

# San Juan County 4-H Livestock Market Animal Auction Committee

Date: Thursday, March 22, 2018  
Place: WSU Extension Office – Skagit Valley Community College  
Time: 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call of members and guests in attendance in person and via conference call.
3. Minutes from Previous Meeting
  - a. Read by Secretary Jan Sandberg or Bill Shaw
4. Treasurer's Report – Randi Mayberry
  - a. Closing out 2017 Financial Year
5. Correspondence – none to report
- ~~6. Committee Reports – Bill Pongo from Rabbit Pen Committee~~
7. Old Business
  - a. LMAAC Rule Change Proposed to Leaders Council
    - i. Sent back to LMAAC for rework
      1. 03222018-1 Meeting Conference calls
      2. 03222018-2 Market Health Record Deletion
      3. 03222018-3 Market Health Record Deletion
      4. 03222018-4 Meat Goat Breeds
      5. 03222018-5 Rabbit maximum weight change
      6. 03222018-6 should vs. must
      7. 03222018-7 should vs. must
      8. 03222018-8 Commission Fee change
      9. 03222018-9 Turn back proceeds use of
      10. 03222018-10 Rabbit proposal
      11. 03222018-11 Sifting Checklist Large
      12. 03222018-12 Sifting Checklist Small
      13. 03222018-13 Premium Book revision 2018
8. New Business
  - a. 2018 Budget
    - i. Randy Mayberry report on actuals for 2018 vs. budget
    - ii. Discussion of budget changes or revisions
    - iii. Vote on approval of 2018 budget
  - b. Spring Weigh in is proposed for May 19, 20, June 9 or 10
  - c. Fair Storage building – Question of who is using this building Wendy?
  - d. Inventory and Storage of existing LMAAC property
    - i. Clean-out and reorganization of Fair Building
    - ii. Purchase of materials for shelving
    - iii. Physical inventory and labeling of equipment
    - iv. Software for tagging system

- v. Inventory control and inspection process
- vi. Equipment loan process
- 9. Next Meeting Date:
- 10. Adjournment

**Proposal Number 03222018-1**

LMAAC Meeting and Conference calls  
No existing rule that I am aware of

Proposed rule:

The Livestock Market Animal Auction Committee (LMAAC) is a standing committee of Leaders' Council. Meetings are held 4-6 times a year. Conference Call in is an option for attendance to these meetings. Members are allowed to vote by conference call or in person. No proxy voting.

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**Proposal Number 03222018-2**

As stated in current rules:

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Sifting Committee

- Market Health Record– turned in at final weigh-in Tuesday before fair 6pm-8pm to Auction Chairperson.

Reason for change in rules:

This form is now included in the Producer affidavit

Proposed Rule Change:

Deletion of line item

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**Proposal Number 03222018-3**

As stated in current rules

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Eligibility for Auction

5. Producer Affidavit

b. Market Health Record

Reason for change in rules:

This form is now included in the Producer affidavit

Proposed Rule Change:

Deletion of line item

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**Proposal Number 03222018-4**

As stated in current rules

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Market Class Standards

**MEAT GOATS: 70 lbs. minimum and 120 lbs. maximum.** Meat goats may be wethers or does born on or after December 1 of prior fair year, must be a Boer goat or a meat goat cross. No permanent teeth may be present. Goats will be graded on weight, muscle tone, and overall condition.

Reason for change in rules:

While the current rule states that the a meat goat “must be a Boer goat or a meat goat cross”, the rule does not give participants the expectations that 4H livestock judges may have in regards to establishing what defines a meat goat breed. This new rule will give participants a better understanding as to defining established meat goat breeds and that while a meat goat be may be a cross it better defines that a meat cross must be at least 50% of an established meat goat breed.

Proposed rule change:

- **MEAT GOATS: 70 lbs. minimum and 120 lbs. maximum.** Meat goats may be wethers or does born on or after December 1 of prior fair year. **A meat goat will be defined to be at least 50% of the following meat breeds: Boer, Genemaster, Kiko, Kinder, Mytonic, Savanna, Spanish, Tennessee Meat Goat, Texmaster, Rangeland, Kalahari, Black Bengal and Verta.** ~~must be a Boer goat or a meat goat cross.~~ No permanent teeth may be present. Goats will be graded on weight, muscle tone, and overall condition.
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Proposal Number 03222018-5

As stated in current rules:

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Market Class Standards

- **RABBITS: 3 lbs. minimum and 5 lbs. maximum.** Market rabbits must not be over 10 weeks of age. Sold as a trio or fryers of the same meat breed

Reason for rule change:

The maximum weight for market rabbits has already been increased to 5.5 lbs. in other 4H supporting document including the LMAAC Memorandum and sifting documents.

Proposed Rule Change:

Market Class Standards

- **RABBITS: 3 lbs. minimum and 5 to 5.5 lbs. maximum.** Market rabbits must not be over 10 weeks of age. Sold as a trio or fryers of the same meat breed

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Proposal Number 03222018-6

As stated in current rules:

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Auction Tags

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Reason for proposed change:

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Proposed rule change:

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Proposal Number 03222018-7

As stated in current rules:

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Auction Regulations:

1. All market livestock; beef, swine, lamb, meat goat, poultry and rabbit entries should be properly finished at the time of sale. Livestock, poultry and rabbit entries judged unsuitable by the Sifting Committee or exhibitors that do not follow stated LMAAC rules for market would not be sold at the auction.

