

# 4-H Livestock Forms



Reviewing forms and paperwork for county  
4-H programs and beyond

# Objectives



- Review 4-H Requirements
- Identify how 4-H works with other organizations
- Discuss how your 4-H project can be exhibited

# 4-H Projects



## Definition of a 4-H Project

- 4-H projects are the educational experiences that youth who are members of 4-H participate in.
- The 4-H member decides which additional experiences to participate in.

## 4-H Livestock Projects

- Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Dairy cows, Dairy goats & Country Ham

# 4-H members in KY



- ❧ All livestock club 4-H members must be enrolled and meet county deadlines
- ❧ All livestock club 4-H members complete 6 hours of education conducted by certified volunteers
- ❧ All livestock club 4-H members participate in the Ownership/possession and care process
- ❧ All livestock club 4-H members who are interested in exhibiting market animals KUIP tag their animals



# Ownership, Possession and Care 4-H Rules

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- œ Please see handout – from UK for all KY 4-H animals
  - œ Highlights
    - œ Applicable to market animals and breeding animals
    - œ Rule number 1 – deadlines vary by species
    - œ Rule number 2 addresses ownership paperwork
    - œ Rule number 3 addresses co-tagging
    - œ Rule number 4 addresses possession, location and care

# Possession, care continued



- ❧ Rule number 5 addresses that you will enter the validation and location form for market animals
- ❧ Rule number 6 details that breeding animal project nomination and location forms must be completed by June 1 of the program year
- ❧ Rule number 7 explains who you can contact if there is a violation
- ❧ Rule number 8 explains what will happen to those in violation

# KY 4-H Livestock Projects

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- ❧ KY 4-H livestock projects adhere to the Ownership, Possession and Care Rules as outlined in the handout prepared by the University
- ❧ Additional facts to be aware of:
  - ❧ County 4-H programs can require their own rules an example being, 4-H members must complete a recordbook or be enrolled by a specific deadline
  - ❧ Currently Kenton 4-H market animals are required to have a farm visit

# Quiz time?

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## ☞ Possession and Care Rules:

- ☞ When must the application for location waiver be received in the State 4-H Office for steers or market heifers?
- ☞ When must the application for location waiver be received in the State 4-H Office for market lambs, market hogs, market goats and breeding animals?
- ☞ When must waivers be applied for?

*Answers: bottom of page 1; Possession & Care*



# Where is information found?

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⌘ <http://afs.ca.uky.edu/4h-youth/ownership-possession-care>

⌘ Links to sites on Kenton 4-H Page

# 4-H Beef Projects



- ❧ The 4-H Beef Cattle Project is an exciting and rewarding animal science project. Beef cattle are ruminants which mean they have four compartments to their stomach. This is why they can digest pasture grasses and hay.
- ❧ Two main types of Beef Cattle Projects:
  - ❧ A **beef heifer breeding project** is long term project in which a 4-H member begins with a heifer calf (female) and cares for her through breeding age (around 1 year of age) and on to calving (giving birth) at around 2 years of age.
  - ❧ A **Market beef project** - the 4-H member begins with a weaned steer or heifer calf and cares for the calf through the growing phase (also known as the backgrounding and finishing phase) until the calf reaches market weight of around 1100-1300 pounds.

# 4-H Hog



- ❧ Although we don't typically feed pigs the kinds of foods that we as humans would eat (steaks, sandwiches, biscuits and gravy, etc.), pigs do have a digestive system that is much like humans.
- ❧ **Market Pig project:** It is interesting to take a 30-70 pound feeder pig and after feeding and caring for it for 4-5 months until it reaches market weight at about 270 pounds.
- ❧ A **breeding pig project** is also extremely rewarding. Starting with a gilt (a young female pig) that is raised from a feeder pig and later mated and cared for through gestation and farrowing for the next year's programs.

# 4-H Lamb



- ❧ The 4-H Sheep Project: Sheep (like goats and cattle) are ruminants which mean they have four compartments to their stomach. This is why they can digest pasture grasses and hay.
- ❧ There are two main types of Sheep Projects that a 4-H member may choose. A **sheep breeding project** is long term project in which a 4-H member begins with a ewe lamb (female) and cares for her through breeding age (typically 7-10 months) and on to lambing (giving birth) at around 14-16 months of age.
- ❧ The other project is a **market lamb project**: the 4-H member begins with a weaned wether (neutered male) or ewe and cares for the lamb through the growing phase (also known as the backgrounding and finishing phase) until the lamb reaches market weight of around 120 pounds.



