2016/2017 4-H MARKET LIVESTOCK SWINE PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

1. **Age Requirement:** The 4-H Member must have reached their **9th birthday by January 1, 2017** to sell a hog in the 2017 sale. A member may continue in the project as long as they are enrolled in High School. A person graduating in June of 2017 could participate in the 2017 sale.

2. **Returning vs New Member:** A "Returning" Market Livestock Member is a 4-Her that has been enrolled at least one year in a market livestock project (Large, Small or Junior). A "New" Market Livestock Member is a 4-H'er enrolling in a market livestock project for their first year. All returning 4-Her's must have achieved a "**B" ribbon** or better on their most recent market animal notebook entry at the Oceana County Fair.

3. **Optional Two Animal Registration:** Those enrolled in the 4-H Market Livestock Swine Project have the option of raising two hogs. If they choose to raise two animals they will be required to pay a non-refundable $5 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 visible ear tags (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 may be registered to more than one 4-H'er, but each 4-H'er must pay the $5 backup animal fee.

4. **Backup Animal Notification Deadline:** The 4-H-er raising two animals will have until **Tuesday, August 8th** (14 days 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-H'er brings the backup animal without notification, in writing, to the fair they maybe disqualified from exhibition and the 4-H market program.

5. **4-H Enrollment Forms and Participation Fee: 4-H'ers must have a completed 4-H Enrollment Form through 4-HOnline.com and participation fee of $10 paid prior to the Project Sign-Up Date (November 12, 2016)**

6. **Registration Time Frame: Applications will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis at the MSU Extension Office on November 12, 2016 from 8:00 a.m.—8:30 a.m. and during normal business hours until January 3, 2017 (pending available space). Applications will be dated and numbered as they are received. Applications may be submitted in-person (by 4-Her, parent, sibling or grandparent) , by mail or faxed (231-873-3710). All registration forms received via mail or fax prior to November 12, 2016 will be accepted after all in-person applications have been handled. It is not the leader's responsibility to submit any registration forms. There will be no waiting list and space will be available to the first 60 members.**

7. **Animal Housing: The location where the hog is housed must be recorded on your application form.**

8. **Ear Tag Requirements/Deadlines:** All 4-H Market Livestock Swine project animals will be required to have one (1) Oceana County 4-H Ear Tag placed in their hogs ear. These tags will be provided to the leaders (1 per member) from the Extension Office. All swine animals will also require a Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development (MDARD) identification tag. This tag may be provided by the MSU Extension Office through the Swine Superintendent/Oceana County Ag Society. It is very possible that the breeder of your swine animal may already have tagged your animal with the required MDARD tag. If so that number must be turned into the MSU Extension Office.

   For those members registering two animals, you will be required to get your second Oceana County 4-H Ear Tag and MDARD tag from the Extension Office prior to the May 10th deadline. All ear tags, breeds and pictures must be turned into the Extension Office by **Wednesday, May 10, 2017**. NO EXCEPTIONS!

9. **Lost/Fallen Out Ear Tags:** If ear tags are lost or fall out, the Extension Office must be notified at once. An Oceana County 4-H Ear Tag replacement tag will be issued from the MSU Extension Office. If the MDARD tag falls out, you will need to contact the farm you purchased your animal from for a replacement if the tag was provided at the time of purchase. If you have an MDARD tag provided through the MSU Extension Office, you will need to contact the MSU Extension Office immediately and a replacement tag will be issued. Any project animal coming to the fair without a 4-H & MDARD ear tag will not be allowed to enter the barn, unless notification to the Extension Office has been made prior to Entry Day.