Reason for proposed change:

The current rule uses passive voice and should be revised to clearly define the expectations of the LMAAC to the participant.

Proposed rule change:

1. All market livestock; beef, swine, lamb, meat goat, poultry and rabbit entries ~~should~~ **must** be properly finished at the time of sale. Livestock, poultry and rabbit entries judged unsuitable by the Sifting Committee or exhibitors that do not follow stated LMAAC rules for market would not be sold at the auction.

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Proposal Number 03222018-8

Current rule:

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Auction Sale Payments to Seller:

1. A fee of 4% of the gross sale will be deducted from each animal. The fee will include the Washington State Brand Inspector fee and check off fee for all beef, hog and lamb.

Reason for rule change:

In the current rule under **Buyer's Responsibilities, line item 6 reads as follows:**

Proceeds from the Turn Back Auction and any late payment fees will be deposited in the 4-H LMAAC Fund and used to support the **cost of auction**, hauling, slaughter, delivery, SJC 4-H member scholarships, repair/maintenance, capital projects.

During the past three years Auction revenue from turn back income has exceeded \$9,000 each year, which exceeds the financial needs and 2017 budget of LMAAC, forcing, LMAAC, to spend excess funds on additional supplies and donate large sums to Leaders council.

The source of the property sold at the turn back auction is originated from 4H member projects with 100% of the cost to 4H members and their families.

Turn back income is created when the original buyer of the market animal declines the option to take possession of the animal and pay for processing and delivery and designates the animal as a "turn back". By the original buyer releasing the interest of the animal initiates turn back designation. The animal is then taken out of the auction ring for the purpose of being resold at the "turn back" auction. The buyer of the turn back animal takes possession of the animal and pays all processing fees and receives the processed meat from LMAAC at time of delivery. The turn back buyer receives the meat in exchange for the price paid at auction plus processing fees, while the original buyer receives only a thank you letter from the seller for the amount paid at auction. This is very confusing to all parties and some members of leaders council. Some may question who is actually donating the money to 4H. Is it the original buyer who donated the animal as a turn back, is it the buyer at the turn back auction or is it the member who paid all of the costs prior to the auction, including; purchase of animal, transportation from birth farm, cost of feed, veterinary costs, pasture use, barns and fencing and more. Many would conclude that the seller, original buyer and turn back buyer are each participating in the donation to 4H and without each of their considerable contribution; the donation would not be made at all.

The cost of the auction has never relied completely on the "sellers fee". The cost of the auction has been paid for, in part, with funds from the turn back revenue. Further more the cost of the auction is paid for by not only the sellers and turn back buyers but by many other generous folks such as: volunteers, lodging/meal donations by Island business, leaders council, fair board, many island businesses, and private donations and the list goes on.

The seller's families and friends also make up the largest group of buyers at auction and in many occasions buy the animal at auction of their 4H family member. The sellers and their families also make up the largest part of the marketing of the fair by not only displaying their amazing animals at the fair all week but by personally inviting and soliciting active buyers to come to the fair and buy their animals. All this marketing, active bidding and buying each year result and absolutely no cost to the auction!

While some folks think that the “kids are making a fortune” at the auction, the parents of these members may disagree when they calculate all the true costs of bringing a market ready animal to fair. It is important to understand that while we live in a very generous community and the members appreciate the fees they receive from the buyers, no one is making it rich at the 4H market auction. Many community members including the families of 4H market members share the auction finances and proceeds.

The member also takes 100% of the risk. If the animal were to get sick or die prior to slaughter, the member would receive nothing and the buyer would be returned the money paid for the animal. Further risks include; injury during transportation after fair on the way to slaughter. The USDA inspector and/or IGFC could reject animal at time of slaughter for various reasons including trace signs of antibiotics in blood tests taken at slaughter. All of the same rules that protect our safety when buying meats at the market are applied to our animals sold at auction.

The commission fee unfairly charges greater dollar amounts on larger animals without any consideration of the profit/loss of any given animal or egg. A few years ago, beef was sold for under \$2.00 a lb. resulting in a loss to most of the 5 sellers, while a dozen eggs were sold for as much a \$700 a dozen. The beef member paid a fee of up to \$160 after selling the animal with a heavy loss, while the egg member paid \$28 dollars at a profit of at least \$600.

The 4% fee is a seemingly small amount and some other fair auctions charge larger percentages but none of these fairs have turn back auction revenue. The turn back program is amazing for our 4-H programs and is only possible by the efforts of auction volunteers and promoters. This fee is no longer necessary to the financial viability of the auction for the current year or the following year and should be reduced or removed completely. The fee is not and has not been needed to pay for the cost of the auction. The trend for the past 3 years shows a decline in market animal participation and increases in turn back revenue. Charging our members a % commission of the sale is not consistent with the 4H values. Where else in 4H do we take a commission on the reward/sale of any project?

