

EATON COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

Article 1 - NAME

This organization shall be known as the Eaton County Junior Livestock Association.

Article 2 - OBJECTIVES

The objective and purpose of this organization shall be to promote and manage the market livestock sale at the fair, encourage development of new programs and educational displays for breeding and market livestock and assist in the planning of the county 4-H beef, dairy steers and veal, sheep and swine programs.

Article 3 - MEMBERSHIP

Any interested livestock leader, superintendent, parent, or agriculture teacher shall be eligible to become a non-voting member of the Junior Livestock Association.

All current enrolled beef, dairy steer, veal, sheep and swine 4-H/FFA project members have voting privileges. Only 4-H and FFA livestock members that sell animals through the livestock sale in the previous year can vote on sale details.

Article 4 - EXECUTIVE BOARD

The executive board shall consist of the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, assistant treasurer, superintendent of each specie, two representatives from each specie, one retiring officer from the previous year, and a 4-H staff member.

Article 5 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES

The officers shall be elected from the membership at the first regular association meeting after fair by the members present. Specie representatives and two alternates will be nominated during fair week and voted on at the specie meetings during fair week by voting members of that particular specie.

Article 6 - TERM OF OFFICE

Each officer shall be limited to two (2) consecutive terms of the same office. The assistant treasurer will be elected for a two-year term, serving as the assistant treasurer for the first year, and treasurer for the second. Specie representatives can serve unlimited terms. The action for any executive board member missing two consecutive meetings will be discussed by the board.

Article 7 - JUDGES

The Junior Livestock Association Board may select a judge after February 15th if the specie hasn't selected a judge by then.

Article 8 - MEETINGS

The Junior Livestock Association shall hold at least three (3) membership meetings annually.

Article 9 - REPORTS

Each business meeting shall be started by the flag pledges, reading of the secretary and treasurer's reports, and any other special committee reports.

Article 10 - JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE RULES

Adopted at the January 2003 Junior Livestock Association meeting
Age change corresponds to statewide age change rule – 10/04

- A. In order to sell through the sale, seller must be a member of a recognized Eaton County 4-H club or FFA chapter.
- B. 4-H/FFA members who are 9 to 12 years of age (as of January 1 of current 4-H year) may sell one live unit and pass in front of the auctioneer once. Unit must go in as a pair and not take up two spots unless a grand or reserve champion splits the unit. Both individuals of this said unit may sell in this case. 4-H members who are 13 to 19 years of age (as of Jan 1 of current 4-H year) may sell up to two live units and pass in front of the auctioneer twice. Units must go in as pairs unless a grand or reserve champion splits the units. All individuals of these said units may sell in this case. Champion and reserve champion pens are counted as a unit. Example – out of a pair a champion is selected his pen mate can sell but it must be in the same pen. You cannot mix and match pens within your species or out of your species. A unit is one steer/heifer, a pair of lambs, a pair of hogs or one veal calf. Animals sell as they are shown.
- C. 4-H/FFA Champion and Reserve Champion animals and carcasses must sell in the sale. The pen mate, to the Grand or Reserve Champion animal, would sell as it placed in the show.
- D. Exhibitors may sell one carcass animal per specie.
- E. A sale charge on all live and carcass champions and reserve champions and a sale charge on all other animals, will be deducted from the selling price to cover expenses. The executive board will determine the charge.
- F. The sale order will be beef, sheep, and swine and will not rotate each year.
- G. For the carcass contest, beef, including dairy steers, must weigh at least 900 lbs., hogs at least 220 lbs., and lambs at least 100 lbs.
- H. To sell through the market sale, beef steers must weigh at least 900 lbs. at the fair; lambs at least 100 lbs.; hogs between 220 lbs. and 300 lbs; market heifers at least 800 lbs.; feeder calves between 300 lbs. and 600 lbs.; and dairy steers at least 1,000 lbs.

- I. All carcass and market animals must be weighed in and/or tagged prior to the fair on the date specified or they will not be eligible to be sold at the Junior Livestock Association Sale.
- J. With permission from the superintendent and fair board representative market livestock may be released to buyers after sale day.
- K. No market animal sold through any previous market sale is eligible for the sale.
- L. Thank you notes to buyers must be turned into the MSU Extension office before sale checks can be picked up.
- M. The animal is the responsibility of the youth from the time it leaves home until it leaves the fair. After that it is the buyer's responsibility.
- N. The May Junior Livestock Association meeting will not be mandatory. It will be set up as an educational workshop.
- O. Animals not fit for being put into the sale will be required to leave at the request of a licensed veterinarian.
- P. Sale rules are no longer printed in the fair book.

Article 11 - BY-LAW REVISIONS

Suggestions for changes in the by-laws must be submitted to the Executive Board. These will then be voted on at the following business meeting.

Revised Jan 2003

Updated 2004 – New statewide age policy implemented 10/04

Updated 2007- Assistant Treasurer position

Updated 2008 – Swine tag in procedure and Swine Sale order

Updated 2010 – remove swine sale order

Updated 2015 – remove rotating sale order

Updated 2016 – Changed animal weights for sale to match fair book