10. **Picture & Breed Requirement:** All 4-H Swine project members raising hogs will be required to submit a color picture of their animal (s) with a visible ear tag and animal breed by **Wednesday, May 10, 2017.** Pictures that do not have a visible ear tag must be initialed by the leader to verify that the ear tag has been placed in the animal's ear. **NO EXCEPTIONS! Physical copy of picture is required, no faxing or emailing of pictures.**

11. **Replacement Deadline:** If the hog should die or some other special problem occurs prior to or on **June 30th of the project year**, the 4-H'er may request the 4-H Market Livestock Committee to grant a replacement. The MSU Extension Office must be notified prior to or no later than **June 30th** so that the Executive Committee/or Full Committee can be contacted for the replacement permission. Replacement animal requests will only be considered after the deceased/special problem animal has been viewed by the leader, 4-H Market Livestock Committee member or submission of a veterinarian's written explanation of the cause of death or special problem. **All pictures, ear tags and breeds for replacement animal must be on file at the Extension Office no later than August 1, 2017. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from project. Those raising two animals, you may elect to have the "backup" animal as their replacement animal and would need to notify the MSU Extension Office in writing of this decision by August 1, 2017 since the request for a replacement was made prior to June 30th.**

12. Barrow and gilt market hogs are eligible for 4-H market classes. A Barrow is a completely castrated male. Animals with evidence of staginess, testicles, incomplete castration, or with late castration will be disqualified from the 4-H market livestock swine program. **No boars will be allowed in the 4-H Market Project**..

13. **Potential Buyer's Names:** Member's must provide a list of potential buyers and their **complete MAILING addresses (including zip codes and phone numbers)** to the Extension Office on or before Wednesday, August 2, 2017. **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. Buyers names are to be submitted on the sheet provided in the notebook, *not* one name per sheet.** Members who attempt to submit buyer's names without address, zip code or phone number will be given the option of returning with the completed information or provided a phone book to look up the required information. Any buyer letters returned for incorrect addresses will be the fault of the 4-Her not providing the correct mailing address (example post office box vs. a street 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. Failure to provide the required buyer's list (with correct and complete information) will result in not being able to sell at the 4-H Market Livestock Sale.

14. **Entry Day/Weigh-In:** Hogs must arrive and be placed in their assigned pens by 11:00 a.m. on Entry Day. **All animals must be washed prior to arriving and ear tags must be clean and visible.** All animals must be weighed at a central scale designated by the 4-H Market Livestock Committee or a designated weigh master. Weighing of hogs will begin following the weighing of all available lambs or no later than 11:15 a.m. All animals will be weighed to the nearest pound. **All hogs must weigh between 220 lbs. to 310 lbs. to be eligible to sell**. There will be no re-weighing of animals. Any animal that does not fall within this weight range will not sell. Animals that do not make weight can be taken home or may stay for showing, but the 4-H member will be assessed a "participation fee" that will be used towards program costs. Failure to pay the assessed fee can result in disqualification from next year's project.

15. **Grading of Animals:** All registered 4-H market hogs will be graded at the Fair. Any animal determined to be below quality by weight, age, or grade by the judge will not be eligible to be sold at the Market Livestock Sale at the Fair. All eligible animals must be sold at the 4-H Market Livestock Sale.

16. **Notebook Requirements:** Members will be required to complete a project notebook that will chronicle the time and care you spent with your animal. The notebook will be designed to include a table of contents and appendixes. The notebook must be kept in table of contents order with additional information you would like to include in the notebook within the appendixes. The "Journal of Care" record will be mandatory for all members to complete. The earning of a "B" ribbon or better on your notebook will qualify you for next year's project. The **notebook must be presented at the time the 4-Her's animal is being weighed.** Failure to do so will result in not being able to sell at the 4-H Market Livestock Sale. **The notebook must then be submitted to the 4-H Exhibit Building before 5:00 p.m. on Entry Day. Once your notebook has been placed in the 4-H Exhibit Building you will not be able to retrieve it to add additional information.**

17. **Showing/Selling Requirements:** All animals must be shown in showmanship and market classes by the registered owner to be judged and sold. If a 4-H'er withdraws from the auction portion of the project after completing the showing and judging classes, he or she will not be allowed to bring any animal to the following year's Fair.

18. **Animal Care During Fair:** You are responsible for feeding, cleaning and removal of your animal until the end of the Fair. The 4-H Market Livestock Committee permits the use of sawdust (provided by the Fair Board) or kiln-dried wood shavings (you may provide) as bedding material. NO STRAW PERMITTED! **All pens/stalls must be cleaned before 9:00 a.m. each day the Fair is open.** Failure to comply with the rule can result in forfeiture of premiums, $50.00 disciplinary charge from sale proceeds and/or a one year suspension of 4-H Market Livestock Project privileges. Borrowing of cleaning equipment should be done with permission granted by equipment owner. If your animal requires a veterinary exam during fair, the 4-H'er will be responsible for the cost of the vet service.