Proposed change in rules:

Auction Sale Payments to Seller:

1. A fee of ~~4%~~ .04% of the gross sale will be deducted from each animal. The fee will include the Washington State Brand Inspector fee and check off fee for all beef, hog and lamb.

Proposal Number 03222018-9

Current Rule:

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Buyer's Responsibilities:

Number 6

Current rule:

Proceeds from the Turn Back Auction and any late payment fees will be deposited in the 4-H LMAAC Fund and used to support the cost of auction, hauling, slaughter, delivery, SJC 4-H member scholarships, repair/maintenance, capitol projects and other uses approved by LMAAC and Leaders Council.

Reason for rule change:

In the past LMAAC has paid for the purchase and repair & maintenance of San Juan County fair buildings, tents, infrastructure and anything that the Fair Management was unable or unwilling to provide for the public display and showing of 4H animal projects. In 2016 the SJCF and SJC Parks and Recreation proposed taking over the responsibilities of fair building infrastructure, life safety, set up, tear down and repair/maintenance of the SJC Fair ground and associated buildings. Because LMAAC has defined in our current rules that the proceeds of the turn back auction proceeds are to be used not only for the: the cost of auction, hauling, slaughter, delivery and SJC 4-H member scholarships but for repair/maintenance, capitol projects and other uses approved by LMAAC. A change is needed to the purpose of proceeds of the turn back auction to provide a clearer understanding of this purpose.

Proposed change in rules

Buyer's Responsibilities:

Number 6

Proceeds from the Turn Back Auction and any late payment fees will be deposited in the 4-H LMAAC Fund and used to support; cost of auction, hauling, slaughter, delivery, SJC 4-H member scholarships, **market animal showmanship grooming equipment & supplies, youth recognition & awards, barn tools, auction supplies & equipment, market animal auction educational materials, stalls/panels equipment, advertising & marketing and auction promotion and any other uses approved by the LMAAC.**

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Proposal Number 03222018-10

Proposed Rabbit Weights and Ages:

Proposal to adjust the weights for rabbits in Meat Pen of Rabbits.

Current: Rabbits 3 pounds minimum 5 pounds maximum. Market rabbits must not be over 10 weeks of age. Sold as a trio of fryers from the same meat breed.

Proposed: Rabbits individual weight to be 3 pounds minimum 5.5 pounds maximum. Market rabbits must not be over 10 weeks of age. Sold as a trio of fryers from the same meat breed.

Justification: the American Rabbit Breeder's Association has increased the weight of fryer rabbits, and meat pen rabbits to be 5.5 pounds maximum. Updating our weights would be in keeping with ARBA standard.

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Proposal Number 03222018-11

Sifting Committee Checklist Large;

SEE EXCEL DOCUMENT

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Proposal Number 03222018-12

Sifting Committee Checklist SMALL;

SEE EXCEL DOCUMENT

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Proposal Number 03222018-13

2018 4-H PREMIUM BOOK

SEE WORD DOCUMENT

## **4-H LIVESTOCK MARKET ANIMAL AUCTION**

**Date:** Saturday of Fair Week  
**Auction Registration:** 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm  
**Location:** 4-H Livestock Arena, San Juan County Fairground  
**Superintendent:** Bill Shaw

### **General Rules:**

**AUCTION PURPOSE:** To provide an incentive to exhibit and sell quality market stock beef, sheep, swine, meat goats, poultry, poultry eggs and rabbits which have reached marketable weight and grade. The 4-H youth seller and the bidders and/or buyers are reminded that the prices paid to the seller on their animal may not, in fact, reflect a true market price at the time of the sale. It is the desire of the sponsors that the buyer of the animals featured in this sale will bid sufficiently to cover the individual Exhibitor's additional expenses incurred. **Any animal sold in the auction must be suitable for processing at the time of the sale.**

**SIFTING COMMITTEE:** The Livestock Market Animal Auction Committee (LMAAC) will form two sifting committees with a minimum of five members and be present at final weigh-in the Tuesday prior to fair from 6pm to 8pm for large animal (market beef, swine, lamb and meat goat) and at a predetermined time for small animal (poultry and rabbit). The committee will be made up the following two groups:

#### **Large Animal Sifting Committee**

- Veterinarian (hired by SJC Fair)
- Livestock Auction Chair(s)
- Livestock Superintendent
  
- WSU Ext., County Director or 4H Faculty Faculty
- 4-H Livestock Volunteer from Livestock Animal

#### **Small Animal Sifting Committee**

- Veterinarian (hired by SJC Fair)
- Livestock Auction Chair(s)
- Poultry Superintendent
- Rabbit & Cavy Superintendent
- WSU Ext., County Director or 4H
  
- 4-H Livestock Volunteer Small

The purpose of the *Sifting Committee* is to review all market animals at the San Juan County Fair insuring that the rules established by San Juan County Fair, 4-H, LMAAC, WSU, WSDA and USDA are followed to the best of the Sifting Committee's ability. Criteria for evaluation, will include but not limited to, health; medications; age; proper castration of wethers, swine and steers; weight; animal unruliness. The

*Sifting Committee* will approve all animals for sale at auction. Any animal called into question will not be allowed entry into the fair until the *Sifting Committee* is given the appropriate time and resources to evaluate the animal and records. The committee reserves the right to disqualify an exhibitor from the Fair and 4-H auction for cause. Committee members must be knowledgeable of the rules and committed to following established rules without exception or preferential treatment of exhibitors.

