Fryeburg Fair Market Steer Program

Maine Regulations for Market Lamb and Market Steers to be sold at fairs open to 4-H members statewide.

These regulations are for 4-H Members planning to show and sell at either Windsor and/or Fryeburg Fairs. **4-H members need to send in the Intent to Participate Form to the Extension office prior to January 3 for Market Steers.** An Intent to Participate Form is not required for Market Lambs.

1. Market Steers must be owned and in possession by January 1st and Market Lambs must be owned and in possession by June 1st, a bill of sale must accompany the Approval Form.

2. Approval forms are due as follows:
   - Market Steers – February 15th. (Market Steer Approval Form)
   - Market Lambs – June 30th. This is not a change. (Market Lamb Approval Form)

3. Approval forms must have the electronic ID and Maine State ID (metal) numbers included. These numbers will be checked by each Extension office against the numbers provided by the electronic system.

4. A 4-Her may not substitute a different animal for these market classes once the steer or lamb is tagged. No exceptions will be considered.

5. All projects must be the work of the 4-H member.

6. The Market Animal project must be raised on your home premises or within a 30-35 mile radius. Projects outside of this radius must receive an exemption from the local Extension Office and the fair where the animal is entered.

7. All Market Animals must be identified for a specific fair when the animals are tagged (January for Market Steers and June for Market Lambs). 4-H members can tag and identify only one market steer and/or one market lamb per fair per show and sale.

8. 4-Her’s must be willing to have their animals electronically tagged in one ear and a state of Maine metal tag put in the other ear.

9. 4-Her’s must be willing to have a hair or wool sample taken from the animal at the time of tagging.

10. If there becomes a reason to administer a DNA test on the animal, and the animal turns out to be a replacement, the 4-H member will be responsible for the cost of the test. If the animal proves to be the original animal, the 4-H member will not be asked to pay for the test.

11. The 4-H member will be required to contact the Extension office or Maine Department of Agriculture to have a tag replaced in the event that an animal rubs the tag out. If both tags are missing or have been tampered with the animal is automatically disqualified unless the 4-H member is willing to pay for a DNA test and can prove the animal is the same animal. At the time the second set of hair is taken for the DNA test, the new ear tags will be replaced at the member’s expense.

12. If 4-Her’s purchase an animal they must provide the original receipt with the approval form and a copy will be made by the Extension Office.

13. The University of Maine Cooperative Extension, the West Oxford Agricultural Society and the Windsor Agricultural Society reserve the right to administer the DNA test at any time.