday morning with all animals leaving at 8:00am. Each exhibitor must provide their animals with food and water buckets and hay. Signs and decorations are encouraged as long as they don't interfere with the animals' safety and the safety of the general public.

Barn Duty Requirements

All pens are to be kept clean on a daily basis and re-bedded as needed. All animals are to be fed and watered and pens cleaned by 9:00am every day during fair. Fresh water available at all times. While on barn duty, all exhibitors should wear the approved, green Muskegon County Youth Fair Shirt. Everyone is required to sign up for barn duty. A poster will be available at barn sign up for each exhibitor to sign up on.

Showmanship and day of show

All participants should conduct themselves in a professional manner, keeping in mind all aspects of good sportsmanship and showing their animal to the best of their ability.

Llama/Alpaca exhibitors are expected to wear their green fair shirts, black pants or jeans, and appropriate shoes.

Exhibitors will be expected to show their animals to the best of their ability, using showing procedures and equipment which are standard in the industry. Participants will be expected to adhere to the standard showman guidelines and conduct themselves accordingly in the show ring at all times.

It is the responsibility of each participant to take the initiative to learn more about the animal in regards to feeding, fitting, training, showing, etc. If you are in need of help learning how to prepare and show your project, contact your club leader or livestock superintendents so they may assist in helping to teach you.

All participants need to be in the barn 5 minutes prior to show start for a short meeting. The superintendents will go over any last minute show instructions.

POULTRY

Poultry Superintendent: Trish Vermeer (616) 403-8384
Co-Superintendent: Chris Knight (616) 283-2752

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Email: muskegonpoultry@yahoo.com

GENERAL

Ownership and registration:

Breeding stock: June 15th
Market Poultry: June 15th

Market consists of: chicken (pen of 3), duck (pen of 1) or turkey (pen of 1)

You may show up to 5 poultry. **You can only show one poultry per class.**

If you have more than one poultry in a class you will be asked to take one poultry home. Market Poultry class consists of chicken (pen of 3) or duck (pen of 1) or turkey (pen of 1). The deadline for replacement poultry is before fair. You must contact the poultry superintendent to replace your poultry. Your poultry must come from your own flock.

You must have a Pullorum test within 90 days of fair.

Exhibitors may not enter poultry that are vaccinated for Infectious Laryngotracheitis (ILT).

Poultry must be cooped in on Sunday at check-in from 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m. and cannot leave until check out on Sunday at 8:00a.m.

Market Poultry

The poultry will be weighed by the superintendent and helper on Monday.

Project books for Market Poultry must be handed in at weigh-in on Monday.

Barn Setup

You must participate for barn set up and clean up. If you are unable to attend you must contact your superintendent. The barn will be arranged according to the superintendent's instructions. Your poultry cage will be assigned by the superintendent.

Cage requirements

It is the exhibitor's responsibility to keep their cage clean and poultry fed and watered daily. All poultry must be fed and cages cleaned by 9:00 a.m. daily. All poultry must have access to water at all times.

Bedding and feed cups will be provided. Open show poultry are responsible as described in the Youth rules.

Showmanship and show

All participants should conduct themselves in a professional manner, keeping in mind all aspects of good sportsmanship and showing their animal to the best of their ability.

All exhibitors are required to wear their youth exhibitor shirt for the entire show. A lab coat over the exhibitor shirt is preferred but is optional for showmanship. Long pants and closed toed shoes are also required for showmanship.

YOU MUST HAVE OWNERSHIP OF POULTRY EXHIBITED TO DO SHOWMANSHIP.

Barn duty

All exhibitors are required to do barn duty. A sign-up sheet will be provided at the poultry barn at time of entry. Barn duty consists of watering all poultry raking/sweeping barn and around area, picking up any trash, greeting and answering any questions the public may have. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to represent themselves and youth in a positive manner. Only the superintendent, judge and owner may open cages. Do not feed other exhibitors birds. Eggs belong to the MCLC.

The Muskegon County Youth Exhibitor Shirts provided must be worn during barn duty.

RABBITS

Rabbit Superintendent: Tanya Horne (231) 788-5078 dandthorne@comcast.net
Co-Superintendent: Maddie Knight (231) 638-9990

General

Participants may show a total of six (6) rabbits (each in a different class) and (1) market rabbit. All participants must turn in a Livestock pre-registration form by **March 1st** with a **\$15 exhibitor fee**. All rabbit projects must be purchased and owned by **June 15th**. All rabbit registration forms are due by June 15th, with a picture attached to the market rabbit registration forms. The deadline for any replacement rabbit is **July 1st** and needs to be recorded with the Superintendent by this date.

