

**4-H SMALL MARKET ANIMAL ASSOCIATION & OCEANA COUNTY  
AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY JUNIOR MARKET  
YOUNG BEEF, FEEDER CALF, GOATS,  
RABBITS AND POULTRY (2024/2025)**

**A. REQUIREMENTS FOR PROJECT MEMBERS:**

1. **Enrollments/Re-enrollments, with participation fee, must be completed PRIOR to project signups.** Enrollments are done online at <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>.
2. Members will be assessed a certain percentage (depending on the SMAA expenses for the year's promotion) of gross sale with a minimum of \$1.00 off the top and cost of buyer's thank you pictures. If disciplinary measures are deemed necessary by a 2/3 vote of the Committee, one of the measures may be additional percentages deducted or elimination from the SMAA project for one year and the Large Market Animal project for one year.
3. All 4-H members participating in the Oceana County 4-H Small Market Animal Association programs are eligible to sell their animals at the 4-H Small Animal Sale if all requirements have been met.
4. Only 4-H members participating in the Oceana County Agricultural Society Junior Market Program are eligible to sell their animals at the Oceana County Agricultural Society Junior Market Auction.
5. The 4-H members will be totally responsible for keeping records and raising their animal. We need to know where you will be housing your animal(s), if not on your property. The 4-Her is responsible for showing, selling (including wagons, cages, lead ropes, etc.) and delivery of the animals until such time as the project is completed. Per the MSU Extension 4-H Program guidelines, the 4-H member may deliver the animal to the processor, but it is the buyer's responsibility to make arrangements to pick up the meat from the processor.
6. No member will be discriminated against, excluded from, or denied benefits of any program or activity on the grounds of race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status or veteran status.
7. All decisions pertaining to the 4-H Small Market Animal project will be made by the Association Committee in cooperation with 4-H Youth staff. Decisions that pertain to the Oceana County Fair will be subject to the Fair Board.
8. **Age requirements: All participants in the 4-H SMAA must be 8 years old by January 1 of current year.**
  - Goats – 4-Her must be 5-7 years old and registered as Junior Market Member.
  - Rabbits & Poultry - 4-Her must be 8 years old/4-Hers ages 5-7 will participate as Junior Market Members.
  - Feeder calf - 4-Her must be 8 years old/4-Hers ages 5-7 will participate as Junior Market Members
  - Young Beef - 4-Her must be 9 years old

Youth Graduated from High School may participate if 19 years of age or under of the current program year, but will have to apply to participate during the Tier 3 sign up phase.

A. Requirements (continued)

9. The 4-H member must collect a total of 9 points by: attending a minimum of 6 club meetings, each meeting worth 1 point, a minimum of 1 workbee point at an Oceana County Fair Workbee. 2 additional nonclub points by attending clinics, workshops, shows, fair clean-up, country-wide awards, etc. (see non-club point list for 24/25 program year)

- 6 from club meetings
- 2 from nonclub points
- 1 Workbee Point

***(please note- there will be NO signatures given by Extension personnel on Fair set up day or on Entry Day)***

10. Members may sell at one sale only, either the 4-H Small Animal or the 4-H Large Market Animal Auction, not both.
11. The 4-H Small Market Animal Guidelines will be reviewed and updated at the Fall meeting of the Oceana County 4-H Small Market Animal Association Committee.
12. Member must have achieved a B or better on their last market notebook.
13. A legible list of Potential Buyers Names must be turned in to the MSU Extension Office, by 4:00 p.m., on or before, **Friday, August 1, 2025**. These names must have their complete mailing address, including zip code, telephone numbers, and signatures. Any buyer letter returned for incorrect addresses will be the fault of the 4-Her for not providing the correct mailing address. The Extension staff will not make any attempts (other than those provided by a postal sticker) to find the correct address. The buyer will be removed from the mailing list.

**Do NOT use an individual page for each buyer. All buyers should be on your 1 buyer's list included in your notebook. They will not be accepted any other way. This list must be submitted in person to receive a stamp and initials from the Extension Staff. Members must have three (3) different buyers from that of their siblings participating in the same auction program.** Failure to provide the required buyer's list will result in not being able to sell at the Auction.

