4-H - FFA
and Other Youth
Fair Premium Book

2017 St. Joseph County
Grange Fair

September 17-23, 2017

P.O. Box 578
Centreville, MI 49032
Welcome to the 167th St. Joseph County Grange Fair!

Providing a fair to this community takes a joint effort from hundreds of volunteers, including persons of all ages. This is a joint operation of businesses, private individuals and persons who love this fair.

Tradition and family values set the theme and it will be my goal to keep with these themes plus bring in some new ideas to interest the younger fairgoer for the future of the Fair.

The fair provides entertainment for young and old alike for a very small portion of the entertainment dollar.

This fair prides itself in being the cleanest, safest and largest agricultural fair in the Midwest.

Please come be our guest for this year’s great event - the St. Joseph County Grange Fair!

Sincerely

Bill Johnson
Fair Manager

St. Joseph County Grange Fair Association

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Gate Admission Passes

Fair gates open at 8:00 a.m. each day Sunday, September 17 through Saturday, September 23.

Adults: $6.00

Children (14 years and under): FREE

Season Pass (1 person, gate admission only):
- Purchased before Sept. 1: $25.00
- Purchased Sept. 1 and after: $30.00

Parking (Sunday through Saturday): $2.00

Season Auto Pass: $7.00

Livestock Exhibitor Weekly Pass (covers vehicle and 1 person): $30.00

Special Day Prices (8:00 a.m. to closing):
- Senior Citizens’ Day (Wednesday): $3.00
- Ladies’ Day (Thursday): $3.00
- Veterans’ Day (Friday): $3.00

Grandstand Show Tickets

No refunds on show tickets. No smoking allowed in grandstands or bleachers. No laser lights allowed in grandstand or track.

Mornings: FREE

Harness Racing: FREE

Grandstand Shows:

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| Monday - SJO Motorcross                     | $10.00   | $5.00           |
| Tuesday - Night of Destruction              | $10.00   | $5.00           |
| Wednesday - Super Kicker Bulls & Barrels    | $12.00   | $5.00           |
| Thursday - Diesel Truck & Semi Pulls        | $10.00   | $5.00           |
| Friday - NTPA Modified Truck & Tractor Pulls| $10.00   | $5.00           |
| Saturday - Mud Runs                         | $10.00   | $5.00           |

Michigan State Law Regarding Fair Admissions: Any person who shall wrongfully or maliciously gain admission to the fairgrounds contrary to the rules of said society, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine of not less than one (1) or more than twenty-five (25) dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding thirty (30) days, or such fine and imprisonment both, at the discretion of the court before whom the offender may be tried.

Fair Camping

Reserve your camp site now for $220.00. Call 269-467-8935 for reservations!

- Come Early (Starting September 8): $20.00/night
- Fair Week: $20.00/night
- Week Admission Pass: $30.00/person
- Daily Admission: $6.00/person
- Week Auto Pass: $7.00

St. Joseph County Grange Fair camping rules (in accordance with the Michigan Health Department):

- The electrical company is requiring all extension cords to be 12 ga. or larger.
- All campers in the upgraded area will require a 30amp RV plug or adapter.
- All campers, including pre-registered campers MUST check in with the camping office upon arrival to fill out paper and get passes.
- All campers MUST pay upon arrival
- All campers MUST have a permit
- All campers use Nottawa Drive In Gate
- NO water hoses may stay connected to public water supply
- NO 3″ sewage hose
- No campfires or fire pits allowed
- Bicycles are NOT allowed on fairgrounds
- Each person in the camper must have a season pass, which can be purchased from the camping superintendent.
- All pets brought to the Fairgrounds must have appropriate papers and shots and be confined to the immediate campsite area. Pets may NOT accompany owners into commercial buildings, livestock barns, or on the grounds outside of the owner’s campsite. Violation will be grounds for expulsion from the Fairgrounds and campsite with no refund.
- All pets shall be on a 6’ leash and never unattended
- Only one (1) car per campsite
- NO refunds to persons leaving early.
- Camping superintendent has the authority to ask campers to move or leave the grounds.
4-H Schedule of Events - 2017 St. Joseph County Grange Fair

Saturday, September 9
4-H Still Exhibit Projects (Day 1) ...... 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 10
4-H Poultry Evaluations ..................... 11:00 a.m.
4-H Sheep Evaluations ...................... 11:00 a.m.
4-H Swine Evaluations ...................... 11:00 a.m.
4-H Goat Carcass Contest ................... 11:30 a.m.
4-H Beef Carcass Contest .. 1:00 p.m.
4-H Sheep Carcass Contest .................. 2:30 p.m.
4-H Swine Carcass Contest ................. 3:30 p.m.

Monday, September 11
Carcass Goat Evaluation .............. 6:00 p.m.
Carcass Hog Evaluation ............ 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 13
Carcass Sheep Evaluation .......... 5:30 p.m.
Carcass Beef Evaluation .......... 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 14
4-H Cat Show ........................................ 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 16
4-H Dog Show ......................................... 8:30 a.m.
4-H Still Exhibit Projects (Day 2) ..... 9:00 a.m.
4-H Rabbit Evaluations ................. 11:00 a.m.
4-H Poultry Show ......................... 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 17
“Family Day”
4-H Horse Show (Day 1) ................. 8:30 a.m.
4-H Beef/Dairy Beef Evaluations .... 9:00 a.m.
4-H Rabbit Show ......................... 9:00 a.m.
4-H Goat Evaluations ...................... 11:00 a.m.
Midway Opens ............................. 12:00 noon

Monday, September 18
“Kid’s Day”
4-H Horse Show (Day 2) ................. 8:30 a.m.
4-H & Open Class Goat Show ........... 8:30 a.m.
4-H Swine Show ........................... 9:30 a.m.
Midway Opens ............................. 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, September 19
“Education Day”
4-H Horse Show (Day 3) ................. 8:30 a.m.
4-H Beef Cattle Show ..................... 9:00 a.m.
4-H Dairy Beef Show ..................... 9:00 a.m.
Midway Opens ............................. 3:00 p.m.
4-H Dairy Cattle Evaluations .......... 3:00 p.m.
4-H Sheep Show ......................... 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 20
“Senior Citizens’ Day”
(62 years old & older)
4-H & Open Class Dairy Cattle Show 10:00 a.m.
4-H Demonstrations/Performances/
Public Speaking/Illustrated Talks .... 11:00 a.m.
4-H Animal Project Demonstrations 3:00 p.m.
Midway Opens ............................. 3:00 p.m.
4-H “Style Revue” (Fashion Show) .. TBA

Thursday, September 21
“Ladies’ Day”
4-H Small (Market) Animal Sale...... 10:00 a.m.
4-H Large (Market) Animal Sale ..... 10:30 a.m.
Midway Opens ...................... 3:00 p.m.

