The Iosco County Junior Market Livestock Program is under the jurisdiction of the “Market Livestock Sale Committee” (MLS). This committee is composed of a 4-H staff member, a fair board member, the livestock species leaders, FFA advisor and teen leaders of the clubs. The committee will address disputes regarding the program rules.

1. This program is open to members of Iosco County 4-H and FFA.

2. All members showing and selling rabbits, steers, swine, market lambs or poultry must be registered and pay the $10.00 participation fee with the 4-H office by Monday, January 4, 2016. Exceptions to this will be per MLS committee agreement.

3. Anyone planning to sell livestock at the Iosco County Fair must belong to the Iosco County Junior Market Livestock Program and must abide by the Exhibitor Code of Conduct and all program rules.

4. 4-H clubs must follow 4-H guidelines. 4-H age is the age a member is on January 1. A member must be between the ages of 9 and 19 as of January 1st to be eligible to market an animal.

5. There will be three (3) Junior Market Livestock meetings. The dates are Sunday, December 13, 2015, Sunday, May 15, 2016 and Sunday, June 26, 2016. The time of the meetings will be 2:00 p.m. Members are expected to attend all meetings. For any missed meeting the member must contact the species leader prior to the meeting to be missed. If a member fails to meet the above requirements the member will be issued makeup work by their species leader. If they do not complete makeup work they become ineligible to sell at the fair. Species group & club meetings will be set up at the discretion of the leader.

6. Each member will be limited to the selling of one species and one animal within that species. A member enrolling in a youth program in another county with the intent to sell an animal in that county’s sale may not sell an animal in Iosco County.

7. Members may weigh-in an extra animal (floater). Members must select which animal they will show and sell at the weigh-in on the first day of the fair.

8. Members will pay special attention to the health care of their animals. Members have the option of providing their own insurance on the animal.

9. If a member’s animal dies or develops a health problem prior to the final weigh-in that makes it impossible to show and sell at the fair, it is possible to replace the animal with his/her own floater. Under certain circumstances, with the approval of the MLS Committee it may be possible to replace it with another member’s floater.

10. A 3% commission will be charged to the members, to cover the cost of the sale.

11. All sale participants must contact at least three (3) prospective buyers, and no more than six (6). Participants are highly encouraged to contact at least one (1) new prospective buyer. These forms must be turned into the 4-H office by June 20th.
12. Members must register and exhibit an Educational Project related to their species (this may be a demonstration, paper, poster or items useful to their project) in the youth department at the fair. Exhibited projects must abide by 4-H Achievement Day and Iosco County Fair rules and be approved by the species leader. Achievement Day Interviews will be conducted on Friday, July 22, 2016. Members who can not attend Achievement Day must contact Kelli Rau Iosco 4-H Program Coordinator prior to Achievement Day to make other arrangements.

13. A completed record book must be turned into the Sampson Building between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday during fair week. Members from the ages of 9 to 11 will complete the MI 4-H Animal Market Beginner Record Book, members 12-14 year olds and 1st year members will complete the MI 4-H Intermediate Market Record Book, members 15-19 will complete the MI 4-H Advanced Market Record Book. Record books not turned in will cause the member’s animal to be ineligible for sale at the auction.

14. There may be a screening of animals one to two weeks prior to the fair by an MLS Representative. Animals found unacceptable may not be sold.

15. All market animals will be weighed in on Monday of fair week by one official weigh master with two (2) MLS Committee members present to verify. Weigh masters weights are final.

16. Livestock members, or an appointed representative must remain with animals from time of arrival, until they are weighed in.

17. All animals must be trained to show and fitted for show. The MLS Committee reserves the right to remove any animal from the show ring not under the control of the member. The MLS Committee will establish weight classes.

18. All animals must be dehorned for safety reasons.

19. All members exhibit and show their own animals. Only under unusual circumstances will exceptions be granted. Exceptions are under the jurisdiction of the MLS Committee. Only another Junior Livestock member will be allowed to replace the individual.

20. The members must groom their own animal. All members must participate in showmanship classes with their sale animal to be eligible to sell. Age for showmanship is determined by fair age.

21. A member will be responsible for the care, feeding and delivery, of his/her animal until the animal is delivered to the place of the buyer’s designation. If the animal dies after the sale, but before delivery, the member will replace the animal.

22. Checks will not be issued to any youth until all of the buyers settle for all animals in the sale. Should a buyer default on their purchase, the lost revenue will be paid to that member. The money will come out of the Market Livestock account first, unless funds are not there, then equal percentages will come out of members’ checks. Default payments will be made within 45 days after the sale.