The Sifting Committee will provide a *Sifting Checklist* for each species for entrance into the Livestock Market Animal Auction for each species including:

- Intent to Sell form – submit at early weigh-in or mail to WSU County Extension office, post-marked before June 1st
- Livestock Market Animal Auction Committee Memorandum– submit at early weigh-in or mail to WSU County Extension office, post-marked before June 1st
- Producer Affidavit and Quality Assurance Form (C1055E “pork”, C1054E “beef”, C1052E “lamb” C1051E “goat”) – turned in at final weigh-in Tuesday before fair 6pm-8pm to Auction Chairperson
- ~~Market Health Record~~– turned in at final weigh-in Tuesday before fair 6pm-8pm to Auction Chairperson. **This form is now included in the Producer affidavit**
  
- Country of Origin– turned in at final weigh-in Tuesday before fair 6pm-8pm to Auction Chairperson
- Verification of Age– turned in at final weigh-in Tuesday before fair 6pm-8pm to Auction Chairperson
- Official Sifting Committee Weight– collected by sifting committee at final weigh-in, Tuesday before fair 6pm-8pm to Auction Chairperson

Each seller must have a completed *Sifting Checklist* signed by the Livestock Superintendent (Poultry Superintendent and/or Rabbit & Cavy Superintendent for small animal) and Auction Chairman. The completed and signed *Sifting Checklist* will act as certification that the animal meets the Market Class Eligibility and will proceed to judging at the fair.

Livestock Market Animal Auction Committee has made every effort to make rules and regulations definite and clear. All exhibitors, parents/guardians and club leaders are responsible for the content included in the current year Fair Premium Book and the content of this document. The committee reserves the right to disqualify an exhibitor from the Fair and auction for cause. Questions about any of the rules or guidelines should first be directed to the to the LMAAC Chairperson(s). If an exhibitor, parent, or other volunteer has a grievance at the San Juan County Fair, they must follow the 4-H Resolution Procedures as outlined in the Fair Premium Book.

## **Eligibility for Auction:**

1. Only market stock in official 4-H projects is eligible. Each exhibitor must be enrolled in 4-H and be actively caring for the animal(s) exhibited as a 4-H project. 4-H members must be enrolled as a member of San Juan County 4-H. Each 4-H member must follow the rules and regulations of 4-H, the San Juan County Fair and the San Juan County Livestock Market Animal Auction Committee. LMAAC reserves the right to review all actions and behavior of exhibitors and to disqualify the exhibitor from the auction sale for cause including a violation of General Fair or 4-H rules.
  2. To be eligible for the auction sale, a certificate of *INTENT TO SELL* must be completed to be eligible for the sale. Forms must be completed at the *EARLY WEIGH-IN DAY* for beef, lamb, swine, and meat goats. If the exhibitor is granted an exception to attend the mandatory weigh-in from the LMAAC Chairman, all forms must be mailed, faxed or emailed to the WSU Extension office on or before the appropriate due date for each project. Poultry, eggs and rabbit intent to sell forms are due on the July enrollment date. *INTENT TO SELL* forms must be mailed, faxed or emailed to the WSU Extension office on or before the appropriate due date for each project. Copies of "Intent to Sell" certificates are available from the San Juan County Extension office, the San County Fair office, and animal project leaders, or SJC 4-H Extension website.
  3. A Livestock Animal Auction Committee *MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING* must be turned in with the *INTENT TO SELL*. 4-H exhibitor, parent or guardian and 4-H club leader must sign this form. The intent of the *Memorandum* is informational and outlines the criteria (*Sifting Checklist*) used by the sifting committee to approve an animal for sale at auction.
  4. Exhibitors must turn in the following completed forms specific to the species offered for auction to the LMAAC Chairperson(s) on the Tuesday of fair at final weigh-in:
  5. Producer Affidavit
    - a. Producer Affidavit and Quality Assurance Form (C105\_E)
    - b. ~~Market Health Record Deletion~~ **this is now included in Producer Affidavit form**
    - c. Country of Origin
    - d. Verification of Age
  6. All health records required to be maintained by 4-H exhibitor for the duration of the project ownership.
  7. The Fair Veterinarian (Hired by San Juan County Fair) will inspect all classes of livestock and poultry (including horses, pet animals, pigeons, ducks, geese and turkeys), before they are unloaded, for infection or contagious diseases and ectoparasites. Exhibitors should be aware that ringworm, warts, pinkeye, strangles, contagious eczema, scabies, lice, mites, ticks, foot rot and fleas fall into this category. Decisions of the Veterinarian are final.
  8. The Fair Veterinarian will be on the fair grounds at specified days and times. Check with the department superintendent.
  9. Showing Horned Animals: Refer to 4-H State Program Policy EM0758E.