Friday, September 22
“Veteran’s Day”
Midway Opens ............................. 3:00 p.m.
4-H Sweepstakes Showmanship
Contest ........................................... 7:00 p.m.
4-H Member Dance ....................... 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 23
“Country Day”
4-H Horse Show (Day 4) ................. 8:00 a.m.
Midway Opens ............................. 12:00 noon
St. Joseph County
4-H Youth Program

Sponsorship: The St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Program is the non-formal youth educational component of Michigan State University Extension, which is jointly funded by the United States Department of Agriculture, Michigan State University, St. Joseph County Grange Fair Association and the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners. Many St. Joseph County businesses, civic organizations and private individuals provide materials and financial support for the 4-H program.

4-H Clubs: 4-H clubs are comprised of groups of five or more young people between the ages of 6 and 19 years in urban, suburban, small town and rural settings. 4-H clubs carry out a wide variety of educational projects in civic and community service, agriculture, home economics and other areas. Volunteer adult leaders and older 4-H members enrolled in the 4-H Teen Leadership project give 4-H members direction and leadership. 4-H clubs function democratically. 4-H members run their own clubs with the guidance of adult leaders, elect officers, help plan and hold meetings and select educational projects. Each club drafts its programs to suit its members and the localities in which they live.

Current Situation: One hundred nine Cloverbud members ages 6-8 and 605 4-H members ages 9-19 are enrolled in 4-H this year (2017). These youth are members of one or more of the 28 4-H clubs in the county. These 4-H members have planned and conducted meetings and completed projects with the help and guidance of over 220 adult volunteer leaders and 83 teen leaders.

Emblem Colors and Pledge: The national 4-H emblem is a four-leaf clover with a letter "H" on each leaf. Club colors are green and white. The white background on the 4-H flag symbolizes purity. The green of the emblem represents nature's most common color, and is symbolic of youth, life and growth. The national 4-H pledge reads as follows:

I pledge My head to clearer thinking,
My heart to greater loyalty,
My hands to larger service,
My health to better living,
for my club, my community,
my country, and my world.

Contributions made by local businesses, civic organizations and private individuals help provide 4-H citizenship, leadership and "life skills" development activities throughout the year.

4-H Youth Division Code of Conduct for Exhibition at the
St. Joseph County Grange Fair

In an effort to promote high standards of character and service to community the St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board, MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development and the St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council endorse the following code of conduct, which represent:

Conduct Expectations: Fair and 4-H officials expect courteous and orderly conduct by exhibitors and fair attendants. Harassment, profanity or unsportsmanlike conduct toward officials, judges, show manager, staff, leaders or other exhibitors will not be tolerated.

Members:
All 4-H members in St. Joseph County MSU Extension activities will:
- Accept their responsibility to represent St. Joseph County 4-H and MSU Extension programs with dignity and pride by being positive role models.
- Conduct themselves in a courteous and respectful manner and exhibit good sportsmanship.
- Respect, adhere to and enforce the rules, policies and guidelines established by St. Joseph County 4-H and MSU Extension programs.
- Abstain from and not tolerate physical or verbal abuse, profanity or threatening behavior.
- Comply with equal opportunity and antidiscrimination laws.
- Abstain from criminal activities.
- Under no circumstances, possess, sell or consume alcohol or possess, sell or use controlled substances or use any form of tobacco at an MSU Extension activity or event.
- Under no circumstances, attend or participate in an MSU Extension activity or event under the influence of alcohol and/or controlled substances.
- Operate machinery, vehicles and other equipment in a responsible manner.
- Accept and respect decisions made by the St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council and MSU Extension Staff.
- Under no circumstances steal or misuse 4-H property and/or donated funds.

Failure to follow the code of conduct can result in discipline and penalties as stated on page 9.

Volunteers:
All 4-H Volunteer Leaders in St. Joseph County MSU Extension Activities will:
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• Under no circumstances, attend or participate in an MSU Extension activity or event under the influence of alcohol and/or controlled substances.
• Accept the responsibility to promote and support MSU Extension program to develop an effective, county, state and national program.
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It is imperative that all MSU Extension volunteers comply with the St. Joseph County 4-H Code of Conduct.

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St. Joseph County Grange Fair
4-H/FFA & Other Youth Division

General Rules

1. Exhibitor Eligibility: Entry in the 4-H/FFA & Other Youth Division is open to all youth ages 9-19 by January 1 (Cloverbud members ages 6-8 by January 1) of current year who are duly enrolled (at the St. Joseph County MSU Extension Office) members of a St. Joseph County 4-H club or FFA chapter, or any other youth. Returning members must be re-enrolled by December 1. New members must be enrolled by May 1.

2. Exhibit Eligibility: Following are the rules governing exhibit eligibility:
   A. Exhibitor may enter only one exhibit per class, unless otherwise noted.
   B. The youth exhibitor must complete all exhibits.
   C. School projects are not eligible as 4-H exhibits.
   D. Exhibitors may not exhibit in a class that they have exhibited in at another fair during the current year.
   E. Youth exhibitors may not enter an exhibit that has been exhibited at another fair.
   F. 4-H members may not participate in St. Joseph County Sweepstakes if participated in a sweepstakes contest in another county in the current year.

3. Liability: The following is the policy of the St. Joseph County Grange Fair Association:
   • The St. Joseph County Grange Fair Association, its agents, volunteers and employees shall not be held liable in case of injury to exhibitors, concessionaires or the public on the grounds of the St. Joseph County Grange Fair.
   • Every possible protection and courtesy will be extended to all at the St. Joseph County Grange Fair, but the St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board/Association shall not be responsible for any loss of exhibits, animals or equipment in case of fire, theft or from loss from any other cause.