23. Animals and display areas must be kept clean and neat at all times. Animals and members must be ready and present in their species barn 30 minutes prior to the start of the livestock show and sale.
24. Iosco County Agricultural Society may withhold premiums (based on a recommendation by the MLS Committee) from any exhibitor for not maintaining their animals or pens during fair week and on Sunday. Each member or a representative will be present on Sunday morning for clean-up and loading of animals.

25. Each member is required to participate in a leader approved community service project.

26. Appropriate attire includes; general western style clothes, white dress shirts and dark pants, free of holes. Official FFA dress and 4-H show jackets or vests are allowed during all events. No hats may be worn.

27. Individual species groups may have additional rules that must be followed.

28. Failure to comply with these rules will result in the ineligibility of a member to sell at the livestock sale or lose their placing at the sale.

29. Infraction of these rules will be at the discretion of the MLS Committee.  

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## Important Contact Information

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**Sunrise Side Livestock Club** (beef, sheep & swine) Jim McArdle - 989-984-7317


**Updated on:** November 19, 2015
Market Hog Rules


2. All market hogs being raised for the sale must be on feed and under the member’s ownership and management on or before May 1, 2016.

3. All sale participants are responsible for ensuring that their market hog project and floater are tagged with the state required ID tags and that a completed market hog verification form including pictures, is turned into the 4-H office no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 6, 2016.

4. All market hogs must be castrated by May 6, 2016.

5. To sell, hogs must weigh between 220-300 pounds. Weigh-ins may take place pending state status on PVDV.

6. All members selling hogs at the fair must have a current quality assurance certification completed by July 1, 2016.

7. A mandatory pre-show or meeting will be held on Monday night of the fair.

8. All hogs sold at the auction must be slaughtered or sold at another market location.

9. Market hogs are required to follow state health guidelines and fair requirements.

Market Lamb Rules

1. All market lambs must be born after January 1, 2016.

2. All market lambs being raised for the sale must be on feed and under the member’s ownership and management on or before May 1, 2016.

3. Market lambs will be weighed and tagged with a club tag on Sunday, May 1 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds. An optional second weigh-in will be held in June.

4. All market lambs must be castrated prior to the first weigh-in.

5. To sell, market lambs must weigh a minimum of 100 pounds.

6. A mandatory pre-show and meeting will be held on the Monday night of the fair.

7. All market lambs must have a USDA premise ID tag.

8. All market lambs are required to follow state health guidelines and fair requirements.
Market Steer Rules


2. All steers being raised for the sale must be on feed and under the member’s ownership and management on or before January 1, 2016.

3. All steers will be weighed on the same scales and on the same date sometime between January 1 and January 15. The weigh-in slips are given to the steer leader and will be the official entry for beginning rate of gain. The second weigh-in is scheduled for mid-April. Weigh-ins are mandatory.

4. All market steers must be castrated prior to the first weigh-in.

5. All steers must be tagged with an RFID tag prior to the first weigh-in and species leaders will verify these numbers at the weigh-in.

6. To sell, market steers must weigh between 1,000 pounds and 1,600 pounds.

7. Market steers must be checked in at the fair by 12:00 p.m. (noon) and remain in their stalls off of all feed and water until the weigh-in.

8. Steers are required to be shown to the MLS Committee on Monday of the fair week. Exhibitors must demonstrate that the steers are trained and ready for show.

9. No heifers or bulls will be included in the sale.

10. All steers are required to follow state health guidelines and fair requirements.

Market Rabbit Rules

1. All market rabbits being raised for the auction must be under the member’s ownership and management four (4) weeks prior to the first day of the fair.

2. All market rabbits will be weighed and tattooed by species leader on the last weekend of June. Leaders must record all weights & tattoos. An identification tattoo is mandatory to sell at the auction.

3. A market pen of rabbits will consist of a pen of three (3) rabbits of the same breed and variety between eight (8) and twelve (12) weeks of age, and weighing a minimum of three (3) pounds and a maximum of six (6) pounds.

4. Market pens must be of a commercial breed. Mixed rabbits will be allowed, but must be a cross of commercial breeds.

5. A market pen does not necessarily have to come from the same litter, but must be of the same breed or breed cross.

6. All rabbits must be inspected before they will be accepted for entry.
Market Poultry

1. All market poultry being raised for the auction must be under the member’s ownership and management within one week of the chick’s hatch.

