

EATON COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION
BY-LAWS

Article 1 - NAME

This organization shall be known as the Eaton County Junior Livestock Association.

Article 2 - OBJECTIVES

The objective and purpose of this organization shall be to promote and manage the market livestock sale at the fair, encourage development of new programs and educational displays for breeding and market livestock and assist in the planning of the county 4-H beef, dairy steers and dairy feeders, sheep and swine programs.

Article 3 - MEMBERSHIP

Any interested livestock leader, superintendent, parent, or agriculture teacher shall be eligible to become a non-voting member of the Junior Livestock Association.

All currently enrolled beef, dairy steer, dairy feeders, sheep and swine 4-H/FFA project members have voting privileges.

Article 4 - EXECUTIVE BOARD

The executive board shall consist of the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and treasurer elect. The superintendent of each species, two representatives from each specie, at least one adult advisor and a 4-H staff member will provide guidance for the board.

The executive board shall have the authority to make decisions and interpret rules on behalf of the Jr Livestock Association in between meetings, only if the decision cannot wait until the next meeting.

Article 5 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES

The officers shall be elected from the membership at the October meeting by the members present. One species representative and two alternates will be nominated during fair week and voted on at the specie meetings during fair week by voting members of that particular specie. Specie representatives should have at least two years in the project area, not including cloverbud years, to be nominated for the position. If a species representative is voted into an officer position, the member will have the option to choose whether to serve as both species representative and officer or only in the officer position. If the member chooses to serve only in the officer position, an alternate will become the specie representative.

Article 6 - TERM OF OFFICE

Each officer shall be limited to two (2) consecutive terms in the same office. The treasurer elect will be elected for a two-year term, serving as the treasurer elect for the first year, and treasurer for the second. Specie representatives will be elected for a two-

year term, serving in the second year as a mentor to the new specie representative, and can serve unlimited terms. The action for any executive board member missing two consecutive meetings or for any specie representative missing more than half of JLA meetings will be discussed by the board.

Article 8 - MEETINGS

The Junior Livestock Association meets on the second Monday of every other month, which includes October, December, February, April, June, and August. Special meetings may be called by the executive board. A quorum of 10 youth, including the executive board, must be present to conduct association business at meetings.

Article 9 - REPORTS

Each business meeting shall be started by the flag pledges, reading of the secretary and treasurer's reports, and any other special committee reports.

Article 10 - JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE RULES

Adopted at the January 2003 Junior Livestock Association meeting

- A. In order to sell through the sale, the seller must be a member of a recognized Eaton County 4-H club or FFA chapter and exhibit the sale animal(s) at the Eaton County Fair.
- B. 4-H/FFA members who are 8 to 12 years of age (as of January 1 of current 4-H year) may sell one live unit and pass in front of the auctioneer once. Unit must go in as a pair and not take up two spots unless a grand or reserve champion splits the unit. Both individuals of this said unit may sell in this case. 4-H members who are 13 to 19 years of age (as of Jan 1 of current 4-H year) may sell up to two live units and pass in front of the auctioneer twice. Units must go in as pairs unless a grand or reserve champion splits the units. All individuals of these said units may sell in this case. Champion and reserve champion pens are counted as a unit. Example – out of a pair a champion is selected his pen mate can sell but it must be in the same pen. You cannot mix and match pens within your species or out of your species. A unit is one steer/heifer, a pair of lambs, a pair of hogs or one dairy feeder calf. Animals sell as they are shown.
- C. 4-H/FFA Champion and Reserve Champion animals and carcasses must sell in the sale. The pen mate, to the Grand or Reserve Champion animal, would sell as it placed in the show. If a live animal is Grand or Reserve Champion, it does not count toward the unit count allowed in the sale. For example, a 9 year old youth who has a Champion beef and also a pair of hogs, the hogs would count as one allowed unit and the Champion beef still sells in the sale (both sell); or a 13 year old youth who has a Champion beef, pen of hogs and pen of lambs, the pen of hogs and lambs would count as two allowed units and the beef would still sell as Champion (all three sell).