- a. All Market steers must be polled or dehorned; healed or re-growth must not extend more than two inches from the hairline. Horned breeding animals must have the horn tips covered as a safety precaution.
  - b. Horned, non-dairy goats or sheep may be exhibited in 4-H showmanship classes where animals are not exchanged between youth in the show ring. For a horned animal to be exhibited it must have its horn tips covered. If the sheep or non-dairy goat has scurs (horn re-growth), these scurs cannot exceed 1" in length without the horn tips being covered. Non-dairy horned goats and sheep may be shown in market and breeding classes but they must have horn tips covered as a safety precaution. A county may implement a more restrictive policy but not a less restrictive policy regarding the exhibition of horned sheep and goats.
  - c. No dairy animals with horns are permitted except in the Junior Heifer Calf class. The definition of horns includes "scurs," "nubbing," or "stubs" that extend more than one inch beyond the skin.
  - d. No horned dairy goat animals are allowed.
10. 4-H exhibitors will compete separately in the market classes in their species. The judge will designate one (1) Grand Champion and one (1) Reserve Champion for each species for 4-H respectively followed by the placing of each blue ribbon and red ribbon animal in each class in each species for 4-H respectively. The LMAAC shall determine the sale order of all other animals in each species. All decisions and placing by the judge and the committee are final.
  11. All 4-H Livestock Market Animal Auction animals must meet the ownership date requirement. Date of ownership in as follows: Market Beef –March 1st. Swine, lambs and meat goats –June 1st. Poultry and rabbit ownership dates are 45 days before fair.
  12. All sheep and goats entered in the San Juan County 4-H Market Livestock Animal Auction at the San Juan County Fair shall be identified as per the ***USDA-APHIS Scrapie Mandatory Identification Program***.
  13. No crypt orchid male animals for market beef, swine, lamb or goat are allowed at auction.
  14. Poultry exhibitors auctioning eggs must also enter a representative female of the dozen egg entered in exhibit for sale at auction.
  15. 4-H members are to educate themselves on the Quality Assurance program for market beef, swine, lamb, meat goat, Pullet, laying hen, duck and rabbit projects. Club leaders will provide materials to their members or can be acquired from the WSU Extension Office.
  16. **Market Class Standards including minimum required weight and maximum weight for auction pricing:**
    - **MARKET BEEF: 950 lbs. minimum with no maximum.** Market Beef may be heifers or steers. Desirable age of steers is less than 24 months.

- **Alternative Beef Breeds: 700 lbs. minimum and 1000 lbs. maximum.** Defined as Dexter or Lowline Angus or other recognized small alternative beef animal. It must be no younger than 18 months and no older than 30 months.
- **MARKET LAMBS: 85 lbs. minimum and 160 lbs. maximum.** Market lambs may be ewes or wethers born on or after December 1<sup>st</sup> of the year prior to fair exhibit year. No permanent teeth may be present. To qualify for the sale and all lamb must be slick shorn 7 days prior to final weigh in or wool must be less than 1/4".
- **MARKET SWINE: 200 lbs. minimum and 300 lbs. maximum.** Market hogs may be gilts or barrows born on or after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current fair exhibit year.
- **MEAT GOATS: 70 lbs. minimum and 120 lbs. maximum.** Meat goats may be wethers or does born on or after December 1 of prior fair year. **A meat goat will be defined to be at least 50% of the following meat breeds: Boer, Genemaster, Kiko, Kinder, Mytonic, Savanna, Spanish, Tennessee Meat Goat, Texmaster, Rangeland, Kalahari, Black Bengal and Vertaand. must be a Boer goat or a meat goat cross.** No permanent teeth may be present. Goats will be graded on weight, muscle tone, and overall condition.
- **CHICKENS: 3 lbs. minimum with no maximum** and must not be over 9 weeks of age. Sold as a Trio of broilers of the same breed.
- **RABBITS: 3 lbs. minimum and 5 to 5.5 lbs. maximum.** Market rabbits must not be over 10 weeks of age. Sold as a trio or fryers of the same meat breed
- **PHEASANTS: 1 lb. minimum and 3 lbs. maximum.** and must not be over 18 weeks of age. Sold as a trio or broilers of the same meat breed
  - **TURKEY: 14 lb. minimum and 30 lbs. maximum** and must not be over 24 weeks of age. Sold as a single turkey.
  - **PULLET Production Layers: no minimum weight sold by lot.** Must be between 4 and 7 months of age. Sold as trio of same breed large fowl (duck or chicken) known for its high egg production.
  - **Alternative Market Animal Project:** In an effort to encourage alternative animal projects, please submit a written proposal of appropriate eligibility requirements to the LMAAC prior to project commencement for consent/approval (examples could be: Quail, Squab, Heritage Breed Turkey, Ostrich etc.)