## B. REQUIREMENTS OF ANIMALS

1. 4-H Small Market Animal refers to: Feeder Calf, Young Beef, Rabbit and Poultry— Ducks, Chickens, Turkeys or Geese. Junior Market animals refer to: Feeder calf, Goat, Rabbit and Poultry (ducks, chickens, turkeys or geese)
2. Any animal that does not reach weight requirements will not sell. We want the reputation for selling quality animals; therefore, the meat will always be the best. Animals that do not make weight can be taken home or stay for showing, if they choose to stay, they will be assessed a “marketing fee” of \$15.00 that will be used towards program costs. Failure to pay assessed fee can result in disqualification from next year’s project. If you choose to pay the fee and stay, be aware that any animal “sold out of the barn” is a private sale and should be handled between the 4-Her and buyer. As a sale “out of the barn,” the buyer will not receive credit for purchasing that year, a ribbon or a picture. This is a private sale.
3. All Market animals must be raised and owned by the member.
4. All animals must be free of medication that has withdrawal requirements two weeks prior to the sale dates. Read label on feed or medications for details.
5. No sick animals. Per MDARD Fair & Exhibitions Requirements: Livestock with clinical signs of infectious, contagious, or toxicological disease shall be removed from the fair, exhibition, exposition, or show, or by permission of the Director, shall be isolated on the Premises.

**YOUNG BEEF:** 4-Her must be 9 years old. May be a beef or dairy breed. Must be ear tagged, with **tag in ear when turning in the pictures**, males must be castrated, heifers will be allowed, and all must **NOT** have any horns. It is strongly suggested they be vaccinated for: Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis (IBR), Bovine Viral Diarrhea (BVDV; including types 1 & 2), Parainfluenza3 (PI3), Bovine Respiratory Syncytial Virus (BRSV), Mannheimia haemolytica (must contain “toxoid” or leukotoxid”), Histophilus somni, Leptospira-five strains, Clostridial organisms-7 way.

**There is space available for the first 22 young beef/feeders that sign up.** A waiting list will be taken, numbered in the order which you were in line. Colored pictures, breed and RFID numbers are due in the MSU Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on **June 2, 2025. Colored pictures, breed and RFID numbers can be submitted either in-person or via email to [wassonj3@msu.edu](mailto:wassonj3@msu.edu) or [pumford5@msu.edu](mailto:pumford5@msu.edu) utilizing the Digital Picture Format Form provided by MSU Extension. No other email picture formats will be accepted. No faxing of pictures.** Weight requirement: 450-750 pounds.

**FEEDER CALF:** 4-Her must be 8 years old. May be beef or dairy breed. 4-Hers ages 5-7 years old will participate as a Junior Market Member. Must be ear tagged, with **tag in ear when turning in the pictures**, males must be castrated, heifers will be allowed, and all must **NOT** have any horns. It is strongly suggested they be vaccinated for: Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis (IBR), Bovine Viral Diarrhea (BVDV; including types 1 & 2), Parainfluenza3 (PI3), Bovine Respiratory Syncytial Virus (BRSV), Mannheimia haemolytica (must contain “toxoid” or leukotoxid”), Histophilus somni, Leptospira-five strains, Clostridial organisms-7 way. Check your withdrawal times on any medications/vaccinations given.

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**GOATS:**

4-Her must be 5-7 years old and registered as a Junior Market Member.  
4-Hers age 8 and over will join the Market Goat Project through the 4-H Market Livestock Program.

Must be a wether or doe under 1 year of age.

Must be castrated (healed) and de-horned.

Must have a 4-H ear tag & Scrapies tag.

There is space available for the first 12 market goats (either Junior or Large Market) that sign up. A waiting list will be taken, numbered in the order which you were in line.

There will be a meeting a month prior to Fair, by the goat superintendent, to check ear tags etc. You are encouraged and expected to attend.

Pictures, breed, and 4-H ear tag numbers are due by 4:00 p.m. on June 2, 2025.

**Colored pictures, breed, ear tag and scrapies number can be submitted either in-person or via email to [wassonj3@msu.edu](mailto:wassonj3@msu.edu) or [pumford5@msu.edu](mailto:pumford5@msu.edu) utilizing the Digital Picture Format Form provided by MSU Extension. No other email picture formats will be accepted. No faxing of pictures.**

Weight requirement: Minimum of 50 lbs.

