

## 2008 REQUIREMENTS FOR 4-H MARKET ANIMAL PROJECTS

1. **This is a market livestock program.** The expectation is that an animal is market ready at the day of auction. All market animals must have predominant meat characteristics and come from a recognized meat animal breed
2. INTERESTED YOUTH ARE TO ENROLL IN THE 4-H MARKET LIVESTOCK PROGRAM BY **FEBRUARY 1, 2008.**
3. To be eligible for the 4-H/FFA Livestock Show and Sale all market animals **MUST** be owned by the exhibitor and tagged on or before the following dates:  

**Market Steers—April 12, 2008**                      **Market Lamb, Swine, Goat—June 7, 2008**
4. Each member may tag more than two (2) animals of each species and may show all in the market class for which they are eligible. If two animals are in the same weight class, another Apache County 4-H/FFA member may show the other animal. Whenever possible, members must show their own animal. Only one animal of a species per member may be sold through the sale. Additionally, a limit of two animals of any species may be sold by any one member. They must meet weight slots and receive a red or blue ribbon in the market class.
5. **MARKET WEIGHT REQUIREMENT AT OFFICIAL WEIGHT-IN AT THE APACHE COUNTY FAIR:**

<b>Lamb: 110-160 (Dry Weight)</b>	<b>Swine: 220-290</b>
<b>Beef: 1,000+</b>	<b>Goat: 70-110 (must have milk teeth)</b>
6. Records must be kept by the 4-H'er itemizing all costs, returns, starting and final weights. The 4-H Record Book must be submitted to the Apache County 4-H Office by September 5, 2008.
7. **NOTE:** To ensure all buyers are purchasing a quality product at a premium price, an announcement will be made during the auction regarding animals that are not market ready.
8. If the judge deems that an animal is not market ready the livestock committee or buyer will:
  - designate a feeding location.
  - will purchase feed and maintain the animal until market ready.
  - feed costs and maintenance costs will be deducted from the auction price of the animal.
9. Only those animals receiving a red or blue ribbon will be sold. No white ribbon animals will be sold as they are not in market condition. Only animals that meet the market weight requirement will be allowed to participate in the market class. All 4-H project animals can participate in showmanship regardless of the animal's weight.
10. Sale order will be determined by the Livestock Committee. Grand, Reserve and Apache County Bred and Fed winner sell first, then all the blue ribbon animals sell next and red ribbon animals sell last.
11. Parents, 4-H exhibitors and project leaders will serve as a committee to advertise and enlist buyers for the Apache County Jr. Livestock Auction. Marketing the finished project is part of the learning connected with animal projects.

12. There is a 5% deduction or a minimum charge of \$15.00 whichever is more for every animal sold to cover expenses.
13. Each 4-H and FFA member is a representative of the livestock program and should dress accordingly for the show and sale. The dress code for both events is a white shirt or blouse, 4-H green tie or scarf (optional) or FFA jacket. Color of jeans is optional but should be clean and without holes, not worn low or baggy. Shoes should be closed toe.
14. No steer or lamb will be weighed in at check in time without proper inspection papers. All swine must be inspected by livestock inspector within 15 days of purchase. Swine that originate from a certified facility will have proper ear notches. Swine obtained from non-certified herds must have a negative pseudorabies test results on file at the 4-H Office to unload at the fairgrounds.
15. Any animal that has gone through the sale may not show at another show.
16. Apache Bred and Fed animals are bred and fed in Apache County.
17. Every 4-H & FFA member must hold a current Livestock Quality Assurance Certificate prior to exhibiting their livestock project at the Apache County Fair and the Arizona State Fair. Certification is good for three years.
18. An exhibitor is allowed to show any of his/her animals tagged and shown in that exhibitor's name for the showmanship class. Exception: Exhibitor's animal dies prior to the show—exhibitor may show another exhibitor's animal.
19. It is strongly recommended that Senior 4-H members clip, groom and shear their livestock animals. It is strongly recommended that Junior 4-H members be present while their animal is clipped, groomed and sheared.
20. In 2008, it is strongly recommended that a 4-H member raise and show a lamb, hog and/or goat prior to raising and showing a steer for the first time. Safety of the 4-H member and all other 4-H members in the wash area and show arena is a major concern.
21. A beef manageability sifting committee will assess each steer at the April tagging, by July 15, and during the official weigh-in during the Apache County Fair.
22. An exhibitor must show his/her animal in the market show in order to sell in the auction. If a legitimate conflict arises, an exhibitor may allow another exhibitor to sell their animal at the auction. An exhibitor may miss the auction only one time.
23. Round Robin Showmanship Format: The junior (senior) champion showman of each specie will represent that specie in the junior (senior) round robin showmanship contest. A showman will represent the specie in which he/she qualifies for first. All five (beef, sheep, swine, goat and horse) showman will show the same specie at the same time. An exhibitor may win the round robin more than once.

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4-H Member Signature

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Date

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Parent Signature

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