#### **Auction Entry Regulations:**

1. Only animals receiving a Grand Blue, Reserve Blue, Blue or Red Danish are eligible for sale at auction. White ribbon animals will **not** be allowed in the auction and may be sold by private treaty.
2. An exhibitor may enter only one animal in the auction and, in addition, they may enter one dozen eggs. (Example: Exhibitor A enters a swine and a dozen eggs for auction and Exhibitor B enters a trio of pullets and a dozen eggs)

3. Exhibitors **may not** withdraw their exhibits from the fair or auction after the final weigh-in on the Tuesday before Fair.
4. Exhibitors and/or others may not buy animals for return to the seller. An exhibitor cannot show auctioned animals at other fairs and/or sales.
5. No Animal will be sold without all of the required forms including *Intent to Sell* and signed *Memorandum of Understanding*.
6. Sellers of market beef at the final weigh-in must complete and hand in a hauling slip and bill of sale. Seller is required to be present at brand inspection by Washington State Brand Inspector.

**Auction Tags:**

Animals ~~should~~ **must** be tagged, banded, or tattooed prior to the fair. Tags will be available at the June early weigh-in and Livestock Market Animal Auction Committee welcoming and information meeting. Animals should be tagged before weigh-in or during weigh-in.

**Weigh-in:**

1. Mandatory Early weigh-in will be held prior to June 15<sup>th</sup> of the given year. All beef, swine, lamb and meat goats are required to be weighed and tagged.
2. Sellers must be present at the early and final weigh-in to bring their animals to the scales. **NO PROXIES ALLOWED WITHOUT PRIOR LMAAC CHAIRPERSON APPROVAL IN WRITING. EARLY WEIGH IN IS MANDATORY UNLESS PRIOR APPROVAL BY LMAAC CHAIRPERSON IN WRITING.**
3. Final weigh-in will be Tuesday night 6pm to 8pm prior to the start of the fair. Order of species will rotate from year to year, determined by the LMAAC. Market livestock, poultry and rabbit that do not meet minimum weights for sale at the Market Auction will be automatically entered into a feeder class listed under each department.
4. No animal will be weighed at the final weigh-in without a completed Market Health Record.
5. At the final weigh-in, sellers of market beef must complete and hand in a hauling slip and bill of sale to the LMAAC Chairperson. Seller is required to be present at brand inspection by Washington State Brand Inspector.
6. Scales used to weigh the animals will be inspected each year and accepted by the State of Washington.

**Auction Regulations:**

2. All market livestock; beef, swine, lamb, meat goat, poultry and rabbit entries ~~should~~ **must** be properly finished at the time of sale. Livestock, poultry and rabbit entries judged unsuitable by the Sifting Committee or exhibitors that do not follow stated LMAAC rules for market would not be sold at the auction.
3. The LMAAC together with the judge shall determine the sale order of all auction animals in each type class. Large market animals, small market animals and eggs of 4-H exhibitors will sell together. The order of the sale of all market animals and eggs start with the Reserve Champions of all the species followed by the Grand Champions, then the Blue Ribbons (in order of

placing by the judge) and lastly, the Red Ribbons (in the order of placing by the judge).

1. All sale lots will include large animal, small animal and eggs. The auction order will be as follows:
  1. Reserve Champions Market Class- Large animal, small animal then eggs
  2. Grand Champion Market Class – Large Animal, small animal then eggs
  3. High Blue Market Class - Large animal, small animal then eggs
  4. 2<sup>nd</sup> Blue Market Class - Large animal, small animal then eggs
  5. 3<sup>rd</sup> Blue Market Class - Large animal, small animal then eggs
  6. All Remaining Blue Market Class - Large animal, small animal then eggs
  7. High Red Market Class - Large animal, small animal then eggs
  8. 2<sup>nd</sup> Red Market Class - Large animal, small animal then eggs
  9. 3<sup>rd</sup> Red Market Class - Large animal, small animal then eggs
  10. All Remaining Red Market Class - Large animal, small animal then eggs
4. Sellers **must be present** to bring their animal(s) into the auction ring or it will not be sold. **NO PROXIES ALLOWED.** An exemption may be made for high school seniors leaving for college during the dates of the auction. A letter must be mailed to LMAAC Chairperson(s) prior to August 1<sup>st</sup> for APPROVAL of the LMAAC.
5. All weighed animals will be sold by the pound. Poultry, rabbits and eggs will be by lot.
6. All animals that weigh more than the maximum set by the **Market Class Standards** (see above) will be sold for the maximum weight of the market class and not the actual animal weight. Exception for market beef that has no maximum weight and will be sold by actual weight.
7. This is a terminal auction for all animals sold at San Juan County 4-H Livestock Market Animal Auction. If a buyer does not want the animal to be terminated, the buyer must request an exception in writing from the LMAAC Chairperson by 5pm the day of the auction and sale for approval. Exception for pullets (laying hens and ducks). All sales are final.
8. USDA requirements for withdrawal of feed additives and medications shall be followed. If the animal is condemned in the slaughter process for violation of these USDA requirements, it is the seller's responsibility to absorb the loss.