**RABBITS:**

4-Her must be 8 years old

4-Hers ages 5-7 years old will participate as a Junior Market Member.

Rabbits must be 10-12 weeks (70-85 days prior to Fair)

Must be commercial MEAT breed.

Must be tattooed prior to Entry Day of Fair. Entry Day weigh-in will be from 8 a.m. – noon.

**There is space available for the first 8 market rabbits that sign up.** A waiting list will be taken, numbered in the order which you were in line.

Pictures & breed are due by 4:00 p.m. on **August 1, 2025**. **Colored pictures, breed and tattoo numbers can be submitted either in-person or via email to [wassonj3@msu.edu](mailto:wassonj3@msu.edu) or [pumford5@msu.edu](mailto:pumford5@msu.edu) utilizing the Digital Picture Format Form provided by MSU Extension. No other email picture formats will be accepted. No faxing of pictures. The 4-H'er must have raised rabbits from birth; therefore 4-H'er must own the doe (mother).**

Must be sold in pen of three.

Weight requirement: 3.5 and over for each rabbit

**POULTRY:**

4-Her must be 8 years old.

4-Hers ages 5-7 years old will participate as a Junior Market Member.

**Chicken:**

Fryers, 7 weeks (44-51 days prior to Fair).

Roasters, 60-67 days prior to Fair.

Pen of three, 4 pounds and over for each bird

- Turkey: Fryers/Roasters: Tom/hens or one of each  
15-20 weeks  
Pen of two, 10 pounds and over for each bird.
- Ducks: 10-12 weeks prior to Fair.  
Pen of two, 4 pounds and over for each bird
- Geese: 15-20 Weeks prior to Fair  
Pen of two, 10 pounds and over for each bird

All birds must be meat-type and must be banded. The banding will be done at entry day of the Fair. All birds must have a pullorum test before entry to the poultry barn. Pullorum testing will be done until 1 p.m. on Entry Day at the Fair.

**There is space available for the first 4 market geese, first 4 market ducks, first 6 market turkeys and first 10 market chickens that sign up.** A waiting list will be taken, numbered in the order which they are received.

Pictures and breed must be turned into the MSU Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. **August 1, 2025. Colored pictures and breed information be submitted either in-person or via email to [wassonj3@msu.edu](mailto:wassonj3@msu.edu) or [pumford5@msu.edu](mailto:pumford5@msu.edu) utilizing the Digital Picture Format Form provided by MSU Extension. No other email picture formats will be accepted. No faxing pictures.**

### **C. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL 4-H SMALL MARKET ANIMALS PROJECTS AND 4-H MEMBERS**

1. **Selling of Animals:** For sale purposes, members may sell a maximum of two different projects. If there are too many pens, the SMAA Committee reserves the right to limit the number of pens. At no time may any 4-H'er sell two of the same animal listed in the same project. You cannot compete against yourself, ex: you cannot sell a feeder calf and a young beef.
2. **Registration/Applications Time Frame:** ALL market applications will be accepted on a first-come, first serve basis pending available space.

**TIER 1-** If the member completed the small market project last year, and met all of the requirements listed on **the 4-H Automatic Enrollment Policy**, they may sign up for the SAME project during the time frame of 10/14/24 - 10/25/24.

**TIER 2** - Projects not making weight, or that may have had an unforeseen issue as to why their animal could not be in the auction; yet all other project requirements have been met (meetings, notebook, etc.) may consider the following steps:  
4-H'er to send a letter to their respective committee, requesting an exception, by **September 1st at 4:00 p.m.** The leader will then be contacted to see if they recommend an exception. The leader will be asked to respond with a recommendation or denial by September 15<sup>th</sup> to see if they qualify for TIER 2. If not, they may register during TIER 3.