Project record books are due Sunday at check-in to the superintendent and must be completed. If books are not received at this time, the animal(s) will not be allowed to be shown or sold.

Rabbit Check-In

Rabbit check-in at fair is from 6:00pm – 10:00pm on Sunday. All market rabbits **must weigh 3.5 - 9 pounds at fair weigh-in**. If the animal does not make the required weight, it will not be sold. Market rabbits must also be of exhibitor's own breeding and be under 70 days of age. Market rabbits may be sold live.

Barn Setup

All participants are required to help set up and take down barns. Date for setup is the Thursday before Fair at 6:30 p.m. Take-down is at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday morning, with all animals leaving the fairgrounds at 8:00 a.m. A sign-in sheet will be supplied by the superintendent to prove you were present at both events.

The rabbit superintendent will determine how the barn will be set up for fair week, based on the size of the cage requested and the number of rabbits registered. During fair setup, the rabbit superintendent will have a map of the barn layout, cage assignment, barn duty sign-up sheet, etc. All rabbits will be grouped by clubs. Non-compliance with the superintendent's assignments will result in your animals being sent home.

Sawdust and tarpaper will be provided for setup. Each participant will have to provide their own water and food, along with dishes for each animal. Decorations are permitted and encouraged as long as they do not interfere with the animal's safety or the safety of the general public. Cage cards will be provided and must be on the bottom of the cage.

Barn Duty Requirements

All cages should be kept clean on a daily basis. All rabbits should be fed and watered by 9:00 a.m. each morning. Fresh water should be provided for the animal(s) throughout the day.

All participants are required to sign up for barn duty. The poster will be available at barn setup. The amount of time each participant will need to serve will be determined by the superintendent and noted on the poster. Things to do while on barn duty include: sweep the walk areas, check to make sure all rabbits are safe, make sure no one is harassing the rabbits, make sure all rabbits have water and answer any questions visitors may have. Participants are not permitted to take out any rabbit from their cage unless it is their own.

Showmanship

All participants should conduct themselves in a professional manner, keeping in mind all aspects of good sportsmanship and showing their animal to the best of their ability.

Rabbit exhibitors are expected to wear a white lab coat, black or khaki pants and appropriate shoes. No shorts or sandals will be allowed. Exhibitors will be expected to show their animal to the best of their ability, using the showing procedures and equipment standard in the industry. Participants will be expected to adhere to the standard showman guidelines and conduct themselves accordingly at the exhibit, at all times.

It is the responsibility of each participant to take the initiative to learn more about their animal in regards to caring for, feeding, training, showing, etc. If you are in need of help learning how to prepare and show your project, it is up to you to contact your Club leader or the rabbit superintendent so that they may be of assistance in teaching you.

Open Class

Registration is due by 8:00 p.m. on check-in Sunday of fair week to the superintendent. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Registration sheets are available from the rabbit superintendent or at the Extension Office. You must distinguish buck or doe on all registration sheets.

SHEEP

Sheep Superintendent: Paul Borgman (231) 740-0039
Co-Superintendent: Jenny Erffmeyer (231) 750-4687

General

All market lamb projects must be purchased and owned by May 1st. You may show a total of one (1) lamb project – **market lambs must be WHETHERS only!** All declaration papers for lambs are due **May 1st**. The deadline for any replacement animal (livestock) is June 15th and must be reported to the superintendent before the deadline.

Project record books must be turned in to the Superintendent by 9:00am Monday must be *completed*; if they are not received, the animal will not be allowed to be shown or sold. All participants must show and sell their own animal. ***Mandatory pictures for the buyers will be taken following the market classes...be prepared and be present!***

Market Lamb Weights

Fair weigh-in for all market lambs will take place on Sunday from 6:00-10:00 p.m. All lambs must weigh a **minimum of 80 lbs.** at Fair weigh-in with the exception of exotic breeds which will be at the Superintendent discretion. If the animal does not make the minimum required weight, it will not be shown or sold – **no exceptions.** **** All lambs must have a scrapies tag in their ear at the time of weigh-in or they will not be allowed off the trailer.**

Barn Setup

The Sheep Superintendent will determine how the barn is to be set up for Fair week. During Fair setup, the Sheep Superintendent will have a map of the barn layout, stall assignments, tack area, etc. All animals will be grouped by Club. Non-compliance with the Superintendent's assignments will result in your animal being sent home.