**Auction Sale Payments to Seller:**

2. ~~A fee of 4% of the gross sale will be deducted from each animal. The fee will include the Washington State Brand Inspector fee and check off fee for all beef, hog and lamb.~~
3. Proceeds of the sale will be distributed to exhibitors or their assignors after payment has been received from the buyer. No payments will be made to the sellers/exhibitor until the treasurer has collected all proceeds of the sale.

4. All sales not paid in full at time of sale will be assessed a 10% buyer's premium unless pre-approved by LMAAC treasurer prior to start of auction. Cash, check and credit cards will be accepted as form of payment.

**Seller's Responsibilities:**

1. Each exhibitor/seller assumes the responsibility for securing at least three (3) potential buyers/bidders for each animal to be sold.
2. Exhibitors/sellers of market steers must provide buyers with rope halters, which may or may not be returned to the exhibitor. This halter must be left on the steer in the barn.
3. Rabbit, Poultry, Pullet and egg sellers must contact buyer at time of sale or later to arrange delivery of live or processed animals or eggs. The seller must be prepared to slaughter, process and wrap rabbit or poultry, at the request of the buyer.
4. **ALL EXHIBITORS/SELLERS ARE REQUIRED TO CARE FOR THEIR MARKET ANIMAL UNTIL THE ANIMAL LEAVES THE FAIRGROUNDS OR UNTIL LIVESTOCK RELEASE TIME ON SUNDAY.**
5. Each Seller is responsible to recognize and appreciate the buyer by writing a letter expressing his/her appreciation to the buyer for participating in the auction and purchase of his/her animal. Club leaders must witness and notify LMAAC Treasurer that the seller has written a thank you to the buyer(s).
6. Exception: poultry, rabbits and dozen eggs will deliver poultry or rabbits to buyer alive or arrangements will be made to clean and dress poultry or rabbits. Seller will make arrangements for delivery of a fresh dozen eggs to buyer.

**Livestock Market Animal Auction Responsibilities:**

1. The LMAAC will be responsible to provide each buyer with written cutting and wrapping choices for processing of purchased animals.

**Buyer's Responsibilities:**

1. Anyone wanting to purchase any of the market animals may do so by oral bid or proxy.
2. All sales are final.
3. This is a terminal auction for all animals sold at San Juan County 4-H Livestock Market Animal Auction. If a buyer does not want the animal to be terminated, the buyer must request an exception in writing from the LMAAC Chairperson by 5pm the day of the auction and sale for approval. Note exception for pullet and egg purchases under seller's responsibilities 6.
4. All animals sold at auction will go to a designated USDA approved slaughter facility. When a buyer requests the animal be processed for his own use, he/she takes possession of the processed carcass at the packinghouse. The cost of slaughter, processing and wrapping is the buyer's responsibility. If a buyer does not want the animal to be slaughtered, the buyer must request an exception from the LMAAC Chairperson for approval. Exception for pullets (laying hens and ducks).

5. Buyers may indicate at the time of purchase that they wish to “turn back” the purchased animal. The turned back animal will then be resold automatically at the Turn Back Auction at the end of the livestock auction. In this case, the buyer pays the full bid amount for the animal. The turn back buyer pays the Turn Back Auction bid amount for the animal. In the event that the Turn Back Auction bid price is higher than the “Auction” price, the seller will receive the greater of the two bid amounts.
6. Proceeds from the Turn Back Auction and any late payment fees will be deposited in the 4-H LMAAC Fund and used to support the cost of auction, hauling, slaughter, delivery, SJC 4-H member scholarships, ~~repair/maintenance, capital projects~~ **repair/maintenance, capitol projects** and other uses approved by LMAAC and Leaders Council.
7. All buyers should pre-register and receive a bidding number prior to auction.
11. Sifting Committee Checklist Large and Small Animal
12. Sifting Committee Memorandum

**San Juan County 4-H  
Livestock Market Animal Auction Committee (LMAAC)  
Memorandum**

\_\_\_ I have read and understand the New Livestock Market Animal Auction Committee Guidelines and Policy. And furthermore agree to follow these guidelines.

\_\_\_ I understand that participation in this year’s 4-H market auction requires all participants to turn in the following documents:

- Intent to Sell form – Mailed to WSU County Extension, Post-marked the Thursday before June 1<sup>st</sup> (or filed at weigh-in)
- LMAAC Memorandum– Mailed to WSU Extension, Post-marked the Thursday before June 1<sup>st</sup> (or filed at weigh-in)
- Producer Affidavit and Quality Assurance form– turned in at final weigh-in Tuesday before fair 6pm-8pm to Auction Chairperson
- ~~Market Health Record– turned in at final weigh in Tuesday before fair 6pm-8pm to Auction Chairperson~~
- County of Origin– turned in at final weigh-in Tuesday before fair 6pm-8pm to Auction Chairperson
- Verification of Age– turned in at final weigh-in Tuesday before fair 6pm-8pm to Auction Chairperson
- Official Sifting Committee Weight– collected by sifting committee at final weigh-in, Tuesday before fair 6-8pm to Auction Chairperson

\_\_\_ My Market Animal Project must be free from infection or contagious diseases and ectoparasites to be allowed to participate in the livestock auction. Exhibitors should be aware that ringworm, warts, pinkeye, strangles, contagious eczema, scabies, lice, mites, ticks, foot rot and fleas fall into this category.

