



MERCER COUNTY 4-H/FFA INVESTMENT IN YOUTH LIVESTOCK SALE RULES 2016



The Mercer County 4-H/FFA Investment in Youth Sale is a subsidiary entity of the Mercer County 4-H Council, Inc. Mercer County FFA is a cooperating partner with the Mercer County 4-H Council, Inc., for this event. All rules, conduct, fundraising, and financially-related activities must conform to the rules of Kentucky 4-H and the Federal tax laws applicable to 4-H entities.

RULES APPLYING TO YOUTH PARTICIPANTS

1. Age Requirements:
 - A. 4-H
 - I. Age is determined according to Federal rules for establishing age in the 4-H program which is age as of January 1 of current program year.
 - II. Youth must be ages 9-18
 - III. All decisions regarding questions of 4-H youth age and resulting participation are the sole responsibility of the 4-H Agent(s).
 - B. FFA
 - I. Participation is determined by good standing as a member of Mercer County FFA.
 - II. Good standing is defined as a dues-paying member.
 - III. Post-high school graduate members of Mercer FFA must be members in good standing and may participate through their fourth National Convention after graduation. For example, if youth graduates in 2016, he/she may participate in the Investment in Youth Sale in 2016, 17, 18, and 19.
 - IV. All decisions regarding questions of FFA youth eligibility and resulting participation are the sole responsibility of the FFA Advisors.
3. Youth may sell one and only one animal in the Investment in Youth Sale annually.
4. Educational Requirements:
 - A. 4-H Youth:
 - I. Must complete a minimum of 6 hours of Certified Livestock Leader-led instruction as a member of the Mercer County 4-H Livestock Club during the program year.
 - a. Documentation of completion of hours is the responsibility of youth. Youth must sign in at every event in which they participate.
 - b. Certified Livestock Leaders are responsible for ensuring documentation paperwork is provided to Extension Staff, hours are recorded accurately, and hours that should be awarded per event are provided to Extension Staff responsible for maintaining records.
 - c. All decisions regarding 4-H youth compliance with educational requirements is the sole responsibility of the 4-H Agent(s).
 - II. Must be currently enrolled in Mercer County 4-H.
 - B. FFA Youth:
 - I. Must complete FFA educational hours through classes in Mercer County or Burgin Vocational Agriculture program unless he/she is a post-high school graduate.

- II. Post-high school graduates in some form of formal post-secondary education who are dues-paying members of Mercer County or Burgin FFA may participate but must complete all requirements as designated by Mercer County or Burgin FFA Advisors.
 - III. All decisions regarding FFA youth compliance with educational requirements are the sole responsibility of the FFA Advisors.
6. Service to Livestock Program Requirement: **All youth (4-H and FFA) must participate in the set-up and clean-up of the livestock shows sponsored by the Mercer County Fair.** Scheduling of clean-up and set-up events that youth must participate in will be determined by the 4-H and FFA leader of the Mercer County Fair livestock shows.
7. Marketing Requirement:
 - A. All youth planning to sell must participate in the “Sales, Marketing, and Communications” educational workshop that will be provided by 4-H/FFA in the spring/summer each year.
 - I. Youth ages 9 and up must have attended this workshop at least once.
 - II. Any youth beginning the market animal program after the age of 9 must attend this workshop in his/her first year in the program.
 - B. **All youth planning to sell must contact a minimum of 5 community members or businesses regarding the sale. Youth may ask contacts to attend the sale, provide a donation to the Mercer County 4-H/FFA Investment in Youth Sale friends account, or to personally bid on the youth’s animal.**
 - C. All marketing contacts must be documented by youth on the marketing requirement/marketing contacts form. All marketing contacts must be documented to count towards the 5 contact minimum requirement.
 - D. The five minimum marketing contacts must be made by every consignor every year and must be complete by the date of the July pre-sale, mandatory meeting. The marketing requirement/marketing contacts form must be completed and turned in no later than the July pre-sale, mandatory meeting.
8. Sale Committee Participation Requirement:
 - A. A parent/guardian of each participating youth is required to attend at least three Sale Committee meetings. At a minimum, meetings should be conducted in March, April, and July.
 - B. Every youth participant shall take an active role (as determined by the Youth Investment Committee) on at least two subcommittees of the Sale Committee, one of which shall be the Sale Set-up/Take-down Committee.
 1. Sale Logistics – including arranging for facility, arrangements for set up and tear down, all audiovisual equipment, ring set up and decoration, etc.
 2. Advertising and promotion
 3. Marketing and transportation
 4. Appreciation Dinner – food
 5. Appreciation Dinner – all other arrangements
 6. Youth participation – including t-shirt design and selection, exhibition of displays, tokens of appreciation for buyers and supporters, etc.
 7. Fundraising for both Sale and Friends account
 8. Education
 9. Sale Set-up/Tear-down including setting up for and cleaning up after both the Appreciation Dinner and the Sale (mandatory for all youth and one parent/guardian per youth up to 2 adults per family)

