

Name _____
Date of Birth _____ - _____ - _____
Age as of January 1, 2026 _____
Phone Number: _____

Kenton County Fair 4-H/FFA Youth Market Class Livestock Rules and Regulations

1. In order to participate, each youth will be given the agreement statement that must be signed by the youth and parent/legal guardian (signature page on the back of this document).
2. Market steer, market lamb, and market hog projects are limited to bona fide Kenton County 4-H/FFA youth, as deemed by their respective organization and officially enrolled in the program as of the validation date.
 - a. **4-H Member** – Any youth under 19 years of age who is enrolled in 4-H and knowingly participates in any educational program offered by the Cooperative Extension Service.

Junior Member – Youth ages 9-13 as of January 1st of current year.

Senior Member – Youth ages 14-18 as of January 1st of current year.
 - b. **FFA Youth** must be enrolled in an Ag Education course while in high school and have not passed (celebrated) their 19th birthday as of January 1 of the current year.
3. An individual may be a member of both 4-H and FFA; however, the individual may not exhibit or submit any of the products, records, etc., of the same project or enterprise in both organizations during the same year.
4. **Youth who intend to show livestock at the Kenton County Fair are required to attend 6 hours of educational activities before their animal can be tagged.** The dates when educational hours will be offered will be advertised in the 4-H Newsletter and through the FFA Advisor. No additional dates will be offered, barring cancellation and rescheduling of meetings due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances as determined by the Kenton County Fair Board Livestock Committee.

The exact dates and times for the 2025-2026 livestock program educational hours are as follows:

10/25/2025	9:00 to 12:00; Kenton County Extension Office; Marshall Rd.
11/6/2025	6:00 to 8:00; Kenton County Extension Office; Marshall Rd.
11/8/2025	8 am to 2 pm; Kenton County Extension Office; Marshall Rd.
11/25/2025	5:30 to 8:30; Kenton County Extension Office; Marshall Rd.
12/15/2025	6:00 to 8:00; Kenton County Extension Office; Marshall Rd.
1/7/2026	6:00 to 8:00; Kenton County Extension Office; Marshall Rd
1/17/2026	TBA – 3 hours

Participation in the following is REQUIRED before animals can be sold:

- 1. 6 educational hours (participant must sign in and out of the meeting)**
- 2. Parent/Guardian must attend and sign attendance sheet at one of the orientation sessions. The dates for Orientation meetings are:**
 - 10/25/2025 9:15; Kenton County Extension Office; Marshall Rd.**
 - 11/6/2025 6:15; Kenton County Extension Office; Marshall Rd.**
 - 11/8/2025 8:15; Kenton County Extension Office; Marshall Rd.**
 - 11/25/2025 5:45; Kenton County Extension Office; Marshall Rd.**
 - 12/15/2025 6:15; Kenton County Extension Office; Marshall Rd.**
 - 1/7/2026 6:15; Kenton County Extension Office; Marshall Rd**
 - 1/17/2026 TBA – 3 hours**

- 3. Validation of animal as required by KDA**
- 4. Kenton County Nomination form must be submitted by deadline**
- 5. Record book must be submitted by deadline**
- 6. Contact Buyers (See “Rule #10. Buyer Rules” below)**
- 7. Participation in Showmanship Classes**

Provisions will be made for youth with documentable physical and/or mental impairments, as deemed necessary by the **Kenton County Fair Board Livestock Committee** as long as prior notification is provided.