**Tier 2 sign up dates: 10/28/24 – 11/06/24 at the MSUE Office by 4:00 p.m.**

## GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL 4-H SMALL MARKET ANIMALS PROJECTS AND 4-H MEMBERS (cont.)

**TIER 3-** If the member has not participated in, completed a market project last year, or wants to change project animals, market applications will be accepted **Saturday, November 09, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.** and will resume during normal business hours (8 a.m.-12 noon & 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.) Tuesday, November 12, 2024 until April 1, 2024. (pending available space) Applications will be dated and numbered as they are received. Applications may be submitted in-person by 4-Her, parent or sibling, by mail or faxed (231-873-3710). No other relatives may submit applications. All registration forms received via mail or fax prior to November 12, 2024 will be accepted after all in-person application have been handled. It is not the leader's responsibility to submit any forms. Applications will be available **October 13, 2024 during** the Small Market Annual Meeting and then at the MSU Extension Office until April 1, 2025. If needed, a waiting list of at least 5 names per animal will be taken.

3. **Re-enrollment/enrollment in 4-H:** They must have reenrolled through 4-H online at <https://mi.4honline.com>, delivered their buyer's thank you and picture and returned the Buyer's Receipt to the MSU Extension Office before their application will be accepted. The deadline for automatic enrollment is 4:00 p.m. on October 25, 2024.
4. **Withdrawing/Replacement Animal:** The member will have until **February 28th of the current 4-H year, to withdraw without penalty.** Beginning **March 3rd** a member may sign up for a **second animal if there is space available.** The project deadline is **April 1<sup>th</sup>** at this time any slots not filled will remain unfilled. If a member withdraws after the **February 28<sup>th</sup>** deadline they will not be allowed into the SMAA project the following year.

If there are extenuating circumstances (such as death of your animal) the member may present those to the SMAA Committee for review and replacement request with approximately the same type, breed and weight animal, if possible.

5. **Waiting List:** If you are on a waiting list, and notified that a spot has opened, you will have two weeks (if after the specific project deadlines) to get your picture, breed and tag numbers into the office. If you are notified before the project deadline you will have until that specific project deadline date to get pictures, breeds and ear tag information turned into the office. There will be no filling of slots after July 1<sup>st</sup> from the waiting list.
6. **Optional Two Animal Registration:** Those enrolled in the Small Market Animal Project have the option of raising two of their species. If they choose to raise two animals, they will be required to pay a non-refundable \$5 fee for the second animal and acquire a second ear tag from the MSU Extension Office for this animal. The second animal will be registered as the "backup" animal. Breeds, ear tag numbers and pictures, with the 4-H ear tag visible (or signature of leader for those not visible) will be required for both animals. At this time the 4-H'er will declare which animal is their "Primary" animal and which will be their "Backup" animal. One backup animal maybe registered to more than one 4-H'er, but each 4-H'er must pay the \$5 backup animal fee. Backup animals registered will have the same deadlines as the members original animal.
7. **Backup Animal Notification Deadline:** The 4-Her raising two animals will have until **Monday, August 4th** (2 weeks prior to fair) to notify the MSU Extension Office, in writing, that they will be bringing their backup animal. If notification is not made, the primary animal will be the one expected to come to fair. If a 4-Her brings the backup animal without notification, in writing, to the fair they may be disqualified from exhibition and the 4-H Small Market program.