4. Entries: Each exhibitor must complete and submit a 4-H/FFA & Other Youth Division Entry Form by Friday, August 11, 2017 Horse entry forms are due by August 1, 2017. Forms available online for download at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/st._joseph/4_h_forms

5. Still Project Excused Absence: 4-H/FFA members who are unable (for a valid and excused reason) to be present for their still exhibits evaluation must:
   A. Contact the Extension 4-H Program Coordinator prior to the fair to request approval of the absence.
   B. Complete a one-page “Absentee Project Report Form” for each still project.
   C. Arrange to have project(s) and absentee project report(s) delivered to the fair during the regular still exhibit project evaluation time.

6. Livestock Excused Absence: 4-H/FFA members who are unable (for a valid and excused reason) to be present for their livestock evaluations must:
   A. Contact the Extension 4-H Program Coordinator prior to the fair to request approval of the absence.
   B. Complete a one-page “Absentee Project Report Form” for each livestock project for which he/she is enrolled.
   C. Arrange to have project(s) and absentee project report(s) delivered to the 4-H Program Coordinator by 5:00 p.m. September 8, 2017.

7. Emergency Absence: Emergency absences should be brought to the attention of the Extension 4-H Program Coordinator in writing as soon as possible for approval.

8. Fair Passes and Exhibit Tags:
   A. Exhibitors (15-19 years of age) and registered 4-H leaders and FFA advisors will be issued a fair admission pass. Livestock Exhibitor Auto Passes will also be distributed, one per eligible family, at the same time.
   B. Still project exhibitors must have their exhibit tag(s) in hand before starting through the project evaluation process. Exhibit tags can be picked up in Building 46 (red barn) on Saturday, September 9 or 16, 2017 starting at 8:30 a.m.

9. Judging:
   A. The judge’s decision is final.
   B. All animal and still project exhibits will be judged according to the “Danish” (A, B, C) judging system unless otherwise noted. Each exhibit will be judged on its individual merit and an A, B or C ribbon and associated premium awarded accordingly.
   C. All other classes will be judged in competition against each other and 1st-8th place “placing” ribbons and premiums awarded as indicated for each class.

10. Premiums: Premium table numbers are listed directly under each section heading (and in some cases for a given class), and refer to one of the premium payment tables inside back cover of the fair book. Note: In the event the receipts of the fair or MDA funding are insufficient to pay the expenses and premiums in full, the premiums will be prorated among those entitled to premiums.

11. 4-H Livestock members must attend one required livestock meeting between December and March of current 4-H year to receive their premium money.

12. Ribbons/Rosettes: Ribbons/rosettes will be awarded in all classes as specified in the Departments, Sections and Classes detailed in this book.

13. Trophies/Plaques: 4-H and FFA exhibitors who have been awarded a trophy, plaque or other special award must write a “thank you” note to each donor(s) in order to take home the award(s) at the conclusion of fair week.

The “thank you” note must be properly addressed, stamped and submitted in exchange for the award in
Building No. 43 10:00 - 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 23, 2017. The 4-H St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council sells special 4-H “thank you” note cards (including pre-stamped envelope) at the 4-H Fair Office. The cost is $1.00 per card/envelope "set".

14. **Special Awards**: Special awards (rosettes, trophies, plaques, gift certificates, etc.) will be given only for those exhibits judged worthy of this recognition by the judge.

15. **Special Award Codes**:
   - (P) = plaque
   - (R) = rosette appropriate to class
   - (T) = trophy
   - (PR) = plaque & rosette appropriate to class
   - (TR) = trophy & rosette appropriate to class

16. **Project Guidelines**: Refer to specific project guidelines (where they exist) for information on exhibit requirements.

17. **Exhibit and Animal Release**: All still project exhibits will be available to take home 10:00 - 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 23, 2017 and 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon on Sunday, September 24, 2017. All animal project exhibits will be released at 5:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 24, 2017. **Attention**: A fine will be assessed against any and all premiums earned on any and all exhibits removed prior to the published release times without the permission of the St. Joseph County 4-H Program Coordinator and the St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board.

18. **Unclaimed Exhibits**: Any project exhibit not picked up by October 31 will either be donated to charity or disposed of as appropriate.

19. **Solicitations**: Solicitations of any nature on the fairgrounds except by contracted concession or commercial rental spaces are prohibited.

20. **Advertising/Free Merchandise**: No person will be permitted to post or displays signs, or distribute handbills or merchandise except under fair contract.

21. **Pets**: No pets are allowed on the fairgrounds.

22. **No Smoking Regulation**: No smoking in any building or tent on the fairgrounds by order of the fire marshal.


24. **Open Class**: The St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board passed the following rule regarding cross-over into open class: 4-H youth exhibitors may enter the same animals in appropriate classes in the Open Class division of the fair if they do so by the **open class entry deadline**, **August 18, 2017**. The 4-H exhibitor will pay entry fees and housing fees.

> General 4-H Livestock Rules

**Introduction**: The 4-H program is educational by design. Its first priority is to help youth develop character, community service and skills in preparation of serving others in society. Members should strive to present the animals they have in the best manner possible. Each member should willingly teach others the things they have learned and are learning in 4-H. Because of the priority of developing high character and service to others, all livestock exhibitors and families will care for and prepare their animals for showing in the areas designated by the appropriate livestock superintendent so that 4-H members and families can learn from each other.

**Preparation, Care & Exhibition of Animals**

1. **Animals will be treated Humanely**: All 4-H animals shall be brought to the fairgrounds in a clean and presentable fashion. All 4-H members and families shall provide feed and water daily between 6:00 - 8:00 AM and 6:00 - 8:00 PM. All 4-H members and families shall not inflict undue pain for any purpose. If there is a question about the appropriateness of any treatment of an animal, the member or family members should get permission from the superintendent before implementing the practice. Abusive use of show aids will not be tolerated.

2. "**Report to Superintendent Immediately**" tags will be placed on any pen where animals have not been properly cared for by the exhibitor; *Explanation of tagging process: 1st* yellow tag = warning - verbal. *2nd* yellow tag = written warning. Red tag results in loss of privileges and may result in loss of monies. Refer to 4-H project Animal Certification/Care from for full details.

