

# 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Martin County 4-H Youth Livestock Show and Sale

## General Rules

As a parent or guardian of a participant of the 2024 Martin County 4-H Youth Livestock Show and Sale, you will be required to carefully read and sign stating that you have read, understand, and will abide by these rules set forth by the Martin County 4-H Youth Livestock Show and Sale Committee and Martin County Cooperative Extension Staff.

1. Ages of Participants
  - Cloverbud 5-7 years old-as of January 1, 2024
  - Junior 8-13 years old-as of January 1, 2024
  - Senior 14-18 years old- as of January 1, 2024
2. With the exception of Cloverbud participants (4-H'ers 5-7 years old as of January 1, 2024), active 4-H members attending school and/or residing in Martin County, or members who have completed an NC 4-H County Change of Intent Form, are eligible to compete. Cloverbud participants will be allowed to show in the "Cloverbud Showmanship Class" in each designated species category. Cloverbuds are allowed to show their animals in the "Cloverbud Character Contest." Cloverbuds are required to turn in a project record book and will be awarded a ribbon. Cloverbuds are allowed to sell their animals during the auction sale.
3. Exhibitors found cheating, misrepresenting or participating in fraud or deception or acting in an unsportsman-like manner, shall be disqualified and possibly barred from future competitions.
4. ALL 4-H exhibitors must have their project record books up to date on entries. ALL 4-H exhibitors can start turning in completed record books on **April 29, 2024**. Along with turning in a completed record book it is required for each exhibitor to submit a "thank you" letter to the buyer of their animal along with an addressed and stamped envelope. This letter will be mailed by the Martin County Cooperative Extension staff to the buyers. Other thank you letters will need to be turned in as well. Participants will be notified to whom they need to write thank you letters after the Livestock Show and Sale.
5. **Checks for the sale WILL NOT be given to 4-H'ers UNLESS a project record book and thank you letters have been turned in. Any 4-H'er that hasn't turned in their record book and thank you letters within 60 days of their check being written, forfeits their check. Checks that have been forfeited will go back into the livestock fund.**
6. **Each family is expected to participate in either the set-up or clean up of the Martin County 4-H Livestock Show & Sale. Any family not represented at the setup or cleanup will be expected to pay a \$25 fee. If a family chooses to pay the \$25 fee, it will need to be paid in order for a check to be released.**
7. All livestock to be exhibited must have been inspected by the Martin County Extension staff who will certify that these entries will make a credible showing.
8. All decisions made by the judge on show day are final.
9. A five percent commission will be charged on all animals and funds will be used for publicity and prizes.

- 10. A participant must complete one livestock project before they can begin another. (A project is not complete until a completed record book is turned in.) Any 4-H'er who forfeits their check still has to turn in a record book in order to compete in future Martin County Livestock Show.**
11. Anything not covered by the rules will be addressed by the Martin County Cooperative Extension Staff and the Livestock Committee if the need is to arise.
12. Any animal deemed unruly or unfit for show by the Martin County Cooperative Extension Staff will be asked to leave the ring and barred from the show.
- 13. Youth may exhibit up to 2 animals. This includes 1 animal of 2 different species or 2 animals of the same species. Only 1 animal will be allowed to sell at the auction unless one or both animals are the Grand and/or Reserve Champion animal.**
14. Exhibitor Attire: Sandals, flip-flops, tennis shoes, rubber boots, t-shirts, spaghetti-strap shirts, shorts, torn or ripped clothing, ball caps, sagging pants and "belly" shirts are strictly prohibited during the show. Appropriate attire for show day and sale includes a button-down shirt, a polo collared shirt, khaki pants, blue or black pants, cowboy or leather boots, belt, and jeans that are not ripped or torn.
15. No professional fitters are allowed to fit animals on show day. If this rule is broken, the participant runs the risk of being barred from the show and future competitions.
16. Project Record Books will be judged on accuracy, neatness, and completeness. Ribbons will be awarded and winning record books will be submitted to the State 4-H Project Book Awards Competition.

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### **Market Hogs**

1. 4-H Youth participating in the show may exhibit 2 species (such as 1 hog, 1 goat) or 2 of the same species.
2. Each exhibitor is allowed to tag-in and show a maximum of 2 animals.
3. Crossbred or purebred barrows or gilts may be exhibited.
4. Pigs must be on farm by February 4, 2024.
5. Martin County Cooperative Extension Staff should be notified IMMEDIATELY at the time of death should a pig die. Replacement pigs must be done with the approval of the Livestock Committee and Martin County Cooperative Extension Staff.
6. Pigs must be brought to the Martin County Farmers Market between 1:00-4:00 pm the day before the show.
7. Pigs will be shown according to ending weight. Pigs will be broken into weight classes as needed at weigh-in the day before the show.
8. No professional fitters are allowed to fit animals on show day. If this rule is broken, the participant runs the risk of being barred from the show and future competitions.
9. Hogs must have at least 1/2 inch of hair. Hogs clipped with less than 1/2 inch of hair will not be allowed to show in the market classes. Exhibitors will be allowed to participate in showmanship. No clipping after check in.

10. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion animals will be picked in the following way. The first-place animal from each respective class will be brought back for the animal from the class in which the Grand Champion is selected, the second animal from the class in which the Grand Champion animal came from will be brought back along with the other first place animals and the Reserve Champion animal will be selected.
11. All Hogs must meet the minimum weight requirement of 180 pounds. Those participants with an entry failing to meet the weight requirement will not be allowed to show in individual classes. However, individuals will be allowed to participate in showmanship classes and allowed to sell at the auction. THIS RULE DOES NOT APPLY TO 4-H CLOVERBUD PARTICIPANTS (4-H'ers between the ages of 5-7 years old as of January 1, 2024).
12. Exhibitors are allowed to sell ONE pig at auction and the other pig will be sold at support price. Exception to this rule will only be granted if the exhibitor wins both Grand and/or Reserve Champion. In that case both animals will be sold at the auction sale.
13. Sale order, other than Grand and Reserve Champions, will be determined at random.
14. All pigs entered in the show must be sold for slaughter.
15. Class winners will receive the following premiums:

1 <sup>st</sup> place - \$14	4 <sup>th</sup> place - \$ 9
2 <sup>nd</sup> place - \$12	5 <sup>th</sup> place - \$ 8
3 <sup>rd</sup> place - \$10	

**Grand Champion Market Hog will receive an award.**

**Reserve Champion Market Hog will receive an award.**

**Junior Fitting and Showmanship**

Junior exhibitors are those 4-H'ers 8-13 years old as of January 1, 2024.

1 <sup>st</sup> place- \$14 and Belt Buckle	4 <sup>th</sup> place - \$9
2 <sup>nd</sup> place - \$ 12 and Award	5 <sup>th</sup> place - \$8
3 <sup>rd</sup> place - \$10	

**Senior Fitting and Showmanship**

Senior exhibitors are those 4-H'ers 14-18 years old as of January 1, 2024.

1 <sup>st</sup> place- \$14 and Belt Buckle	4 <sup>th</sup> place- \$9
2 <sup>nd</sup> place- \$12 and Award	5 <sup>th</sup> place - \$8
3 <sup>rd</sup> place- \$10	

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## Market Lamb

1. 4-H Youth participating in the show may exhibit 2 species (such as 1 hog, 1 lamb) or 2 of the same species.
2. Each exhibitor is allowed to tag-in and show a maximum of 2 animals.
3. Lambs will be either wethers or ewes. Rams will not be allowed in the show.
4. Lambs must be on farm by February 4, 2024.
5. Martin County Cooperative Extension Staff should be notified IMMEDIATELY at the time of death should a lamb die. Replacement lambs must be done with the approval of the Livestock Committee and Martin County Cooperative Extension Staff.
6. Lambs must be brought to the Martin County Farmers Market between 1:00-4:00 pm the day before the show. Lambs will not be accepted on the day of the show.
7. All lambs must be shorn prior to the show.
8. Lambs will be mouthed at check-in by Martin County Cooperative Extension staff. Lambs that have shed baby teeth with permanent tooth growth will be ineligible for the show, but will be allowed to participate in showmanship classes and in the sale. Pregnant or lactating lambs will not be allowed to participate.
9. No professional fitters are allowed to fit animals on show day. If this rule is broken, the participant runs the risk of being barred from the show and future competitions.
10. Lambs will be shown according to end weight. Lamb will be broken into weight classes as needed at weigh in.
11. Lambs will be shown with or without a halter.
12. Grand and Reserve Champion animals will be selected in the following way. The first-place animal from each respective class will be brought back for the Grand Champion Drive. After the Grand Champion animal is selected, the second-place animal from the class in which the Grand Champion came from will be brought back along with the other first place animals and the Reserve Champion animal will be selected.
13. All Lambs must meet the minimum weight requirement of 60 pounds and not exceeding 145 pounds in order to show. Those participants with an entry failing to meet the weight requirement or going over the weight requirement will not be allowed to show in individual classes and may be sold at non-support prices. However, individuals will be allowed to participate in showmanship classes and allowed to sell at the auction. THIS RULE DOES NOT APPLY TO 4-H CLOVERBUD PARTICIPANTS (4-H'ers between the ages of 5-7 years old as of January 1, 2024).
14. Exhibitors are allowed to sell ONE lamb at auction. Exception to this rule will only be granted if the exhibitor wins both Grand and/or Reserve Champion. In that case both animals will be sold at the auction sale.
15. Sale order of the lambs, other than Grand and Reserve Champions, will be done at random.
16. Class premiums will be awarded as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> place - \$14

