A. REQUIREMENTS FOR PROJECT MEMBERS:

1. **Enrollments/Re-enrollments, with participation fee, must be completed PRIOR to the Saturday of project signups.** Enrollments are done online at [https://mi.4honline.com](https://mi.4honline.com). Fees are paid at, or mailed to, the MSUE Office.

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 4-H Small Market Animal Association programs are eligible to sell their animals at the 4-H Small Market Animal Association Sale.

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 9 years old by January 1 of current year.**

   - Goats, Rabbits & Poultry - 4-Her must be 9 years old
   - Feeder calf - 4-Her must be 9 years old
   - Young Beef - 4-Her must be 9 years old

   The year a 4-Her graduates from high school is the last year they may participate in the Small Market Animal Association project.
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 3 additional nonclub points by attending clinics, workshops, shows, fair clean-up, country-wide awards, etc.

- 6 from club meetings
- 3 from nonclub points

_(please note- there will be NO signatures given by Extension personnel 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 achieve a B or better on their most recent Small Market educational notebook entry at the Oceana County Fair. If member did not show the previous year then the notebook from the year before may be used.

13. Potential Buyers Names must be turned in to the MSU Extension Office, by 5:00 p.m., on or before, Wednesday, August 1st. 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. **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.** 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: Market Goats, Feeder Calf, Young Beef, 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 beef or dairy breed. Must be ear tagged, with tag in ear when turning in the pictures, castrated (no heifers) and 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.

Registration signups will begin **Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m.** and will close at 5:00 p.m. on March 30th pending space. **There is space available for the first 18 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 5:00 p.m. on June 1st. (No faxes or emails will be accepted)

**Weight requirement:** 450-750 pounds.

**FEEDER CALF:** 4-Her must be 9 years old. May be beef or dairy breed. Must be ear tagged, with tag in ear when turning in the pictures, castrated (no heifers) and 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.

Registration signups will begin **Saturday in November 11, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m.** and will close at 5:00 p.m. on March 30th pending space. **There is space available for the first 18 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 5:00 p.m. on June 1st. (No faxes or emails will be accepted)

**Weight requirement:** 250-600 pounds

**GOATS:** 4-Her must be 9 years old. Must be a wether or doe under one year and Must be castrated (healed) and de-horned. Must have a 4-H ear tag & Scrapies tag

Registration signups will begin the on **Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m.** and will close at 5:00 p.m. on March 30th pending space. **There is space available for the first 8 market goats 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 to attend.** Pictures, breed and 4-H ear tag numbers are due by 5:00 p.m. on August 1st. (No faxes or emails will be accepted)

**Weight requirement:** Minimum of 50 lbs.
RABBITS: 4-H'er must be 9 years old
Rabbits must be 10-12 weeks (70-85 days prior to Fair)
Must be commercial breed.
Must be tattooed- tattooing available at Fair on entry day
Registration signups will begin Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m., and will close at 5:00 p.m. on March 30th pending space. There is space available for the first 4 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 5:00 p.m. on August 1st. (No faxes or emails will be accepted)
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-H'er must be 9 years old.
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 three, 10 pounds and over for each bird

All birds must be meat-type and must be banded. Banding will be done at entry day of the Fair. All birds must have a pullorum test before entry to the poultry barn.
Registration signups will begin Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m., and will close at 5:00 p.m. on March 30th pending space. A waiting list will be taken, numbered in the order which you were in line.
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.
Pictures and breed must be turned into the MSU Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. August 1st. (No faxes or emails will be accepted)

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

1. 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 or two goats. Applications will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis at the MSU Extension Office on Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 8:00 a.m.- 8:30 a.m. and during normal business hours beginning Monday, November 13, 2017. Applications will be dated and numbered as they are received. Applications may be submitted in-person (by 4-H'er, parent/legal guardian or sibling-only), by mail or faxed (231-873-3710).
All registration forms received via mail or fax prior to November 11, 2017 will be accepted after all in-person applications have been handled. A member may sign up for one project animal at this time. There will be waiting lists numbered in the order you were in line. They will have until March 1st to withdraw without penalty. Beginning March 2nd a member may sign up for a second animal if there is space available. The project deadline is March 30th at this time any slots not filled will remain unfilled. If a member withdraws after the March 1st 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.

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 1st.

2. The 4-H Small Market Animal Association Committee must be notified if an animal dies or needs to be replaced. Animals will not be replaced if the reason is due to lack of care or poor management. The Committee, by 2/3 vote, will decide on replacement. The member may be permitted to replace the project with approximately the same type, breed and weight animal, if possible.

3. Small Animal Project Notebook must be made out in full 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.

4. Leaders and members should refer to the Fair Premium Book for procedures regarding judging, showing and sale conditions.

5. 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.

6. All Market Class entries are required to do showmanship with their market 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.

7. 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.
8. 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. A 10% charge will be assessed every 30 days on 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.

9. 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 their 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.

10. 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.

11. 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 1st 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 9-18 of the current year. If the Little Buddy is in the feeder calf project and has not yet attained the age of 9 as of Jan.1 of the current year they must have an adult in the show ring holding the lead along with the Little Buddy.

Small Market Dates - All deadlines are by 5:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted!

Small Market Signups begin- 8:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m., Saturday, November 11, 2017
Drop date (without penalty) - Thursday, March 1, 2018
May sign up for 2nd animal if space- Friday, March 2, 2018
Enrollment deadline for all Small Market projects- Friday, March 30, 2018
Feeder calf pictures with breed & tag numbers due to office- Friday, June 1, 2018
Pictures for all other animals with tags, breeds, etc. - Wednesday, August 1, 2018
Potential buyer's names due- Wednesday, August 1, 2018
Entry day of Fair- Tuesday, August 21, 2018

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