3. **Proper Fitting and Representation of Animal Information**: The exhibitor is responsible to prepare their animal for presentation during the show. Immediate family members, grandparents, legal guardians, other current year St. Joseph County 4-H members or St. Joseph County 4-H leaders may assist them. It is expected that the animals will be washed and clipped as allowed in species rules. Tampering with the color or quality of the animal’s coat is not allowed unless species rules provide an exception. If there is a question to the appropriateness of a grooming or fitting technique the appropriate superintendent should be consulted for approval prior to using the technique. Tampering or misrepresentation of ownership, breeding, age, preparation or other irregularity in exhibiting will be considered fraud and deception. Any use of a professional fitter, groomer, arranger, etc. at the fair facilities is prohibited. Violation of this rule, as determined by the appropriate 4-H Species Superintendent and the St. Joseph County 4-H Program Coordinator will result in the disqualification of the exhibitor and the animal(s) will be removed from the fair facilities and market animals will not be sold at the auction. Any individual who is **not directly and actively** involved in the St. Joseph County Grange Fair program is prohibited from helping groom or otherwise prepare the exhibitor’s livestock project for show during fair week. Leaders of groups or clubs recognized by the St. Joseph County MSU Extension staff, St. Joseph County Grange Fair association, Fair Board members, superintendents, organizational leaders, FFA advisors or current St Joseph County 4-H member, and/or immediate family members/guardian/grandparent are permitted to assist the youth as necessary. However, the exhibitor must actively participate in the grooming of the animal as well. Any violation or infraction will cause disqualification of the exhibit.

4. **Fraud and Deception**: Fraud and/or deception will not be allowed relative to any 4-H exhibit. Fraud and/or deception being defined to include, but not limited to, the following:
   - A. Tampering, altering, and/or misrepresentation relative to 4-H non-livestock projects (i.e., a 4-H non-
livestock project may only be exhibited one time at the Fair).
B. Tampering, altering, and/or misrepresentation relative to but is not limited to 4-H animal's breeding, age, ownership, and/or method of preparation or completion. (For example, with animal exhibits this includes, but is not limited to coloring that alters or misrepresents breed characteristics, pumping, drenching, and filling).
C. Unethical fitting of animal exhibits is defined as the administration of any substance (to include, but not limited to, drugs covered in letter (D) below, blood, oils, steroids, air, chemical substances) or performance of any surgical or nonsurgical procedure altering the animal's configuration or natural conformation of any part of the animal's body, or rendering its tissues unfit for human consumption and is prohibited. Exceptions that are allowed to letters (A) & (B) above include hoof trimming, dehorning, removal of hair, manipulation of normally attached hair, castration, branding, tattooing, ear notching, docking of tails on sheep and swine, and coloring that does not alter or misrepresent breed characteristics.
D. THE 4-H MARKET ANIMALS SHALL NOT CONTAIN any identifiable or unidentifiable foreign substance, including drugs, steroids, or chemicals, greater than those standards established by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) or Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as permissible for sale for consumption as human food both on day of show and day of shipment to market from the fair. Test samples that may be collected from any 4-H animal exhibit shall be free of any foreign substance including any steroids, drug or chemical affecting the central nervous system (for example, stimulants, depressants or pain killers). Refusing such tests will result in disqualification and forfeiture of all awards.

5. Animal Exhibitor Dress Code: Exhibitors may not wear any item that promotes their club name or logo, a farm name, award(s) won by the exhibitor or species or breed associations while exhibiting in animal classes at the fair. Note: Volunteers working at the fair in support of a livestock show must also follow the Animal Exhibitor Dress Code during the show. Exhibitors must be dressed appropriately for shows and evaluations as specified in the St. Joseph County 4-H Fair Book under each species requirements.

6. Substitute Exhibitor: An exhibitor/parent/guardian may request permission in writing for a substitute showman from the project superintendent prior to the class being shown. Some valid reasons are: personal emergency or an approved scheduling conflict that prevents the exhibitor from being able to show their own animal. The substitute exhibitor must be a current year St. Joseph County 4-H or FFA member. Substitute showmen are not allowed in Showmanship classes.

7. Assistant Animal Handlers: Assistant handlers are allowed when an exhibitor has more than one animal in a market class. The assistant handler must be a current year St. Joseph County 4-H or FFA member.

8. Special Consideration for Youth with Disabilities: Special considerations in judging will be given to exhibitors identified on fair entry forms prior to fair in writing as having a disability (physical, mental, emotional and/or learning) that affects their ability to compete effectively with non-disabled exhibitors. Disabled youth may be assisted, as necessary, during project evaluation and/or in the show ring by a parent/guardian, leader or other current St. Joseph County 4-H/FFA member. It will be the responsibility of the “assistant” to inform the judging clerk (in the case of project evaluation) or the show superintendent (in the case of animal science classes) of the reason for his/her presence at the evaluation or in the show ring.

9. Coaching is prohibited: Coaching of an exhibitor while they are in the show ring or participating in the evaluation of their project work is prohibited. Coaching is any behavior intended to direct the actions of a given exhibitor during the show or evaluation. Exhibitors determined to be the recipient of coaching may be disqualified from the class at the discretion of the project superintendent, judge or St. Joseph County MSU Extension staff.

10. Examination and Testing of Project Animals: The St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council, St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board of Directors and St. Joseph County MSUE staff reserve the right to order the examination or testing of any animal for any reason by officials or veterinarians appointed by any of the above mentioned organizations.

Filing a Rules Related Complaint

The following procedure will be followed regarding the handling of a 4-H rule violation complaint:
1. Contact the appropriate superintendent or assistant superintendent and discuss your concerns with them to determine if rules have been violated. The superintendent may then choose to consult with local St. Joseph County MSU Extension staff. If you are not satisfied with the results of this process you may file a complaint, see rule 2 and following.
2. Any person interested in bringing a 4-H rule violation complaint against a member must complete, sign and submit a "4-H Rule Violation Complaint Form" to the 4-H Program Coordinator within 24 hours of the alleged violation. Every effort should be made, if possible, to submit a complaint prior to an animal's exhibition in a show. A $25 cash filing fee per complaint form is due and payable at the time the complaint is filed. If the complaint is upheld, the filing fee will be refunded.
3. The member against whom a 4-H rule violation complaint has been filed has the right to read the complaint.
4. The animal may be placed under quarantine until appropriate examination and collection of samples for testing are completed.
5. The member or their parent/guardian against whom the complaint is filed (hereafter referred to as the respondent) is required to complete and submit a "4-H Rule Violation Response Form" to the 4-H Program Coordinator within 12 hours of receiving a copy of the "4-H Rule Violation Complaint Form" filed against them. The individual who brought the complaint (hereafter known as the complainant) has the right to read the response form.
6. Both the complainant and the respondent will be asked to appear before the 4-H/Fair Executive Council Complaint Committee for a hearing on the matter. Any 4-H member appearing before this committee must have their parents/legal guardians or their designee present and they may speak on behalf of the 4-H
member. Each side has a maximum of 10 minutes to present the facts of their case, with the complainant speaking first. Each side also has five minutes for rebuttal. The Committee will deliberate as they determine appropriate and render its decision. Upon the decision it will be final.

