

2014 U.P. STATE FAIR JUNIOR MARKET LIVESTOCK RECORD KEEPING RULES

Market Livestock Record Keeping Competition: In order to participate in the junior market livestock competition and sale, youth will be required to submit a completed set of records for their animals. If the livestock project does not make weight, an exhibitor may still participate in the Livestock Record Keeping project.

Sheep, Swine, Beef and Meat Goat Exhibitors will have three record keeping classes based on exhibitor's official fair age (fair age is the exhibitor's age on January 1 of the year of the fair):

Beginning (exhibitors 9-10 years of age) are required to complete the "2014 U.P. Market Livestock Record Book – Beginning Member".

Intermediate (exhibitors 11-13 years of age) are required to complete the "2014 U.P. Market Livestock Record Book- Intermediate Member "

Advanced (exhibitors 14-19 years of age) are required to complete the "2014 U.P. Market Livestock Record Book - Advanced Member."

The record books entitled "2014 U.P. Market Livestock Record Book" are available at county Michigan State University Extension Offices, online at www.msue.msu.edu/delta (4-H Youth Development) or <http://upstatefair.org/> (Ag & Animal Exhibits). Ribbons and premiums will be awarded in all classes based on the Danish System (A, B, or C). Trophies may be awarded in all classes. An interview will be required to determine trophy winner.

- **Starting date for the market livestock record keeping project begins the date the animal is obtained.**
- **The final weight may be determined at home by tape measure or scale. This will allow the exhibitor to complete their record book prior to the fair.**
- **Record books are to be placed in the designated box located at the superintendent's office.**

BEEF: Monday, August 11, 2014 by 9:00 EDT
SHEEP: Monday, August 11, 2014 by 6:30 EDT

MEAT GOAT: Monday, August 11, 2014 by 6:30 EDT
SWINE: Monday, August 11, 2014 by 6:30 EDT

Premiums and interviews for the Market Livestock Record Keeping Project will be forfeited if records are not submitted by deadlines or are incomplete. If the records do not merit special distinction, trophies may not be awarded. Exceptions to the above rules may be granted by the Livestock Record Keeping Committee.

The records will be judged on the following criteria:

FOR BEGINNING CLASS

- 65 Points - Recorded Data (complete, accurate)
- 35 Points - Project Narrative (explanation of project)
- 100 Points - TOTAL based on the complete record book submitted

FOR INTERMEDIATE CLASS

- 50 Points - Recorded Data (complete, accurate)
- 50 Points - Project Narrative (explanation of project)
- 100 Points - TOTAL based on the complete record book submitted

FOR ADVANCED CLASS

- 40 Points - Recorded Data (complete, accurate)
- 60 Points - Project Narrative (explanations, analysis and knowledge of project)
- 100 Points - TOTAL based on the complete record book submitted

INTERVIEW (for all classes): A maximum of ten exhibitors in each class will be interviewed to determine the trophy winners. The objective of the interview is to identify the exhibitor's knowledge of their records. All interviewees will receive a rosette.

AWARDS: Trophies and rosettes will be awarded on Friday, August 15, 2014 1:00 p.m. EDT at the beef show arena. All record books will be available at this time. Individuals or a club representative must be present to collect their record books after the awards presentation. A question and answer session will be conducted at this session for anyone wanting to improve their record book.