10. Animal processing arrangements – make reservations & coordinate processors & transportation.
11. Other *ad hoc* committees as created by the Sale Committee or Supervisory Committee
 - C. At least one parent/guardian of every youth participant shall take an active role (as determined by the Supervisory Committee) on at least two subcommittees of the Sale Committee, one of which shall be the Sale Set-up /Take-down Committee.
 - D. All youth participants and at least one parent/guardian of every youth participant shall participate in the set-up and tear-down of the Sale and any related Sale-day events (such as Appreciation Dinner).
9. Consignors must wear official current program year Mercer County 4-H/FFA Investment in Youth t-shirts during the auction and any related activities attached to the Sale (e.g., during Appreciation Dinner). FFA Jackets may be worn for photographs with buyers after the Sale.
10. Commissions will be 6% for livestock projects will be paid to the Youth Investment Committee.
11. Consignor MUST participate in organized fund raising event, raising minimum of \$100.00, those raising \$250.00 or more will have their commission fees waived. The highest Jr. & Sr. Youth Sellers will receive a special award.
12. Only consigner may sell their own 4-H/FFA project at the sale.
13. All youth must complete an “Intent to Participate” form by March 31 of the Sale year and return it to the Mercer County Cooperative Extension Office, 1007 Lexington Road, Harrodsburg, Ky 40330. Form must include all requested information and signatures to be considered complete. Requests for exceptions in a particular year may be addressed In writing to the Supervisory Committee until the date of the last sales, marketing, and communications workshop.

RULES APPLYING TO ELIGIBLE MARKET ANIMALS

1. Must meet all KUIP requirements as established by Kentucky 4-H and Kentucky FFA.
2. Must meet all paperwork and filing requirements established by Kentucky 4-H and Kentucky FFA, including declaration of ownership and location of animal forms.
3. At a minimum of youth must have exhibited KUIP-tagged animals in the following:
 - A. Steers, Lambs, Swine and Goats
 - I. Mercer County Fair market class
 - II. 1 - State sponsored show - Kentucky Department of Agriculture Expo, Preview, or District Show
 - III. 1 – other show
 - B. It is mandatory that the youth sells an exhibited **KUIP-tagged market animal of the same species at the investment sale.**
 - C. All show requirements must be documented using official Investment in Youth Show Verification forms to be completed by youth. All show requirements must be officially documented to count towards the show minimum requirement and include with the signature and phone number of a representative of the show in which you have participated.
 - D. The show requirements must be completed and turned into the FFA or 4-H advisor prior to the Youth Investment Sale and Show Requirement Completion form must be turned in to the 4-H Agent(s) or FFA Advisors by that date.

4. Exhibitor Requirements:
 - A. Sale animals may not be shown at any required show by anyone other than the person designated as the exhibitor on the animal's KUIP paperwork. The only exception is if there are two animals in the same weight class. The other animal must be shown by another FFA or 4-H member.
5. Weight Requirements:
 - A. The day of the Investment in Youth Sale, all animals must meet the following minimum weight requirements and have a minimum body condition score of 3 as determined by qualified independent individual assigned by Supervisory Committee.
 - I. Lambs = 90 lb
 - II. Steers = 900 lb
 - III. Goats = 60 lb
 - IV. Swine = 225 lb
 - V. Market Heifer 850 lb
 - B. Weight is to be determined at scales and time designated by Sale Committee.
 - C. In the event of any controversy regarding an animal's weight, the Youth Investment Committee will make the final decision regarding of the animal.
6. Other Sale Day Requirements:
 - A. Animal must be healthy, as determined by rules and regulations of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture Division of Animal Health.
 - B. Animal must be in show condition, as determined by Youth Investment Committee.
 - C. Animal must be adequately broken to lead and youth must be capable of safely controlling animal in sale setting, as determined by Youth Investment Committee.
7. Sale order will be beef, swine, sheep and goat. The sale order will be determined by the champion at the Mercer Co. Fair within the species.
8. Under no circumstances may animals be donated back to consignor.
 - A. If the buyer accepts the support price, **the animal must go directly to the support price provider.**
 - B. If the buyer pays full price for the animal, the buyer must take immediate possession of the animal or make arrangements to have the animal transported directly to slaughter or otherwise disposed of (excluding returning to the consignor in any fashion or arrangement).
 - C. If a buyer wishes to donate the animal back, it will be sold to a community member at market price determined by the livestock committee. Money made from the animal will go to the Youth Investment Fund. There will be a lottery for each species. If your name gets drawn, you will have the option to purchase that species.
9. Requirements for Youth to Receive Sale Proceeds:
 - A. Youth and parent/guardian must have participated in the take-down/clean-up after the Sale as determined by the Youth Investment Committee.
 - B. Buyer's plaque and thank you letter must be delivered by November 1. **All checks must be picked up and cashed by December 31 or the money will remain with the youth investment funds.**
 - C. Pick-up of processed animals is the responsibility of the buyer. Forms and assistance will be available to buyers at checkout. Investment in Youth Sale volunteers will arrange for animals to be delivered to the slaughter facility chosen by the Sale Committee, but buyers must arrange for pick-up or delivery of the processed animal.
 - D. Buyers are responsible for processing fee and pick-up of meat.