7. A written copy of the 4-H/Fair Complaint Committee’s decision and penalties assessed, if applicable, will be delivered by the 4-H Program Coordinator to the respondent and the complainant as soon as possible after a decision has been rendered. If, for any reason, a decision regarding the rule violation cannot be rendered until after the fair, both parties will be notified by mail of the Committee's decision.

8. In the event a rule violation complaint is upheld, the respondent has 12 hours from the time they receive the decision of the 4-H/Fair Complaint Committee to file an appeal with the 4-H Program Coordinator.

9. If an appeal is requested, both sides involved will be asked to appear before the 4-H/Fair Appeals Committee. Any 4-H member appearing before this committee must have a parent/legal guardian present; they may speak for the 4-H member. The 4-H/Fair Appeals Committee will review the “Rule Violation Complaint Form” and “Rule Violation Response Form” and the Appeal. The committee may investigate as it deems necessary to render its decision.

10. A written copy of the 4-H/Fair Appeals Committee’s decision will be delivered by the 4-H Program Coordinator to the respondent and the complainant after a decision has been rendered. If a decision regarding the appeal cannot be rendered until after the fair, both parties will be notified by certified mail of the Committee’s decision.

11. The St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board of Directors has final authority over decisions involving the Fair per the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

4-H/Fair Executive Council Complaint Committee: Committee is comprised of four persons designated by the St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council President and 4-H Program Coordinator as well as the St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board of 4-H Extension Liaison and two Executive Committee members. The 4-H Youth Council President, or their designee, will serve as the chairperson. If there is a conflict of interest with any of the above representatives, the 4-H Program Coordinator will choose a designee to stand in place of said representative.

4-H/Fair Appeals Committee: Committee is comprised of the 4-H Youth Council president or their designee, the President of the St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board or their designee and one adult at large. The 4-H Youth Council President or their designee will serve as chairperson.

Fair Management Rights: In addition to the right of protest provided exhibitors, the fair management reserves the right to take cognizance of fraud/deception or violation of rules in connection with a given exhibit and take such action as deemed just and proper. It also reserves the right of the Fair, MSU Extension, or their affiliated organizations to take action in a situation when behavior inappropriate to the purpose of 4-H or FFA that is not explicitly addressed in these rules has occurred.

4-H Project Animal Certification/Care Form: All 4-H members exhibiting animals at the fair are required to complete the “4-H Project Animal Certification/Care Form” and turn it into their club organizational leader by the deadline set by the leader. 4-H club organizational leaders must turn all Project Animal Certification/Care Forms for their club in with fair entry forms by August 11, 2017.

Penalties for 4-H/FFA Member Misconduct

When it is determined that a rule has been violated or misconduct has occurred while exhibiting in the 4-H/FFA & Other Youth Division of the fair, any and all of the following actions may be taken:

1. The exhibit in question shall be barred from the show if discovered prior to the show or disqualified if discovered after completion of the class or show. Other animals will not be moved up in placing.

2. Any or all other 4-H/FFA & Other Youth Division exhibits of the exhibitor may be disqualified and the animals may be made ineligible for the 4-H Market Livestock Sale. Should a rule violation be established after a market animal has been sold in the 4-H Market Livestock Sale; the sale will be voided.

3. Awards and/or premiums earned by said exhibitor in any or all 4-H/FFA & Other Youth departments may be forfeited and/or withheld pending final decision.

4. At the discretion of a committee comprised of the 4-H Youth Coordinator, the St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board 4-H Liaison, and a St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council Executive Board Member, the exhibitor and/or exhibitor’s family may be barred from competition at the St. Joseph County Grange Fair for a period of up to three years.

Registration and Check-in

1. Ear tags, leg bands and wing bands will be supplied, and tattoo numbers assigned by the St. Joseph County MSU Extension office. 4-H leaders and FFA advisors may borrow tagging pliers and tattoo kits for a maximum of three (3) days only.

2. Reweighing, at the request of the exhibitor, is prohibited.

3. Fair weigh-in and check-in times are listed in each appropriate section by species.

4-H Market Livestock Sales

1. Market animals must be shown at the fair in order to be sold in the 4-H Market Livestock Sales.

2. All market animals shown at the fair must be consigned and sold in the corresponding 4-H Market Livestock Sale.

3. The Champion and Reserve Champion goat, steer, lamb and hog carcasses will be sold at the livestock auction.

4. Sale Times and Orders (2017): Two sale rings will be auctioning at the same time in the Livestock Show Arena; the small animal sale will be held in the east end and the large animal sale will be held in the west end.

- **Small Animal Sale**: 10:00 a.m. Turkeys, Chickens, Rabbits, Goats.

- **Large Animal Sale**: 10:30 a.m. Hogs, Lambs, Market Beef, Dairy Steers, Gallon of Milk, Dairy Feeder Steers.
5. Exhibitors showing two individual hogs or two individual lambs will sell their higher placing hog/lamb as an individual in the regular Large Animal Sale. The second individual animal will be sold as part of a weight-group. In the event both hogs or both lambs place as Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion both animals will sell as individuals.

6. Sale Commission Fee: A two percent (2%) sale commission (subject to change without notice) will be charged on each lot sold through the sales.

7. Market Livestock Insurance: The St. Joseph County Grange Fair, Michigan State University or any of their affiliated organizations provides no insurance coverage for livestock animals. It is the animal owners' responsibility to provide insurance at their own expense and the animal owner is fully responsible for any veterinary fees.

8. After The Sale all 4-H members must:
   A. Post a sign above their animal identifying the buyer and purchase price.
   B. Care for market animals until they are shipped.
   C. Write a “thank you” note to the buyer(s) of each individual, pen of market or weight group of livestock sold by the exhibitor and submit the note to the 4-H Fair Office by 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 23, 2017. Sale checks will be held until the thank you note is submitted to the MSU Extension. Thank you note envelopes must include the buyer’s complete address, the exhibitor’s return address and the appropriate postage. Buyer names and addresses will be available in Still Exhibit Barn #43 starting at 12:00 noon on Friday, September 22, 2017. Note: A separate thank you must be written to a buyer if they purchased different species. (i.e. bought swine, sheep and rabbits =’s 3 thank you notes.)

