Gladwin County 4H/FFA Livestock Association Rules
Approved November 10, 2015

1. In order to be in the Rate of Gain contest, project animals must be weighed and tagged on the dates determined by the Livestock Association. All animals must be properly tagged for identification on the weigh-in dates. Members will be allowed to contact the MSU Extension Office prior to or within a seventy-two hour grace period from the time of your species weigh-in if they are unable to attend. Failure to have your animal properly identified within this time will result in not being allowed to sell at the up-coming fair.

   - **Beef**: January 9, 2016 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Gladwin County Fairgrounds.
   - **Sheep**: May 14, 2016 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Gladwin County Fairgrounds.
   - **Swine**: May 14, 2016 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Gladwin County Fairgrounds.
   - **Prospect Beef**: May 14, 2016 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. at the Gladwin County Fairgrounds.
   - **Dairy Feeder**: May 14, 2016 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Gladwin County Fairgrounds.

2. All animals must meet weight requirements at Fair weigh-in. The Livestock Advisory Board will have a designated adult read the scale during the final weigh-in at fair week. If not, the member may show their animals in the No Sale Market Class and are not allowed to sell at the fair.

   - Steers must weigh at least 800 pounds at fair weigh-in.
   - Lambs must weigh at least 90 pounds to be sold at the fair and must be clipped short prior to the final weigh in.
   - Swine must weigh at least 200 pounds and there will be no top weight requirement for pigs. The exhibitor (4-H member) will not be paid for over 300 pounds. The buyer will not be charged anything over 300 pounds.
   - Any single swine project that exceeds 300 lbs. shall be ineligible for the Rate of Gain, and any pen of swine that exceeds 600 lbs. shall be ineligible for the Rate of Gain.
   - *For Sheep & Swine. In the event that a child has two animals, that child has the option to show the animals in both the single and pen classes, but must indicate which is being sold – the pen or the single. The child can only sell once, therefore one award shall be forfeited whether Grand or Reserve Champion or Rate of Gain.
   - All Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, and Rate of Gain animals are to be sold at the auction.
   - Any large animal sold at the auction cannot be taken back by the exhibitor (4H member)

3. All members must attend the Buyers Banquet. Failure to attend will result in not selling your animal at the Fair for the following year. A proper excuse must be given to your leader if you cannot attend. (The leader must let the banquet committee know of members not attending)
Also, all new first year members, or members who have returned after having a year off, are required to work at the Buyers Banquet setting up, cleaning up, serving coffee, milk and desserts.
4. Member showing and selling age:

- Market Steers: Must be 9 years old as of January 1 of the calendar year. May weigh, show, and sell one steer.

- Market Swine: Must be 9 years old as of January 1 of the calendar year. Members who are 9 to 11 years old may only show and sell one single or pen. Members who are 12 years and older may weigh, show and sell one single and/or pen.

- Market Sheep: Must be 9 years old as of January 1 of the calendar. Members who are 9 to 11 years old may only show and sell one single or pen. Members who are 12 years and older may weigh, show and sell one single and/or pen.

- Note: Members that are 9 to 11 years old may sell through the ring once. Members that are 12 years and older may sell through the ring twice. At the time of the fair weigh-in, the 2 sale projects must be declared, all other projects shall be entered in the “no sale” classes.

One gallon of milk will be sold from the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion dairy cow. If a livestock member is showing dairy and he/she should win the Grand Champion and/or Reserve Grand Champion they may be allowed to sell the gallon(s) of milk.

5. Animals cannot be replaced 30 days before the fair weigh-in date with a newly tagged animal. An officially tagged alternate animal can be used as replacement until the beginning of fair if approved to be replaced. A market animal may be replaced due to death, severe illness, de-habilitating injury, or uncontrollable behavior. 4-H/FFA members must contact the Extension Office or the Chairman of the Replacement Committee who will review and approve or reject the replacement.

6. There will be a flat rate of $45.00 taken out of each member’s check for each time they enter the ring.

7. All resale of livestock will be done at the end of the sale. The buyer will request where the resale money will go.

8. The sale order for the 2016 large animal auction shall be: Swine, Sheep, Milk, Beef and Dairy Feeders

9. If in the year prior to the Gladwin County 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale held at the Gladwin County Fair, a registered 4H/FFA member of Gladwin county has sold a market steer, market lamb, market swine, or any combination of these animals, at any other county fair livestock sale, this member will not be allowed to sell at the Gladwin County 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale held at the Gladwin County Fair that year.

- Any beef, sheep, or swine shown by this member will be exhibited in the No Sale Class as established in the Gladwin Fairboard Rules.