A sign should be hung above each animal identifying the owner and club. Decorations are permitted and encouraged as long as they do not interfere with the animals' safety or the safety of the general public.

Stall Requirements

All stalls should be kept clean on a daily basis, with stalls cleaned and re-bedded as needed. Each exhibitor is responsible for providing the bedding and feed for their animals. All market lambs should be fed and watered by 9:00 a.m. each morning they are at the fair. Fresh water should be provided for the animals throughout the day. Youth will be responsible at all times for the proper care and nutrition of their animals. Failure to comply with these rules will result in a \$10 fine per animal, per occurrence.

Barn Duty

- ** All participants must sign up for barn duty – number of times required will be determined by the Superintendent.
- ** Barn duty includes, but is not limited to, keeping isles swept and clean, emptying wheelbarrows before the next set of exhibitors begin their barn duty, greeting the public, answering questions when asked and presenting oneself in a courteous and respectful manner. The approved Youth Fair polo shirts must be worn during barn duty. Failure to complete required barn duty responsibilities will result in disciplinary action.

Showmanship

- * All participants should conduct themselves in a professional manner, keeping in mind all aspects of good sportsmanship and showing their animal to the best of their ability.
- * Sheep exhibitors are expected to adhere to the dress code as stated, wearing the approved green polo shirt, jeans and boots while in the show ring.
- * Exhibitors will be expected to show their animal to the best of their ability, using the showing procedures, equipment and tools which are standard in the industry. All sheep should be sheared sometime in May to take off the thick wool. All lambs should be slick shorn **one to two weeks prior** to the fair.
- * Participants will be expected to adhere to the standard showman guidelines and conduct themselves accordingly in the show ring at all times.
- * It is expected that each participant take the initiative to learn more about their market animal with regards to fitting, training and showing. If you are in need of help learning how to prepare and show your project, it is up to you to contact your Club leader or the sheep superintendent so that they may be of assistance in teaching you.

SWINE

Swine Superintendent: Alicia Kantola (231) 853-2096 Email: akantola@aol.com

General

Only one animal may be shown per exhibitor and it **must be a barrow**. All pigs must be purchased and in your possession by May 1st with registration forms completed by deadline.

**** Any registrations received without clear identification on the animal will not be accepted!**

Project record books are due on Tuesday to the superintendent and must be *completed*; if they are not received, then the animal will not be allowed to be shown or sold. All participants must show and sell their own animal. Any exceptions must be made prior to the fair; ruling will be decided upon by the Livestock Committee. Any emergencies during the week of the fair are at the discretion of the Livestock Committee. ***Mandatory pictures for the buyers will be taken following the market classes...be prepared and be present!***

Swine Weights

Market hogs will be weighed from 6:00-10:00 p.m. on Sunday. Each hog must be a minimum of 220 lbs. at fair weigh-in and maximum of 310 lbs. If the animal does not make the required weight, it will not be shown or sold. Any hog under 220 lbs. or over 310 lbs. will not be eligible to show or sell. Hogs that do not make weight will be transported by the Livestock Committee to the Ravenna Livestock sale barn or the slaughter house. *Only one trip across the scale is allowed.*

Barn Setup

The Swine Superintendent will determine how the barn is to be set up for Fair week. During Fair setup, the Swine Superintendent will have a map of the barn layout, stall assignments, tack area, etc. All Clubs will have their animals placed in the same general area. All participants must comply with the Superintendents assignments.

A sign should be hung above each pen identifying the owner and club. Decorations are permitted and encouraged as long as they do not interfere with the animals' safety or the safety of the general public.

Pen Requirements

All swine exhibitors must have their animals fed and the pens cleaned by 9:00 a.m. each day. Pens will be cleaned and bedded with fresh shavings *daily*. Failure to comply with this rule may result in a \$10 fine per animal, per occurrence.

We respectfully request that pigs are washed and cleaned before they are brought to weigh-in.

Showmanship

- * All participants should conduct themselves in a professional manner, keeping in mind all aspects of good sportsmanship and showing their animal to the best of their ability.
- * Market swine exhibitors are expected to adhere to the dress code as stated.
- * Exhibitors will be expected to show their animal to the best of their ability, using the showing procedures, equipment and tools which that are standard in the industry.
- * All market swine exhibitors will be expected to use an approved hog cane during the showing of their animal and adhere to the standard showman guidelines and conduct themselves accordingly in the show ring at all times.
- * It is the responsibility of each participant to take the initiative to learn more about their market animal in regards to feeding, fitting, training, showing, etc. If you are in need of help learning how to prepare and show your project, it is up to you to contact your Club leader or the swine superintendent so that they may be of assistance in teaching you.