9. It is strongly recommended that market livestock not be returned to the farm for animal health reasons.

10. Resale of market livestock to a second party other than through the 4-H market livestock sales will be the total and complete responsibility of the parties involved.

11. Dairy Feeder Steers may not go for processing following the livestock auction; they MUST go to a farm or feedlot for a minimum of 30 days following the conclusion of the fair.

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Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development - Animal Industry Division

2017 Health Requirements for Livestock Exhibited in Michigan

The requirements for livestock exhibited in Michigan. The complete set of requirements can be obtained by downloading them from the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development website www.michigan.gov/mda-exhibitinfo or by contacting the fair/exposition staff or livestock entry office.

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Department 6 - Sheep

Tim Miller, Superintendent
Bill Kelley, Assistant Superintendent

1. See www.michigan.gov/mda-exhibitinfo.
3. All Sheep intended for exhibition must have a USDA Scrapies ear tag in order to be unloaded, weighed in June and housed at the fair. All farm tags excluding Scrapies tags must be removed prior to June weigh in. Call MDA to register and receive a premises identification number at 517/373-1077 then call USDA to order official tags at 517/324-5290.
4. The exhibitor must own all sheep or have joint ownership within a family corporation and/or partnerships of 4-H members with one or more parents, siblings and/or legal guardians.
5. Halter may be used in market lamb classes by exhibitors if desired, and approved by Superintendent and by exhibitors of all ages in breeding stock classes.
6. All 4-H Sheep must be weighed in on Saturday, September 16, 2017, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
7. Lamb “Check-Off” Fee - In accordance with the Lamb Promotion, Research & Information Order one-half cent ($0.007) per pound of live lambs sold will be deducted at the first point of sale.
8. No barn set-up in the sheep barn on Sunday, September, 10, 2017 until all carcass shows are completed.

Section A - Sheep Project Evaluation (A,B,C premium table = 2)

1. All exhibitors must participate in Market Lamb Project Evaluation if they are exhibiting market lambs and participate in Breeding Sheep Project Evaluation if they are exhibiting Breeding Sheep. Failure to complete one or both of the Project Evaluations will result in the disqualification and dismissal of related animals.
2. Sheep Evaluations and Skill-A-Thon will take place on Sunday, September 10, 2017, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at 5-minute intervals on a first-come, first-served basis.
4. Only exhibitors in the process of being evaluated may be in the 4-H Sheep Barn during Evaluation.

Class
1600 - Market Lamb Evaluation - exhibitors 9-11 yrs. old.
1601 - Best-of-Show in class 1600. (TR)
1602 - Market Lamb Evaluation - exhibitors 12-14 yrs. old.
1603 - Best-of-Show in class 1602. (TR)
1605 - Best-of-Show in class 1604. (TR)
1606 - Breeding Sheep Evaluation - exhibitors 9-11 yrs. old.
1607 - Best-of-Show in class 1606. (TR)
1608 - Breeding Sheep Evaluation - exhibitors 12-14 yrs. old.
1609 - Best-of-Show in class 1608. (TR)
1611 - Best-of-Show in class 1610. (TR)
Section B - Sheep Fitting & Showmanship (placing premium table = 102)

1. All exhibitors are eligible to compete in Fitting & Showmanship classes.
2. Entries must be made in showmanship class.
3. Exhibitor must show own project animal.
4. If too many entries in a class, the class may be divided at the discretion of the superintendent and/or MSU Extension.

Class
1612 - Sheep Fitting & Showmanship, 15-19. (TR)
1613 - Sheep Fitting & Showmanship, 13-14. (TR)
1614 - Sheep Fitting & Showmanship, 11-12. (TR)
1615 - Sheep Fitting & Showmanship, 9-10. (TR)

Section C - Market Ewes & Wethers (placing premium table = 102)

2. All market lambs must be registered in the St. Joseph County MSU Extension office by June 15 of current project year. Exhibitors may ear-tag and register four market lambs, but may show and sell only two at the fair, and one in the Carcass Lamb Contest if all eligibility requirements are met.
3. Male market/carcass lambs must be "wethered" (castrated) by June 1 of the current project year. No rams to be shown as market lambs.
4. 4-H market/carcass lambs must weigh in on June 8, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. or June 10, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at countywide 4-H market and carcass lamb weigh/tag/registration day. Lambs that are not registered on either of these dates are not eligible to be shown at the fair.
5. All market lambs must be sheared within 5 days prior to show day. No “butt wool” allowed.
6. To compete in the 4-H Market Sheep class, sheep must weigh a minimum of 100 lbs. Ewes less than 100# have the option to declare as Breeding Stock or take home. Wethers go home if less than 100#
7. All lambs entered in the market sections must be consigned to the 4-H Large Animal Sale.
8. Market lambs will be divided into classes based on fair weigh-in weight at the discretion of MSU Extension or Superintendent.

Class
1616 - Market Ewe.
1617 - Grand Champion Ewe Drive: 1st Place - Grand Champion Ewe. (PR)
2nd Place - Reserve Grand Champion Ewe. (PR)
3rd Place - Grand Champion Ewe Drive. (R)
4th Place - Grand Champion Ewe Drive. (R)
1618 - Market Wether.
1619 - Grand Champion Wether Drive: 1st Place - Grand Champion Wether. (PR)
2nd Place - Reserve Grand Champion Wether. (PR)
3rd Place - Grand Champion Wether Drive. (R)
4th Place - Grand Champion Wether Drive. (R)

Section E - Market Lambs (Home Born & Raised)

1. A 4-H Home Born & Raised Market Lamb must be both birthed and raised by a 4-H exhibitor on the exhibitor's property, or on a superintendent verified site. (The animal must be raised by the 4-H exhibitor at the place of birth.) Exhibitors may only show one animal in this class.