- The member will not be allowed to post a sign of the private sale of his/her animal in the barn until after the Livestock Sale. The selling price cannot be posted.
• If it is found that a member has violated this rule within the year prior to the Gladwin County 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale and sold at the Gladwin County 4-H/FFA sale, this member will be disqualified from the sale the next year.

10. The Executive Committee will review all rule violations.

11. Members interested in the Prospect Beef Program must follow the guidelines approved by the association and Fair Board. Beef prospects will have their own showmanship classes (not with market steers).

12. Members may tag in 5 swine, OR weigh in 5 lambs or 2 steers. Project animals and alternate animals, that are going to be show, must be identified at time of weigh in.

13. Members must be present and helping when the animal is being fitted for show.

Guidelines for Members and Leaders:

1. All members are responsible for getting a picture to their Buyers and Trophy Sponsors along with a Thank You. Pictures must be picked up from the MSU Extension office no later than September 1st.

2. All livestock must be in their pen or stalls at 5:00 p.m. of sale night.

3. Members should post the buyer’s name(s) above the animal as soon as possible after the sale.

4. Members are responsible for trucking their animals to the slaughter house(s) or destination(s) of the Buyer’s choice.
   **Note:** Livestock truckers are available to truck your project animals after the fair. Hauling fees of $10 per steer and $5 per sheep and swine will be taken out of livestock auction checks in addition to the flat rate fee.

5. Gladwin County Fair Special: All animals being sold at the Gladwin County 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale shall be designated on the sale bill as a “Gladwin County Fair Special” provided that it has been born and raised on the 4-H/FFA member’s farm. The member is responsible to provide this information to the Sale Committee no later than the Fair Weigh-in.

6. **Dairy Feeder Program**

   Many fairs have dairy feeders that show and sell. The dairy feeder program is in addition to the prospect beef program. In the prospect beef program, the calves sometimes come back the following year to show and sell as a steer.

   1. The feeder calf has to be over 75% dairy breed.
   2. At final weight the calf must weigh between 300 and 700 pounds.
   3. Members that are 4-H age 9 to 19 years old can show and sell in this program. Members that are 7 to 8 years old can show as Cloverbuds.
   4. The dairy feeders will sell last for 4 years starting in 2010 and then finally enter the selling rotation. (2014)
   5. The calves should be 5 to 7 months old at fair time.
   6. **TB regulations of Bovine will be enforced.**

7. **Prospect Beef Program: Animals will not be sold**
4-H Guidelines:
1. To show a Prospect Beef calf, you must be 4-H age of 9-19 years old for regular 4-H and 7-8 years of age for Cloverbuds.
2. Prospect beef calves may be composed of Any Beef of Dairy breed or Crosses thereof. Calves must be born within the showing calendar year.
3. Members may weigh in 2 animals at the first weigh in. Only 1 will be brought to the fair. The second is for a replacement situation Only. You must decide at home which animal you will be bringing to the fair.
4. Prospect beef calves will be weighed on the beef scales, because some may weigh heavier than the sheep and swine scales can handle.
5. TB regulations of Bovine will be enforced.

Fair Board Guidelines:
1. Prospect beef calves will be exhibited right after the BEEF show.
   a. Animals must be broke to lead. Unruly animals will be sent home.
2. Classes will be determined by ow many projects are entered. All weight classes will be divided into equal size. MUST have at least 2 prospect beef calves to make a class. They will be split into no more than 4 weight classes.
   a. Class winners will receive rosettes and vie for the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion trophies. There will be a Rate of Gain trophy issued as well.
3. You must show in showmanship.
   a. 9-19 year olds will vie for showmanship trophies and be in showmanship representing the Prospect Beef Program using the same showmanship classes as the Beef Cattle program,
   b. Cloverbuds will receive participation rosettes.
4. Prospect Beef calves will be housed in the Dairy barn under the Dairy Barn general rules.
   a. Must be dehorned prior to entry to the fair. No stumps over ½ inch are allowed.
   b. TB regulations of Bovine will be enforced.
5. Cloverbuds division will be shown after the 9-19 year old member classes.
   a. Will be talked to by the judge, but will not place.
   b. All Cloverbuds will receive a participation ribbon.

Record Books are recommended for learning how to feed and raise a prospect beef animal.

The prospect beef calf may be continued the following year as a Market Beef Steer. This project is excellent for the 8 year old Cloverbud member to begin the beef program and return the following year with this already broke animal to the market beef steer program as a 9 year old regular 4-H member.