5. There is a limit of three (3) animals per species per youth to be nominated for county show and sale. An official Kenton County 4-H/FFA market livestock show nomination form will be provided to you, and this form must be completed and postmarked by May 29, 2026 to the Kenton County Fair Livestock, P O Box 479; Independence, KY 41051. Only one animal per species is permitted to show. One animal per youth shall sell.
6. Leasing/borrowing agreements are not allowed.
7. Animals must be identified with a Kentucky Uniform Identification Program (KUIP) tag installed per current year rules. Any lost KUIP tags must be reported to 4-H Agent or FFA Advisor immediately, to be replaced by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture’s Office of State Veterinarian, or following current year guidelines. **KUIP ear tags are to be paid for by each exhibitor.** Scrapie tags are required for goats and sheep per KAR 302 20:040 and KAR 20:065.
8. All steers must be validated at an official KDA Validation Site for 4-H/FFA Market Steers in any location. All lambs and hogs must be weighed in at an official KDA Validation Site for 4-H/FFA Market Lambs and Hogs in any location. Parent/Legal Guardian or 4-H/FFA member must be present at validation. If Parent/Legal Guardian cannot be present, the “Kentucky 4-H/FFA Parental/Legal Guardian Validation Waiver and Hold Harmless Agreement” (Attachment #C) must be completed by Parent/Legal Guardian and accompany the 4-H/FFA member to validation. Steers must be dehorned prior to weigh-in. **All males must be neutered prior to validation.** Validation and complying with ownership care of projects as outlined on each KUIP project form is to be followed.

9. Minimum and maximum weights apply on show and sale day as follows:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Steers	1000 lb.	1500 lb.
Lambs	80 lb.	150 lb.
Market Hog	200 lb.	285 lb.

10. Buyer Rules:

- a. Each 4-H/FFA youth will be responsible for presenting four (4) eligible buyers to the Kenton County Fair Board Livestock Committee, P. O. Box 479, Independence, KY 41051 by May 15, 2026. These requested buyers will include two (2) previous buyers selected from the buyers list, and two (2) new buyers which the youth feels will contribute to the program. Additional buyers are welcomed and encouraged. This information will be compiled and distributed as soon as possible. The youth will be assigned buyers by the Kenton County Fair Board Livestock Committee. **DO NOT CONTACT BUYERS UNTIL THE ASSIGNED BUYER'S LIST IS GIVEN OUT.**
- b. In situations where an animal has been purchased by multiple buyers, only buyers contributing \$300 or greater will receive a picture plaque.
- c. Internet based crowd funding arrangements, such as "Go Fund Me", are prohibited. Charitable Trust donations will only be accepted for use by the entire 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale Group.

11. A valid copy of the animal's health papers must accompany animal at all times.

"All livestock/animals offered for sale or exhibition at the Kentucky County Fairs should meet the following regulations according to KRS chapter 257:

- a. 302 KAR 20:040 (Entry into Kentucky)
- b. 302 KAR 20:065 (Sale and Exhibition of Kentucky Origin Livestock)

Any questions concerning these health regulations should be directed to your local veterinarian or the Kentucky State Veterinarian's office at 502-782-5901. Livestock Health Regulations can be obtained on the Kentucky Department of Agriculture Web site: <http://www.kyagr.com/state>. Please be advised that Livestock Health Regulations are subject to change at any time." Sick animals may not be able to participate in the show or sale at the discretion of the Livestock Committee.

12. No use of unauthorized drugs on animals. Drugs given to animals must be used as prescribed and the withdrawal period must be complete when the animal is sold. This is enforced by State and Federal laws. If any carcass is condemned due to drug residue(s) violation, the youth will reimburse the buyer.
13. Steers must be **broke** to lead and controllable for show. Lambs may be shown with or without halters. Hogs are to be driven. If animal becomes uncontrollable, as deemed by judge, ringmaster, and/or The Kenton County Fair Board Livestock Committee, it will be removed from the ring and may be disqualified from show and sale.