Class
1620 - Champion Home Born & Raised Market Lamb (TR)
1621 - Reserve Champion Home Born & Raised Market Lamb (TR)

Section F - Carcass Lamb Contest (placing premium table = 105a)

1. Entry in this section is limited to 12 participants. If more than 12 exhibitors submit entry forms, selection of the 12 participants will be based on a combined factor of exhibitor age plus number of years in the project.
2. Completed entry forms must be received in the St. Joseph County MSU Extension office by June 15 of current year in order to be considered. Applicants will be notified by letter regarding the status of their entry.
3. A member’s carcass lamb must be one of the market lambs registered in his/her name.
4. To compete in the 4-H Carcass Sheep class, sheep must weigh a minimum of 100 lbs. If not a minimum of 100 lbs, the sheep will be sent home at weigh in.
5. All lambs entered in the Carcass Lamb Contest must be shorn within two weeks of the Live Lamb Evaluation or be disqualified.
6. Live Lamb Evaluation is at the fairgrounds on Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. All lambs must be delivered to the fairgrounds by 2:00 p.m. for check-in and weighing. Sheep project leaders will coordinate trucking of club carcass lambs.
7. The Carcass Lamb Evaluation will take place on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.
8. Exhibitors participating in this contest are required to attend both the Live Lamb and the Carcass Lamb Evaluations or be disqualified.
9. See St. Joseph County 4-H Carcass Lamb information sheet for more information.
10. Lamb carcasses must meet the following industry standards in order to be placed in the class: Live weight - 100 lbs.; Loin eye area - 2.0; Back fat thickness - .10 min. Any animal that does not meet all above requirements will be disqualified.

Class
1622 - Carcass Lamb.
1623 - Champion Carcass Lamb. (PR)
1624 - Reserve Champion Carcass Lamb. (PR)

Section G - Market Lamb Rate-of-Gain (placing premium table = 105a)

1. All animals that meet eligibility requirements for this section are entered automatically.
2. First place is awarded to the lamb that has the highest average daily rate-of-gain.

Class
1625 - Rate-of-Gain. (1st T, 2nd T)
1. All purebred breeding stock animals in Section N must be eligible for registry.
2. Exhibitor may exhibit any breeding stock. Exhibitor may exhibit only one in each breeding stock class per section unless otherwise noted in class description.
3. Breeding Stock must go through a basic health requirements check-in with superintendent prior to being house at the fairgrounds.

**Section N - Pure Breed**

**Class**
- 1626 - Yearling Ram, 1 year and under 2.
- 1629 - Pair of Ram Lambs.
- 1630 - Yearling Ewe, 1 year and under 2.
- 1631 - Pair of Ewes over 1 year and under 3.
- 1632 - Yearling Ram and Yearling Ewe.
- 1635 - Pair of Ewe Lambs.
- 1636 - Flock, 1 ram under 2 years, 1 ewe over 1 year and 1 ewe lamb.
- 1637 - Get of Sire, 4 animals, either sex, same sire.
- 1638 - Champion Ewe. (R)
- 1639 - Reserve Champion Ewe. (R)
- 1640 - Champion Ram. (R)
- 1641 - Reserve Champion Ram. (R)

**Section P - Commercial Sheep (Black Face)**

**Section Q - Commercial Sheep (Speckled Face)**

**Section R - Commercial Sheep (White Face)**

(Same Classes and Premiums as Section N)

**Section S - Championships**

**Class**
- 1642 - Grand Champion Ewe shown in Sections N - R. (PR)
- 1643 - Grand Champion Ram shown in Sections N - R. (PR)
- 1644 - Champion Flock. (TR)

**Department 10 - Swine**

**Brad Hartong, Superintendent**

**Mike Crabiel, Assistant Superintendent**

**Steve Gushwa, Assistant Superintendent**

**Craig Ulsh, Assistant Superintendent**

3. The exhibitor must own all swine or have joint ownership within a family corporation and/or partnerships of 4-H members with one or more parents, siblings and/or legal guardians.
4. All 4-H market hogs sold at the fair must be delivered by the fair to a terminal market or slaughter/processing plant.
5. MSU Extension staff, Superintendent or Assistant Superintendents, will handle all shipping arrangements for market hogs. No private trucking of market hogs is allowed.
6. Swine Sale “Check-Off” Fee: In accordance with the National Pork Promotion, Research and Consumer Information Act; 0.45% (0.0045) of the sale value be deducted at the first point of sale.
7. Ear Tags: All tags must be clean prior to unloading at fair. If the tag(s) is/are not clean, the animal(s) will NOT be unloaded and the trailer will be sent to the end of the line.
8. Weigh-In Process: Hogs must be delivered to the fair on Friday, September 15, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. or Saturday, September 16, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. New for 2017: Weigh-in will take place at time of unloading. Hogs can be weighed only once, no re-weighing after initial weigh in. The exhibitor, or immediate family member must accompany their market hogs through the weigh-in process. Hogs must be clean and tags legible or they will be turned away until they are clean.
9. Show Equipment: Swine Project member may take into the show arena building, including the time in a holding pen, a brush and show instrument. This rule covers the entire time the member is in the show arena. The Swine Department will furnish water bottles to be put in each holding pen for the use of each showman. These provided water bottles must remain in the holding pen area only. The judge and volunteers assisting with the 4-H Swine Show are the only people allowed in the show ring and holding pen area during the show.
10. Club Wash Rack/Runway Duty: Each 4-H Swine Project club will be assigned specific wash rack(s) to keep clean during the week. ANYONE can use the wash racks. Clubs will be responsible for their assigned wash rack(s) to clean and will be checked daily.
11. Absolutely no feeding of hogs in the wash rack!
12. Fitting of Market Hogs: In keeping with Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) requirements, no oiling of hogs is allowed. Oiled hogs will be disqualified from the 4-H Swine Show and will be properly disposed of.
13. All Pigs that are clipped must have at least ½ in. hair. Most pork producers recommend not clipping closer than three weeks before the show and clipping at ½ in.
14. No barn set-up in the swine barns on Sunday, September 10 until all carcass shows are completed.
Section A - Market Hog Project Evaluation
(A,B,C premium table = 2)

1. Each swine project member is required to participate in the Market Hog Project Evaluation and Skill-a-thon.
2. Market Hog Project Evaluations will take place on Sunday, September 10, 2017, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at 5-minute intervals.
3. The exhibitor must turn in their completed 4-H Market Hog Project Report Form in a plastic or 3-ring binder notebook at the evaluation. It will be reviewed with the member during the evaluation process.
4. Evaluation judging criteria will include: record book, and interview.

Class
1701 - Best-of-Show in class 1700. (TR)
1703 - Best-of-Show in class 1702. (TR)
1705 - Best-of-Show in class 1704. (TR)
1707 - Best-of-Show in class 1706. (TR)

Section B - Market Hog Project Skill-A-Thon
(No premiums in any of these classes)

1. Each swine project member is required to participate in the Market Hog Project Evaluation and Skill-a-thon.
2. Market Hog Skill-a-thon will take place on Sunday, September 10, 2017 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. before each exhibitor's evaluation.