2. A market pen of broilers or dual purpose breed will consist of a pen of three (3) birds of the same breed between eight (8) and twelve (12) weeks of age, and weighing a minimum of three (3) pounds and a maximum of six (6) pounds. Sex of the birds is not considered.

3. No Cornish Rock crosses will be allowed in the sale. Market pens must be a heritage breed.

4. A market turkey will consist of one bird of either sex between four (4) months and eight (8) months of age, and weighing a minimum of twelve (12) pounds and maximum of thirty (30) pounds.

5. All poultry must be inspected and undergo pullorium testing before they will be accepted for entry.
Iosco County Junior Market Livestock Program

Exhibitor Code of Conduct and Project Animal Certification/Care

**Exhibitor Code of Conduct:** We agree to conduct ourselves with honesty, integrity and good sportsmanship. We will treat all fair and livestock show management personnel, fair officials, judges, and exhibitors with courtesy, cooperation and respect and shall not direct any abusive or threatening conduct toward them. Furthermore, we will not direct criticism or interference with fair and livestock show management personnel, fair officials, judges and exhibitors in conducting the activities associated with the event. We understand that any conduct that is contrary to these items will be brought before the Market Livestock Sale Committee and/or fair board for review and may result in the disqualification of individual people and animal(s) from the activities associated with the Iosco County Fair.

**Project Animal Certification:** We certify that we will not have administered to the above identified animal, nor has it received, any substance not approved by the Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and/or the Iosco County Fair for slaughter/breeding stock/exhibition animals. This includes, but is not limited to, diuretics, steroids, repartitioning agents, tranquilizers and analgesics. We also certify that, with respect to any drug, chemical or feed additive approved by the FDA and/or USDA for slaughter animals that no illegal use of approved chemical/compounds has taken place and that the applicable withdrawal period as recognized by the FDA has expired prior to shipping out of market livestock on any and all approved chemicals/compounds administered.

We acknowledge and accept the fact that all animals entered at the Iosco County Fair may be subject to blood, urine and tissue tests, and that the fair reserves the right to disqualify any animals, either live or slaughtered, found in violation of the use of drugs, chemicals or feed additives as described above and in the Iosco County Fair Book and policy brochure. Disqualification will result in the placing of the animal in question being voided; the forfeiture of any and all ribbons/trophies/special awards earned with the animal, the assessment of a fine against the total premiums due equal in the amount to the premium earned with the animal, voiding of the sale if the animal has been sold in the 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale and the disbarment of the exhibitor from exhibiting at the Iosco County Fair.

We will allow the designated tester/veterinarian to draw any and all samples deemed appropriate from our animal.

We will indemnify and hold harmless the fair and all of its sponsors and assisting organizations and their employees and agents, against all legal or other proceedings in connection with said testing procedures. We will indemnify and hold harmless the fair and its sponsors and assisting organizations against all claims of injury to the animal and any damage or injury to any person or property caused by the animals.

**Ethical and Humane Treatment of Animals:** We acknowledge that inhumane fitting, showing and/or handling practices or devices shall not be used. Furthermore, surgery, injection or application of foreign material under and/or into the flesh of an animal to change the natural contour or conformation of the animal is illegal. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, insertion of foreign material in the animal, or other such practices are not acceptable and will be prohibited. Violation of the above mentioned items will result in the disqualification of the animal and exhibitor.

We acknowledge and accept the fact the Department Chairperson for a given animal species and the Iosco County Fair personnel may authorize the examination of a given animal for identification purposes and/or health related concerns in our absence, including obtaining the temperature of the animal in question.
Signature Page

I have read the 2015-16 Iosco County Junior Market Livestock Program Rules and agree to abide by them. I understand that violation to any of the rules may result in the ineligibility to sell or participate in future years.

Club Leader: ____________________________________________________________

Species (circle): Beef    Lamb    Swine    Market Rabbit    Poultry

Signature of Member: ___________________________   Date: __________________

Signature of Parent/Guardian: ___________________________   __________________

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Signature Page

I agree to abide by these rules to participate in the Iosco County Junior Market Livestock Program.

Member Name: __________________________________________________________________________

Club: ___________________________   Club Leader: ___________________________

Species Marketing (circle): Beef    Lamb    Swine    Market Rabbit    Poultry

Signature of Member: ___________________________   Date: __________________

Signature of Parent/Guardian: ___________________________   Date: __________________

Return the bottom half of this page to the MSU Extension Office by January 4.