2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$12

3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$10

4<sup>th</sup> place - \$ 9

5<sup>th</sup> place- \$ 8

**Grand Champion Market Lamb will receive an award.**

**Reserve Champion Market Lamb will receive an award.**

### **Junior Fitting and Showmanship**

Junior exhibitors are those 4-H'ers 8-13 years old as of January 1, 2024.

1<sup>st</sup> place- \$14 and Belt Buckle      4<sup>th</sup> place - \$9

2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$ 12 and Award      5<sup>th</sup> place - \$8

3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$10

### **Senior Fitting and Showmanship**

Senior exhibitors are those 4-H'ers 14-18 years old as of January 1, 2024.

1<sup>st</sup> place- \$14 and Belt Buckle      4<sup>th</sup> place- \$9

2<sup>nd</sup> place- \$12 and Award      5<sup>th</sup> place - \$8

3<sup>rd</sup> place- \$10

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### **Meat Goat**

1. 4-H Youth participating in the show may exhibit 2 species (such as 1 hog, 1 goat) or 2 of the same species.
2. Each exhibitor is allowed to tag-in and show a maximum of 2 animals.
3. Goats will be either wethers or does. Bucks will not be allowed.
4. Goats must be on farm by February 4, 2024.
5. Martin County Cooperative Extension Staff should be notified IMMEDIATELY at the time of death should a goat die. Replacement goats must be done with the approval of the Livestock Committee and Martin County Cooperative Extension Staff.
6. Goats must be brought to the Martin County Farmers Market between 1:00-4:00 pm the day before the show. Goats will not be accepted on the day of the show.
7. Goats will be mouthed at check-in by Martin County Cooperative Extension staff. Goats that have shed baby teeth with permanent tooth growth will be ineligible for the show, but will be allowed to participate in showmanship classes and in the sale. Pregnant or lactating goats will not be allowed to participate.

8. No professional fitters are allowed to fit animals on show day. If this rule is broken, the participant runs the risk of being barred from the show and future competitions.
9. Goats will be shown according to end weight. Goats will be broken into weight classes as needed at weigh-in the day before the show.
10. Goats will be shown with a collar or chain.
11. Grand and Reserve Champion animals will be picked in the following way. The first-place animal from each respective class will be brought back for the Grand Champion Drive. After the Grand Champion animal is chosen, the second-place animal from the class in which the Grand Champion came from will be brought back along with the other first place animals and the Reserve Champion animal will be selected.
12. All goats must meet the minimum weight requirement of 30 pounds and not exceeding 120 pounds in order to show. Those participants with an entry failing to meet the weight requirement or going over the weight requirement will not be allowed to show in individual classes and may be sold at non-support prices. However, individuals will be allowed to participate in showmanship classes and allowed to sell at the auction. THIS RULE DOES NOT APPLY TO CLOVERBUD PARTICIPANTS 4-H'ers between the ages of 5-7 years old as of January 1, 2024.
13. Exhibitors are allowed to sell ONE goat at auction. Exception to this rule will only be granted if the exhibitor wins both Grand and/or Reserve Champion. In that case both animals will be sold at the auction sale.
14. Sale order of goats, with the exception of Grand and Reserve Champions, will be sold at random.
15. Class premiums will be awarded as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$14
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$12
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$10
- 4<sup>th</sup> place - \$ 9
- 5<sup>th</sup> place - \$ 8

**Grand Champion Goat will receive an award.**

**Reserve Champion Goat will receive an award.**

### **Junior Fitting and Showmanship**

Junior exhibitors are those 4-H'ers 8-13 years old as of January 1, 2024.

1<sup>st</sup> place- \$14 and Belt Buckle      4<sup>th</sup> place - \$9

2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$ 12 and Award      5<sup>th</sup> place - \$8

3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$10

## Senior Fitting and Showmanship

Senior exhibitors are those 4-H'ers 14-18 years old as of January 1, 2024.

1<sup>st</sup> place- \$14 and Belt Buckle      4<sup>th</sup> place- \$9

2<sup>nd</sup> place- \$12 and Award      5<sup>th</sup> place - \$8

3<sup>rd</sup> place- \$10