1708 - Swine Skill-a-Thon - exhibitors 9-11 yrs. old.
1709 - Swine Skill-a-Thon - exhibitors 12-14 yrs. old.
1710 - Swine Skill-a-Thon - exhibitors 15-19 yrs. old.

Section C - Swine Fitting & Showmanship
(placing premium table = 102)

1. All exhibitors are eligible to compete in the Fitting & Showmanship classes.
2. Entry must be made in Showmanship class.
3. Exhibitor must show own project animal.
4. Classes may be divided at the discretion of the Superintendent and/or MSU Extension.

Class
1711 - Swine Fitting & Showmanship, 15-19. (TR)
1712 - Swine Fitting & Showmanship, 13-14. (TR)
1713 - Swine Fitting & Showmanship, 11-12. (TR)
1714 - Swine Fitting & Showmanship, 9-10. (TR)

Section D - Market Gilts & Barrows
(placing premium table = 102)

1. Read and follow General Swine Rules.
2. All market/carcass hogs must be ear-tagged during the time period of June 1-15 by a registered swine leader.
3. Maximum optimal starting weight as of June 15 is 105 lbs.
4. Each 4-H member may tag up to four (4) hogs. All hogs may be cross-tagged between family members living in the SAME primary household.
5. Market barrows will show and sell first in 2017, followed by market gilts (order rotates annually).
6. Hogs weighing less than 225 lbs. or more than 320 lbs. are disqualified from any market classes and Carcass Hog Contest. They also will not be sold at the 4-H Large Animal Sale, but will be sent out and sold at market price or be sent to an approved slaughtering facility. Paperwork to have the animal slaughtered must be completed and turned in to Brad Hartong, Swine Superintendent by 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 16, 2017. They may be shown in showmanship classes.
7. Sub-classes of classes 1715 and 1726 will be determined by weight.

Class
1715 - Market Gilt.
1716 - Champion Lightweight Market Gilt. (TR)
1717 - Res. Champion Lightweight Market Gilt. (TR)
1718 - Champion Medium Lightweight Market Gilt. (TR)
1719 - Res. Champion Medium Lightweight Market Gilt. (TR)
1720 - Champion Medium Heavyweight Market Gilt. (TR)
1721 - Res. Champion Medium Heavyweight Market Gilt. (TR)
1722 - Champion Heavyweight Market Gilt. (TR)
1723 - Res. Champion Heavyweight Market Gilt. (TR)
1724 - Grand Champion Gilt. (PR)
1725 - Reserve Grand Champion Gilt. (PR)
1726 - Market Barrow.
1727 - Champion Lightweight Market Barrow. (TR)
1728 - Res. Champion Lightweight Market Barrow. (TR)
1729 - Champion Medium Lightweight Market Barrow. (TR)
1730 - Res. Champion Medium Lightweight Market Barrow. (TR)
1731 - Champion Medium Heavyweight Market Barrow. (TR)
1732 - Res. Champion Medium Heavyweight Market Barrow. (TR)
1733 - Champion Heavyweight Market Barrow. (TR)
1734 - Res. Champion Heavyweight Market Barrow. (TR)
1735 - Grand Champion Barrow. (PR)
1736 - Reserve Grand Champion Barrow. (PR)

Section E - Carcass Hog Contest
(placing premium table = 105a)

1. Due to the limited space 12 hogs will be entered into the carcass contest.
2. A member's carcass hog must be one of the market hogs registered in their name.
3. Each club/chapter is responsible for developing a fair and equitable procedure for determining which member(s) represents the club/chapter.
4. A 4-H/FFA member may not compete in the 4-H Carcass Hog Contest two consecutive years unless space is available.
5. Market hogs entered in the Carcass Class must weigh at least 225 but not more than 320 at weigh-in for Live Evaluation in order to be eligible to compete or be disqualified.
6. Hogs entered in the carcass contest must be in good health, be of sound quality meeting industry standards and MDARD health regulations. No hogs with ruptured navels, excessive limping, prolapse, abscess, or respiratory (upper or lower) concerns will be allowed as determined by the Swine Superintendent and/or Assistant Superintendents and MSU Extension staff.
7. Live Hog Evaluation will take place on Sunday, September 10, 2017 at the fairgrounds, check-in and weighing begins at 3:00 p.m. with judging at 3:30 p.m.
8. All hogs that are under 225 lbs. or over 320 lbs. must be sold to a livestock market or slaughtered/processed.

9. The Carcass Hog Evaluation will take place on **Monday, September 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.** All interested 4-H swine project members, leaders and parents are invited to attend both Evaluation activities.

10. Exhibitors participating in this contest must attend both the Live Hog Evaluation and the Carcass Hog Evaluation in order to receive a premium and any associated awards or be disqualified from the contest.

11. Carcass evaluation judging criteria will include: carcass score and quality (color, texture and exudation). Severe cases of PSE will be disqualified based on judge’s discretion.

12. Hog carcasses must meet the following certification standards in order to place in the class: carcass length = 29.5” minimum, loin eye area = 4.5 sq. in. minimum, back fat = .4” minimum.

**Class**

1737 - Carcass Hog.

1738 - Champion Carcass Hog (based on % muscle). (TR)

1739 - Reserve Champion Carcass Hog (based on % muscle). (TR)

**Section G - Market Hog Home Born & Raised**

1. A 4-H Home Born & Raised Market Hog must be both birthed and raised by a 4-H exhibitor on the exhibitor’s property, or on a superintendent verified site. (The animal must be raised by the 4-H exhibitor at the place of birth.) Exhibitors may only show one animal in this class.

**Class**

1740 - Home Born & Raised. (1st R, 2nd R)
Premium tables numbers are listed directly under each section heading (and in some cases for specific classes), and refer to the premium tables listed below. The premium table for a given section applies to all classes in the section. **Exception:** No premiums are awarded in Best Exhibit, Best-in-Class, Best-of-Show, Champion, Reserve Champion, Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion classes. **Note:** In the event the receipts of the fair or MDA funding are insufficient to pay the expenses and premiums in full, the premiums will be prorated among those entitled to premiums.

### A,B,C Premium Tables

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My **HEAD** to clearer thinking,

My **HEART** to greater loyalty,

My **HANDS** to larger service,

My **HEALTH** to better living,

for my club, my community, my country and my world.

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