8. **Project Notebooks:** Small Animal Project Notebooks must be completed in full for each project a member is raising and turned in on Entry Day of the Fair. **NO BOOK, NO SALE** of market animal (s). A completed project notebook must be presented at the time the 4-Her's animal is being weighed along with their antibiotic free statement and member information card. If you do not have the above, you will not be allowed to unload your animal. Failure to follow the above will result in not being able to sell at the 4-H Small Market Auction Sale. Notebooks must be turned into the 4-H Exhibit Building by 5:00 p.m. on Entry Day. A record book must receive a minimum of a B Ribbon to be eligible to sell the following year.
9. **Judging and Showing:** Leaders and members should refer to the Fair Premium Book for procedures regarding judging, showing and sale conditions.
10. **Animal Care at Fair:** It is the responsibility of each 4-H member to care for and feed his/her animal (s) the entire week of the Fair, under adult supervision. All animals must be fed and all cages/pens cleaned by 9:00 a.m. each day. Improper care will result in the animal being sent home and/or forfeit of premium
11. **Showing Requirements for Animals:** If selling poultry, the 4-Her must do showmanship with a nonmarket poultry animal. If selling rabbits, 4-H'er must own the rabbit they are using for showmanship, your pen of meat rabbits will not be used for showmanship classes.
12. **Sale Order:** The 4-H Small Market Animal Association Committee will determine the method of selling of the 4-H Small Market Animals at the Oceana County Fair. The sale order will be determined by the judging sheets. All 4-H Small Market Animals entered in the 4-H Small Market Animal Auction must be sold including Grand and Reserve Champion. Failure to do so will result in not being able to participate the next year in any project.
13. **Donated Back Animals:** Buyers have the option to do with the animal as he/she pleases, but if any animals are donated back, it should be made clear to the buyer that it will be sold and the money donated to the 4-H Small Market Animal Association or organized charity of his/her choice. The 4-H member will receive the proceeds from the sale that receives the highest per pound price. The proceeds from the other sales will go to the 4-H Small Market Animal Association or designated charity.
14. **Buyer Late Fees:** A 10% charge will be assessed every 30 days on the remaining balance of buyer's bill until balance is paid, in addition to a flat \$25.00 late fee for those buyer's not paying in the 30 day requested time frame. If it is necessary to go to small claims court to recover the monies owed, the buyer will be held responsible for all court fees.
15. **Annual Meeting:** The Annual meeting date shall be set, by the committee, to be held when sufficient funds are available to pay the participants. For that meeting all participants in that year's project should attend. All 4-Hers are encouraged to pick up their pictures and deliver them with thank you notes prior to the Annual Meeting in order to receive their sale proceeds check. 4-Hers will be notified when pictures are available for pick up. The 4-Her will be required to get the signature of the buyer when delivering the picture and then bring the buyer's thank you receipt (attached to pictures) to the annual meeting to receive their check.
16. **C Ribbon Notebook:** If a 4-H SMAA, or Little Buddy member receive a C ribbon, they may request a meeting of the SMAA Committee to waive the C placing. They need to be aware that an interview with the 4-Her and his/her parents may be requested by the Committee.

17. **Fair Weigh In:** All Market Animals will be weighed in between 8 a.m. – noon on Entry Day. Check with Superintendents for specific times for animals. All Feeders/Young Beef will be immediately weighed and placed in their stalls upon removal from their trailers. There will be no tying of animals outside on entry day. Please see the Beef Superintendent for direction on when your animal can be taken to exercise ring on entry day.

#### **D. 4-H SMALL MARKET LITTLE BUDDY PROGRAM**

1. This is a program for any 4-Her ages 5-18 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. This will enable 4-Hers to buddy up with someone in the SMAA Auction to show that 4-Her's animal without having to own their own animal. In addition, they must fill out the little buddy application and submit the Little Buddy notebook for their animal project. The Little Buddy must receive a B or better ribbon on their notebook to be eligible to sell at next year's SMAA Auction. The Little Buddy must do ALL that is required of the Big Buddy including buyer's names, number of club points, and number of nonclub points.
2. **Feeder Calf and Young Beef Requirements:**  
The Little Buddy Program for the feeder calf project is available for 4-H members between the ages of 5-18 of the current year. The Little Buddy Young Beef project is for 4-H members between the ages of 8-18 of the current year. **If the Little Buddy is in the feeder calf project who are under the age of 7 must have an adult in close proximity to them in the show ring.**

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#### **Small Market Dates – All deadlines are by 4:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted!**

SMAA Project Automatic Enrollment for returning members who meet requirements:

TIER 1 – 10/14/24 – 10/25/24

TIER 2 – 10/28/24 – 11/6/24

TIER 3 – 11/09/23 – 4/1/25

Drop date (without penalty) – **Friday, February 28th, 2025**

May sign up for 2<sup>nd</sup> animal, if space is available, **Monday, March 3, 2025**

Enrollment deadline for all Small Market Projects- **Tuesday, April 1, 2025**

Feeder Calf pictures with breed, & tag numbers into the office- **Monday, June 2, 2025**

Pictures of all other animals with tags, breeds, etc. – **Friday, August 1, 2025**

Potential Buyers Names Due- **Friday, August 1, 2025**

Entry and Weigh-In at Fair –**Animals/Notebooks weighed 8:00-12:00 p.m. Monday, August 18, 2024; notebooks entered in the Youth Exhibit Bldg. by 5:00 pm**