**Mercer County 4-H/FFA Investment in Youth Sale
Participant Requirement Checklist
2016**



Youth must comply with all rules to consign. Exceptions to the Rules may be requested by following the procedures outlined in the Rules. The following requirements must be met by every participant.

NAME: _____

These requirements must be completed prior to KUIP Tagging:

- _____ Residency or school attendance
- _____ Age and membership standing
- _____ Educational Requirements

This requirement must be completed by March 31:

- _____ Intent to Participate (form submitted)

These requirements must be completed by the July pre-sale, mandatory meeting:

- _____ Participation in "Sales, Marketing, and Communications" workshop
- _____ Completed 5 Marketing contacts before the July meeting (form submitted)
- _____ Consignor attendance at all mandatory Investment in Youth Sale Committee meetings
- _____ Parent/guardian attendance at minimum of 3 Investment in Youth Sale Committee meetings
- _____ Consignor plays active role in at least 2 subcommittees of Sale Committee, one of which must be Sale Set-up/Tear-down Committee
- _____ Parent/guardian plays active role in at least 2 subcommittees of Sale Committee, one of which must be Sale Set-up/Tear-down Committee

These requirements must be completed during/after the sale:

- _____ Consignor participates in set-up/tear-down of Sale and associated events (e.g., pre-show sale)
- _____ Parent/guardian participates in set-up and tear-down of Sale and associated events
- _____ Consignor wears official Investment in Youth Sale t-shirt before and during Sale
- _____ Thank you note for buyer delivered to Sale Committee by/at post-sale check distribution meeting
- _____ Buyer's plaque delivered by November 1.
- _____ Consignors should pick up and cash checks by December 31



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Youth Name: _____ Youth email: _____

Youth phone: _____ Phone receives /sends text (circle one) Yes No

Parent/guardian: _____ Email: _____

Complete address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Other Parent(s)/Guardian(s) – Please list all adults with parental/guardian rights:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Nominated Species (circle all that apply): **Sheep** **Swine** **Beef** **Goat**

Signing Statement for Youth

I intend to consign a market (circle all that may apply) **steer heifer goat lamb hog** to the Mercer County 4-H/FFA Investment in Youth Sale in August 30, 2016, understanding I will only be able to sell one animal in the sale itself. I have read or been read the rules of the sale. I understand I must comply with all the rules of the Mercer County 4-H/FFA Investment in Youth Sale in order to participate in the sale. I understand that if I do not comply with all the rules of the Investment in Youth Sale I may not be allowed to sell an animal this year or may be prohibited from participating next year.

Youth signature: _____ Date: _____

Signing Statement for Parent/Guardian

My child, _____, intends to participate in the Mercer County 4-H /FFA Investment in Youth Sale in August 30, 2016, selling one market animal. I have read or been read the rules of the sale. I agree that I and my child must comply with all the rules of the Investment in Youth Sale in order to participate in the sale. I understand that if I and my child do not comply with all the rules of the Investment in Youth Sale, my child may not be allowed to sell an animal this year or may be prohibited from participating next year.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Form must be delivered to Mercer County Cooperative Extension Service by March 31, 2016.

IYS Official Use Only Date Received: _____