14. Youth must be present for show/sale and will show and sell their own animals in the ring. If you don't show, you don't sell. In case of illness or hardship, another Kenton County 4-H/FFA member can show the animal, **if approved by the Kenton County Fair Board Livestock Committee prior to show and/or sale time.**
15. During show and sale, the animals must not be left unattended, unless in stall.
16. Market classes will not be divided between 4-H and FFA.
17. All species will be shown by weight not breed. Weight division of classes will be determined by Kenton County Fair Livestock Committee.
18. Any action by youth and/or family not in the best interest of the show and sale or the livestock program as outlined by section 7 of National Code of Show Ring Ethics and as determined by the Livestock Committee **will result in disqualification from the show and sale for one (1) year** from the date of the infraction.
19. All animal(s) not eligible for sale must be removed from the Fairgrounds before 3:00 p.m. on day of the final weigh-in for that species or before 3:00 p.m. on the day of the sale. Any exceptions must be cleared through the Livestock Committee. There will be no resale of the animals at the Fairgrounds.
20. The judge of the species determines the sale order. Youth and animal must be present for judge to place sale order. Grand and Reserve Champion of each species, if selected, will sell first. Each year the sale will be in rotating order. The 2026 order will be hog, steer, and lamb.
21. Owners are responsible for costs associated with testing of all species and the owner's signature on this document acknowledges that all male animals will be fully castrated by the time of the show.
22. The sale commission will be a flat fee. Each animal sold will be assessed the same fee to cover expenses of the show and sale. This commission charge will be withheld by the Livestock Committee for operation of the show and sale.
23. Each 4-H/FFA youth must send a copy of the buyer's thank you note to the Kenton County Livestock Committee, P. O. Box 479, Independence, KY 41051, before his/her check will be released. Thank you notes **must be** submitted within 30 days of the sale. (*Thank you notes not submitted will result in 10% of the sale price being returned to the livestock committee to cover show and sale expenses*) Pictures are to be delivered when checks are retrieved and post card for picture receipt signed by the receiving business or individual. Return the picture post card to the Kenton County Livestock Committee, P. O. Box 479, Independence, KY 41051.
24. ONLY the Grand and Reserve Champions **must be** on display at Champion Point at the Fairgrounds for the remainder of the Fair unless approved by the Livestock Committee. The exhibitor is responsible for the feeding, watering and general upkeep of the animal(s) before 5:00 p.m. each day of the Fair. Adult supervision of animals is expected at Champion Point during Fair hours.
25. Market lambs must be shown in ¼" fleece or less.

26. Decisions of judges are final.

27. **Market Animal record books, judged and receiving a passing score, are a required part of the Livestock Show and Sale.** All youth must follow guidelines for record books per 4-H or FFA rules. Kenton County Fair Board Livestock Committee will get approved record book list from 4-H Agent/FFA Advisor.

28. If you do not abide by these rules and regulations you **will** be disqualified.

29. All other situations not mentioned herein that affects the Kenton County Fair Board Livestock Program will be governed by the Kenton County Fair Board Livestock Committee. All questions must be directed to Anna Meyers and/or Dan Allen for 4-H or Gina Ligon, Elizabeth Knight or Lynn Patton the FFA Advisors. No one else is authorized to advise!

30. **2025-2026 program year – please be aware that rules may change in accordance with state and federal guidelines.**

IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS) NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be

administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons wither by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.
11. The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

Kenton County Fair Youth Market Animal Sale - 2026 Nomination Form

Must be **postmarked by May 29, 2026** to: Kenton County Fair Livestock, PO Box 479 Independence KY 41051.

Each youth may nominate up to 3 (three) animals in each species for the Kenton County Fair Youth Market Animal Livestock Show & Sale to be held on Wednesday during Kenton County Fair. Animals must meet criteria **stated in the 2026 Kenton County Fair Livestock Sale Rules.**

Youth Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Phone Number: _____

Animals Nominated:

	KUIP Tag Number	Tagging Site
Market Steer	1. _____	_____
	2. _____	_____
	3. _____	_____

	KUIP Tag Number	Tagging Site
Market Hog	1. _____	_____
	2. _____	_____
	3. _____	_____

	KUIP Tag Number	Tagging Site	Scrapie Tag Number (lambs only)
Market Lamb	1. _____	_____	1. _____
	2. _____	_____	2. _____
	3. _____	_____	3. _____

If questions, please contact a Kenton County Fair Livestock Committee Member, the 4-H Certified Livestock Volunteers, Anna Meyers, 4-H Agent or Gina Ligon, FFA Advisor.

Name _____
Date of Birth _____ - _____ - _____
Age as of January 1, 2026 _____
Phone Number _____

Youth signature	(Signature)	(Date)
Parent/Guardian	(Signature)	(Date)

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