BAKED GOODS

Superintendent: Toni Wert (616) 481-7570 Email: Tonisu08@aol.com

Co-Superintendent: Tracy Hawkins (616) 799-3411 Email: Tracelyn3@aol.com

REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTERING THE BAKED GOODS DIVISION AT THE MUSKEGON COUNTY YOUTH FAIR

1. Each exhibitor must fill out a Baked Goods Record Book for Divisions 1 and 2 under Dept 61 which you should be able to obtain from the Muskegon County Fairgrounds website at www.muskegonfairgrounds.com. A Record Book and Exhibitor Tag must be completed for each baked good and preservation project.
2. All foods in Sections 3 (Cookies), 4 (Brownies, Bars, and Nutritious Snacks), and 5 (Breads) must be on a DISPOSABLE PLATE AND IN A PLASTIC SEALED BAG. Plastic wrap is not acceptable.
3. Exhibitors must bring in the entire project if entering a pie, cake, or specialty desserts. Along with the project, you must bring a DISPOSABLE PLATE AND A SEALABLE PLASTIC BAG. The judge will cut a portion for display. The rest of the project can then be taken home. Decorated cakes will be kept in their entirety.
4. If you plan on auctioning off your project at the Baked Goods Auction held at 2:00pm on the Saturday of fair week, you must sign the sale order sheet that will be at the entrance of the judging room. Only (1) baked good per exhibitor may be auctioned off. Open class exhibits may not be auctioned off. Your item will be auctioned in the order that you have signed up, so if you are unable to make it to the auction due to a conflicting event please do not sign up to auction. No exceptions will be made. On the day of the auction, bring a freshly baked item. Exhibitor needs to be at the sale ring (30) minutes prior to the start time of the auction to identify your item and receive your sale order number and may not leave the area until their item has been auctioned; exhibitors not present will be removed from the auction lineup.
5. Consider showing appreciation to your buyer on the day of the auction with a thank you card and small gift with your item (i.e. serving plate, basket with linen, etc). Be creative!
6. All baked goods exhibitors will be required to sign up for building duty.
7. Each section will receive a 1st through 5th place ribbon and one Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, and Honorable Mention Rosette will be awarded. If you receive a B ribbon (the above criteria was not met) you will be excluded in ribbon placement..

Please Note:

*Cloverbuds are allowed to participate with a baked goods exhibit, however, according to the 4-H policy, Cloverbuds are **not eligible** to auction off their baked goods project in the Baked Goods Auction.*

INANIMATES

Inanimate Superintendent: Nancy Hartman (231) 865-7181 Email: njhartman7274@yahoo.com

General

All inanimate projects **MUST** be pre-registered on premium sheets and turned in on time.
(Watch newsletter for dates or check the website at www.muskegonfairgrounds.com)

Judging

1. Takes place on Saturday from 1:00-5:00pm. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
2. Exhibitor cards are green for Cloverbuds and white for 4-Her's. One exhibitor card should be filled out for each project.
3. All exhibitor cards need to have the exhibitor's number and all other information filled out in full before seeing the judge.
4. All exhibitors are expected to wear their green Fair shirt.
5. **NO** parents at the judging tables while the exhibitors are being judged.
6. Exhibitors who are unable to enter their project on the designated day may have project(s) entered by someone else. The following rules will apply: 1) Exhibitor will write a report telling the Judge how he/she made the project. 2) What the exhibitor learned. 3) Exhibitor must sign the report confirming it to be his/her own work.

Building Requirements

1. All exhibitors are required to sign up for building duty, NOT by club.
2. All exhibitors need to help clean the building on cleanup day.
3. All clubs need to setup their booth on setup day. (*Watch newsletters for dates.*)
4. While on building duty exhibitors need to:
 - a. Walk around to check on projects. Inform Superintendent if you notice any damage to projects. All exhibitors are expected to wear their green Fair shirt while on barn duty.
 - b. Make sure projects do not leave the building.
 - c. Make sure there is **NO** horsing around or running in the building.
 - d. Sweep if needed.
5. **NO** project is to be removed from booth or building before Sunday from 8am – 10am.
6. **NO** parents at the judging tables while the exhibitors are being judged.
7. Exhibitors who are unable to enter their project on the designated day may have project(s) entered by someone else. The following rules will apply: 1) Exhibitor will write a report telling the Judge how he/she made the project. 2) What the exhibitor learned. 3) Exhibitor must sign the report confirming it to be his/her own work.