

# 4-H Market Livestock Project Form



*Due no later than August 1<sup>st</sup> to the MSU Extension Office*

## **Commitment to Excellence**

- ✓ I believe that participation in the Junior Livestock Program should demonstrate my own knowledge, ability, and skill as a feeder and exhibitor of livestock. I will do my own work to the fullest extent. This project is mine – it will not be done by another person in my place.
- ✓ I will not use abusive, illegal, deceptive, or questionable practices in feeding, fitting and showing my animal(s), nor will I allow my parents, my project supervisor, or any other individual to employ such practices with my animal(s).
- ✓ I will read, understand, and follow the rules without exception, of all livestock shows in which I am a participant, and ask that my parents and the supervisor of my project do the same.
- ✓ I wish for my livestock project to be an example of how to accept what life has to offer, both good and bad, and how to live with the outcome.
- ✓ I realize I am responsible for:
  - The proper care and safe, humane treatment of my animals.
  - The production of high quality, safe and wholesome food.
  - Demonstrating strong moral character as an example to others.

## **Drug Withdrawal**

Regarding the use of animal health aids, growth aids or other livestock substances, I am aware that:

- Chemical substances used in livestock production, disease prevention, or disease control have approved withdrawal times before slaughter;
- Information on specific use and withdrawal times can be found on product label instructions for those drugs approved for use on livestock;
- Tranquilizers and other non-approved substances are strictly prohibited for use on food animals;
- Physically tampering with or altering an animal's muscle tissue is not allowed.

Therefore, I certify that the animals I bring to this show have: **(check one)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ While in my ownership, never been given any substance which requires a withdrawal time before slaughter;
- \_\_\_\_\_ Complied with legal withdrawal times in the use of one or more approved chemical substances for animal health, growth promotion, or other livestock management practices and have never used a substance which is not approved for use on animals.

Any animals found with evidence of drug residue, evidence of physical tampering or evidence of administration of non-approved substances will be disqualified and dismissed from the Fairgrounds. I understand that a violation of approved usage of animal substances may be prosecuted and that such animals will be disqualified from further exhibition or sale. I further understand that if I am found in violation of these policies, I will forfeit and return all sales receipts and premiums to the sale committee and buyer(s). Further, I understand that ANY animal at the Fair is subject to comprehensive drug tests at the option of the show management. The Fair, its officers and management will not be held legally responsible for violation of these policies.

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Youth's Printed Name

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Phone #

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Youth's Signature

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Date

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Parent or Guardian's Signature

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Date