19. **Non-Club/Club Points:** Project participants must have earned **nine (9**) meeting attendance or volunteer points before selling a market livestock animal. **Six (6)** of the **nine (9)** required points must be earned from attending your club's meetings. The additional **three (3)** points required must be earned from attending various non-club 4-H events or activities as approved by the 4-H Market Livestock Committee List or may be given at the discretion of other 4-H Extension Staff or superintendents. Extra curricular school or community projects (above normal school requirements) may county for 1 non-club point, when the MSU Extension Office is notified and can verify project. If you require signatures from Extension Office staff, you must have the event, location and date completed. If these nine (9) points are not achieved, you are ***not allowed*** to bring your animal as a registered 4-H market animal to the fair.

20. **Auction Sale Checks**: Those selling their animal through the 4-H Market Livestock Auction will receive their sale checks no sooner than the 4-H Market Livestock Annual Meeting. Determination of the date of the Annual Meeting will be dependent on when all sale proceeds have been received from the buyers. A 4-H'ers check will have the following deductions: Percentage & Dollar amount to cover program expenses, picture fee for two 8x10 pictures by the Committee's contracted photographer, hauling fee (if your animal was hauled) and any promotional fee required by the animal industry. 4-H'ers must present a signed Buyer's Receipt, for the delivery of their picture and buyer thank you, in order to receive their auction check either at the Annual Meeting or at the Extension Office following the Annual Meeting. All auction sale checks are valid for 60 days. Any checks after the 60 days will be assessed a $25 re-issue fee. Any animal "Sold out of the Barn' is a private sale and should be handled between the 4-Her and buyer. If assistance is needed from the Extension Office, these transactions will be handled on Friday morning following the auction. 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.

21. **Disciplinary Action:** If disciplinary action is warranted, the 4-H Market Livestock Committee reserves the right to impose one or more of the following actions: additional percentage deducted from 4-H'ers Animal Sale proceeds, suspension from 4-H Market Livestock Project areas and/or forfeiture of premiums.

22. **Financial Loss:** The exhibitor will bear financial loss of any market livestock animal until that animal leaves the Fairgrounds at which time the hauler or buyer assumes responsibility unless the animal is condemned for any reason.

23. **Rules/Requirements Acknowledgement**: Signing the 4-H Market Livestock Hog project application and being accepted into the project indicates that you have read all the rules and requirements for the project in addition to the Oceana County Animal Project Code of Ethics and agree to abide by these rules.

24. **Issues/Complaint Process:** In questioning project rules or issues with your project you should contact the following people/groups in this order: 1) Your leader; 2) MSU Extension—4-H Program Coordinator; 3) 4-H Market Live stock Committee. If you should have any issue related to your project during Fair, please contact the following people/groups in this order: 1) Your leader; 2) Leader will contact Barn Superintendent; 3) Barn Superintendent will contact Executive Committee of project area: 4) Executive Committee will contact Youth Council Members.

25. **Final Authority:** The 4-H Market Livestock Committee will be the final authority on all matters of concern and can grant exceptions to the above rules.

Market Swine Project Dates
All deadlines are by 5 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

Market Swine Project Initial Enrollment—**8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Saturday, November 12, 2016**
Market Swine Project Resumed Enrollment—**normal business hours until January 2, 2017**
Pictures/Bread/Ear Tag Numbers—**Wednesday, May 10, 2017**
Little Buddy Registration Deadline—**Wednesday, May 10, 2017**
Replacement Request Deadline (death or special issue) - **Friday, June 30, 2017**
Paperwork for Replacement Animal— **Tuesday, August 1, 2017**
Potential Buyer's Names—**Wednesday, August 2, 2017**
Written declaration of switch to "back-up" animal—**Tuesday, August 8, 2017**
Entry and Weigh-In at Fair—**Animals in pens no later than 11 a.m. Tuesday, August 22, 2017**
Notebooks—**Tues., August 22, 2017 at time animal is weighed and then entered in the Youth Exhibit Bldg. by 5:00 p.m.**

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