# 4-H Goat



- ❧ The 4-H Meat Goat Project: Meat goats (like sheep and cattle) are ruminants which mean they have four compartments to their stomach. This is why they can digest pasture grasses and hay.
- ❧ There are two main types of Meat Goat Projects that a 4-H member may choose. A **meat goat breeding project** is long term project in which a 4-H member begins with a doe kid (female) and cares for her through breeding age (typically 7-10 months) and on to kidding (giving birth) at around 14-16 months of age.
- ❧ The other type of project is a **market meat goat project** in which the 4-H member begins with a weaned wether or doe and cares for the goat kid through the growing phase (also known as the backgrounding and finishing phase) until the goat reaches market weight of around 85 pounds.

# All Market Animals



- ❧ All Market animals for KY 4-H/FFA members will order and submit KUIP eartag orders on their own
- ❧ KUIP eartag dates/deadlines were scheduled by the state programs cooperating.
- ❧ All market animals must meet the KUIP tagging deadlines for Possession, Ownership and care
  - ❧ For example you may not purchase a steer in May and have it KUIP eartagged to show during the fair season

# All Breeding animals



- ❧ Breeding animals must meet the possession, ownership and care rules as well – listed in the Ownership Rules number 6 as June 1 of the current program year.
  - ❧ Beef heifers – May 25, 2023
  - ❧ Gilts – May 25, 2023
  - ❧ Ewes – May 25, 2023
  - ❧ Does – May 25, 2023
    - ❧ Question – When is the Ownership deadline for a market heifer?

# Unique to Kenton County



- ❧ Farm visits for market animals
- ❧ Recordbooks submitted and judged prior to the fair - for all county fair projects
- ❧ Project animal awards
- ❧ Awards Log
- ❧ Other?



# KY Department of Agriculture



- ❧ The KDA Beef Program annually sponsors Preview Shows, District Shows, KY Junior Livestock Expos and the Fall Classic. These events allow youth exhibitors to showcase their steers, market heifers or breeding stock across the state. Included:
  - ❧ Divisions for Kentucky Proud and/or bred & owned participants.
  - ❧ KDA staffs are responsible for organizing and managing each of these shows.
  - ❧ Exhibitors accumulate points throughout the season, awards presented at a Points Banquet at the conclusion of the season.

# KDA rules – District



- ❧ Market animals required KUIP tag
- ❧ Nomination of all animals and copy or presentation of registration to the show coordinator
- ❧ Registration in youth name, see rules pertaining
- ❧ Commercial heifers must have permanent ID see rule #2 under commercial heifer division for 2023.
- ❧ Kenton County – Diane prefers to prepare a letter for future reference for commercial heifer exhibitors helps with cow/calf nomination form however I am open to other solutions

# KY State Fair



- ❧ Rules generally are available end of April/early May; <https://kystatefair.org/participate/compete>
- ❧ KUIP tags for market animals
- ❧ Breeding animal registration generally confers with 4-H Possession, Ownership and Care, see rules for specific details
- ❧ Must submit State Fair Registration for youth shows by July 10 –late registration is not accepted

# Kenton County Fair



- ❧ Kenton County Fair Rules correspond to 4-H Rules in Kentucky
- ❧ Kenton 4-H works with the fair to offer show opportunities for youth members
- ❧ Kenton County Fair is not under the auspices of the Kenton County 4-H Program or the University of Kentucky



# Kenton 4-H



☞ Kenton 4-H works with:

☞ County Fair and show volunteers

☞ KDA Shows and Fairs Personnel

☞ State Fair Personnel

☞ Others in the livestock industry to present educational opportunities for 4-H members

# Questions?



☞ I try to resolve questions and concerns by presenting the guidelines or rules that pertain to the species and the event involved. Ultimately I am only responsible for Kenton 4-H - I cannot control the other entities nor am I able to change their decisions