

BY-LAWS

OCEANA COUNTY 4-H MARKET LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE

(Revised October 2024)

ARTICLE I

NAME

- A. This organization shall be known as the Oceana County 4-H Market Livestock Committee.
- B. The organization shall operate as a 4-H Developmental Committee as part of the Oceana County 4-H Youth Council.

ARTICLE II

OBJECTIVES

- A. To provide guidance and leadership for the 4-H Market Livestock Program making it an educational experience for the 4-H'ers.
- B. To be responsible for the financial support for the 4-H Market Livestock Program.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

- A. The committee shall consist of nine adult members and three junior members with equal voting privileges. To ensure cross representation of families and projects: No more than one adult and one youth from the same household may serve on the committee at one time.
- B. Three new adult members shall be elected each year.
 - 1. One from the southern county area and one from the northern county area. (Boundary line is Baseline Rd.)

2. One of the adult members shall be elected from the business community each year.

3. All adult members must be active Gold Level 4-H Volunteers and all Junior Members must be enrolled in the current program year in 4-H online, and active in the Large Market Project.

C. The adult term shall consist of three years and each adult can only serve 2 consecutive terms.

D. Four junior members shall be elected each year for a one year term.

1. One member from the beef project.

2. One member from the swine project.

3. One member from the lamb project.

4. One member from the Goat project.

F. New committee member's term commences immediately after the annual meeting.

G. If the committee has a vacancy after the annual meeting elections the committee can appoint an interested party by committee vote and may choose to waive the two term limit and fill the vacancy/vacancies.

H. If a member is absent for 3 consecutive meetings without notification, the Committee may vote to remove that member from the Committee and appoint a new member to complete the remainder of the absent members term.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

A. The committee officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary to be elected annually by committee members. The President, Vice-President and one other officer elected by the committee shall serve as an Executive Committee that will handle any urgent problems that arise between meetings.

- B. New officers will be elected at the first meeting following the annual meeting in which Robert's Rules of Order take effect.

ARTICLE V

ANNUAL MEETING

- A. The annual meeting date shall be set by the committee to be held when sufficient funds are available to pay participants.
- B. Gold Level 4-H Volunteers and currently enrolled Youth in 4-H online active in the Large market Project areas shall nominate committee candidates prior to the annual meeting.
- C. New committee members shall be elected at the annual meeting.
- D. Gold Level 4-H Volunteers and currently enrolled Youth in 4-H online shall have voting rights.
- E. The annual meeting shall be used as a sounding board for committee policies.

ARTICLE VI

STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. The chairperson shall appoint a committee to conduct a financial review to be reported by the first meeting in January.

ARTICLE VII

BY-LAW AMENDMENT

- A. These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total membership present at the Annual Meeting. Members must be notified by email in advance of the meeting in which the proposed changes will be brought before the membership. Email currently on file with MSU Extension will be used.

ARTICLE VIII

DISSOLUTION AND RESTRICTION OF THE 4-H MARKET LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE

A. In the event this committee shall dissolve, all assets after payments of all debts incurred, will be donated to the Oceana County 4-H Youth Council to be used for Youth Development.

B. Any decision passed by any 4-H related committee or association that is in conflict with the policies or practices of either MSU Extension and/or Oceana County 4-H Youth Council may be vetoed at the next regular meeting of the Oceana County 4-H Youth Council by the staff or 4-H council.