\_\_\_ I am aware that Market steers must be polled or dehorned; healed or re-growth must not extend more than two inches from the hairline. All steers with horns longer than 2” will not be allowed to participate.

\_\_\_ I understand that horned, non-dairy goats or sheep may be exhibited in 4-H showmanship classes where animals are not exchanged between youth in the show ring. For a horned animal to be exhibited it must have its horn tips covered. If the sheep or non-dairy goat has scurs (horn re-growth), these scurs cannot exceed 1” in length without the horn tips being covered. Non-dairy horned goats and sheep may be shown in market and breeding classes but they must have horn tips covered as a safety precaution. A county may implement a more

restrictive policy but not a less restrictive policy regarding the exhibition of horned sheep and goats.

\_\_\_ All 4-H Livestock Market Animal Auction animals must meet the ownership date requirement. Date of ownership in as follows: Market Beef - March 1<sup>st</sup> of the current fair year. Swine, lambs and meat goats – June 1<sup>st</sup> of the current fair year. Poultry and rabbit ownership dates are 45 days before fair.

\_\_\_ All sheep and goats entered in the San Juan County 4-H Market Livestock Animal Auction at the San Juan County Fair shall be identified as per the *USDA-APHIS Scrapie Mandatory Identification Program*.

\_\_\_ I understand that no cryptorchid male animals for market beef, swine, lamb or goat is allowed at auction.

\_\_\_ I understand that if I receive a white ribbon in the market class that my project animal will not be allowed at auction.

\_\_\_ I am aware that final weigh-in will be Tuesday night 6pm to 8pm prior to the start of the fair. Order of species will rotate from year to year, determined by the LMAAC. Market livestock, poultry and rabbit that do not meet minimum weights for sale at the Market Auction will be automatically entered into a feeder class listed under each department.

\_\_\_ All market livestock; beef, swine, lamb, meat goat, poultry and rabbit entries should be properly finished at the time of sale. Livestock, poultry and rabbit entries judged unsuitable by the Sifting Committee or exhibitors that do not follow stated LMAAC rules for market would not be sold at the auction.

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\_\_\_ Sellers *must be present* to bring their animal(s) into the auction ring or it will not be sold. NO PROXIES ALLOWED. An exemption may be made for high school seniors leaving for college during the dates of the auction. A letter must be mailed to LMAAC Chairperson(s) prior to August 1<sup>st</sup> for APPROVAL of the LMAAC.

\_\_\_ I am aware that Market Class Standards including minimum required weight and maximum weight for auction pricing:

- **MARKET BEEF: 950 lbs. minimum with no maximum. Market Beef may be heifers or steers. Desirable age of steers is less than 24 months.**
- Alternative Beef Breeds: 700 lbs. minimum and 1000 lbs. maximum. Defined as Dexter or Lowline Angus or other recognized small alternative beef animal. It must be no younger than 18 months and no older than 30 months.
- MARKET LAMBS: 85 lbs. minimum and 160 lbs. maximum. Market lambs may be ewes or wethers born on or after December 1<sup>st</sup> of the year prior to fair exhibit year. No permanent teeth may be present. To qualify for the sale and all lamb must be slick shorn 7 days prior to final weigh in or wool must be less than 1/4".
- MARKET SWINE: 200 lbs. minimum and 300 lbs. maximum. Market hogs may be gilts or barrows born on or after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current fair exhibit year.
- MEAT GOATS: 70 lbs. minimum and 120 lbs. maximum. Meat goats may be wethers or does born on or after December 1 of prior fair year and must be a Boer goat or a meat goat cross. No permanent teeth may be present. Goats will be graded on weight, muscle tone, and overall condition.
- CHICKENS: 3 lbs. minimum with no maximum and must not be over 9 weeks of age. Sold as a Trio of broilers of the same breed.
- RABBITS: 3 lbs. minimum and 5.5 lbs. maximum. Market rabbits must not be over 10 weeks of age. Sold as a trio or fryers of the same meat breed
- PHEASANTS: 1 lb. minimum and 3 lbs. maximum. and must not be over 18 weeks of age. Sold as a trio or broilers of the same meat breed
- TURKEY: 14 lb. minimum and 30 lbs. maximum and must not be over 24 weeks of age. Sold as a single turkey.

- PULLET Production Layers: no minimum weight sold by lot. Must be between 4 and 7 months of age. Sold as trio of same breed large fowl (duck or chicken) known for its high egg production.
- Alternative Market Animal Project: In an effort to encourage alternative animal projects, please submit a written proposal of appropriate eligibility requirements to the LMAAC prior to project commencement for consent/approval (examples could be: Quail, Squab, Heritage Breed Turkey, Ostrich etc.)  
Project Animal(s): \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,

_____	Participants Name
_____	Parent/Guardian Name
_____	Project Leader Name
_____	Participants Signature
_____	Date
_____	Parent/Guardian Signature
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