- D. Exhibitors may sell one carcass animal per species. Youth with carcass animals must identify buyers prior to fair and turn in a buyer agreement form to the Extension office or back 4-H office (that identifies the buyer, youth name, and animal tag number) and a cut-up sheet to the carcass superintendent. Carcass animals are processed through the sale software (but not the sale ring) and buyers are responsible for submitting payment for these animals. Grand or Reserve Champion carcass animals do pass through the ring for auction. If carcass animals are not sold, the member and/or their family will retain ownership of the animal and will be responsible for paying the commission fees directly to the Junior Livestock Association.
- E. Live and carcass animals can be split up to 50/50 for billing purposes. Carcass beef may be split into quarters.
- F. A sale charge on all live and carcass champions and reserve champions and a sale charge on all other animals will be deducted from the selling price to cover expenses. The executive board will determine the charge.
- G. The sale order will be beef, sheep, and swine and will not rotate each year.
- H. For the carcass contest, beef, including dairy steers, must weigh at least 900 lbs., hogs at least 220 lbs., and lambs at least 100 lbs.
- I. To sell through the market sale, beef steers must weigh at least 900 lbs. at the fair; lambs at least 100 lbs.; hogs between 220 lbs. and 300 lbs; market heifers at least 800 lbs.; dairy feeder calves between 300 lbs. and 600 lbs.; and dairy steers at least 1,000 lbs.
- J. All carcass and market animals must follow fair rules for the species, including weights and tagging requirements prior to fair on dates specified or they will not be eligible to be sold at the Junior Livestock Association Sale.
- K. With permission from the superintendent and fair board representative, market livestock may be released to buyers after sale day.
- L. No market animal sold through any previous market sale is eligible for the sale.
- M. Thank you notes to buyers must be turned into the MSU Extension office before sale checks can be picked up. All youth (or a representative for the youth) who work a sale shift (including office, ring, or luncheon) and sign in for credit will be able to pick up sale checks one week earlier than those who do not. Sale checks must be picked up by November 1. Any remaining checks after November 1 will have funds donated to Junior Livestock Association.

- N. The animal is the responsibility of the youth from the time it leaves home until it leaves the fair. After that it is the buyer's responsibility.
- O. The April Junior Livestock Association meeting will not be mandatory. It will be set up as an educational workshop. At this workshop, each seller will receive 2 buyer passes for gate entry on sale day to hand out to new buyers. Youth who do not attend the buyer's workshop can pick up passes one month later. Sale information (except for buyer passes) will be posted online on the JLA website.
- P. Animals not fit for being put into the sale will be required to leave at the request of a licensed veterinarian. These animals are not eligible to receive premiums.
- Q. Sale rules are no longer printed in the fair book.
- R. Only youth who sell in the sale, live and carcass animals, are eligible to receive premiums from buyers. Premiums are an amount (must be a minimum of \$10) that the buyer can give to the youth without buying their animal. All premiums must be turned in by noon on the Friday following the sale (next day). No late premiums will be accepted.
- S. All members must follow all fair rules. The executive board will review any member in violation of these rules for sale eligibility.

Article 11 - BY-LAW REVISIONS

Suggestions for changes in the bylaws must be submitted to the Executive Board. These will then be voted on at the following business meeting.

Revised Jan 2003

Updated 2004 – New statewide age policy implemented 10/04

Updated 2007- Assistant Treasurer position

Updated 2008 – Swine tag in procedure and Swine Sale order

Updated 2010 – remove swine sale order

Updated 2015 – remove rotating sale order

Updated 2016 – Changed animal weights for sale to match fair book

Updated 2017 – Multiple changes to sale rules to ensure current practices were in rules.

Updated 2018 – Age change to follow state 4-H ages, carcass payment processing

Updated 2019 – Quorum added

Updated 2023 – Changes to specie representative terms and elections