

KVLS GENERAL MARKET ANIMAL RULES 2011-2012

SEE THE YOUTH CALENDAR FOR ALL APPROPRIATE DATES AND TIMES

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** Only active Osceola County 4-H or FFA members are invited to participate; and must be residents of Osceola County** or currently enrolled in an Osceola County School. Anyone having graduated from high school, or currently dropped out of school, shall be ineligible to enter, show, or sell their market animals. All entrants must have been active* in the 2010-2011 4-H or FFA Programs.

** An active 4-H/FFA member is defined as: "a youth who has specified at least one project area and followed through by completing and turning in at least one 4-H Record Book, scoring at least 70%, to the 4-H office by the determined date. An active member also needs to attend club meetings regularly, attend more meetings than you miss throughout the 4-H year and attend at least one club meeting after the fair."*

**** CHILD ELIGIBILITY:** Any child who meets the general market rules for eligibility. The child must be an Osceola County resident OR lives/resides on land in a bordering county which the property continues into Osceola County, may participate in the market animal programs provided they abide by all other rules and regulations.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL MARKET ANIMAL EXHIBITORS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Minimum of 2.0 GPA (Grade Point Average) for the first semester (verified by submitting report card) or minimum of 70 on the Skillathon
2. Report Card to be turned in during the Skillathon
3. Complete Skillathon. Skillathon Test will be administered on February 1, 2012
4. The exhibitor must show its own animal in all Showmanship shows or contests

Incentive: All exhibitors that have at least 3.5 GPA on report card or scores at least 95 on skillathon will receive one (1) free 4-H armband on the scheduled 4-H armband days. Any exhibitor that achieves both the 3.5 GPA and scores at least 95 on skillathon will receive a VIP ride armband good for all 10 days of unlimited rides.

Minimum Exhibitor Age is 8 years old (Ages are prior to September 1, 2011)

Age Divisions:

Junior: 8-10
Intermediate: 11-13
Senior: 14-18

2. **RECORD BOOKS:** Record Books will be graded from 1-100 points. Exhibitors must have a minimum of 70 points to be able to show his/her animal. Record books must be completed and turned in if the animal is to be shown at the fair. Each Record Book must include copies of letters sent to two (2) different buyers. The Record Book must be kept in the exhibitor's own handwriting (no typewritten pages). The only exception to this is the auctioneer's statement, which must be typed.
Each age division will complete the required KVLS Market Animal Record Book. Exhibitors not submitting a complete Record Book will be disqualified. Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place BLUE RIBBON Record Books. The amounts given will be \$25, \$15, and \$10.
3. **SCHOLARSHIP:** Exhibitor Scholarship rules and application forms may be obtained online. You must be age 14 by September 1, 2011. Completed application forms are due at the same time Record Books are due.
4. **WEIGH-INS:** The market animal may be re-weighed only once. The animal will be led off the scales. The scales will be balanced and the animal led immediately back on the scales without leaving the site of the scale man. There will be only one STANDARD SIZED halter and lead rope allowed per animal. No animal food or water allowed in scale area.
5. **BEDDING AND CARE ON FAIR GROUNDS:** All animals will be bedded on sawdust. All animals must be fed, cared for and their beds cleaned by the exhibitor for the entire time they are on the Fairgrounds. If this is not done, a \$50 fine will be deducted from the sale of your animal.

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6. DRESS CODE:

FOR THE SHOW: All exhibitors must wear a white, long-sleeved, collared dress shirt or blouse, tucked in with dark blue or black western trousers or western jeans. Boots or brogans are required. Exhibitors may wear a 4-H or FFA jacket. A 4-H or FFA tie may be worn if the exhibitor desires. No other jackets, vests, or ties will be allowed.

FOR SHOWMANSHIP/SALE: All exhibitors must wear a long-sleeved, collared dress shirt or blouse, tucked in with nice clean jeans or western dress trousers. Boots or brogans are required. Hats, jackets, ties, vests, will be allowed. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.**

- 7. JUDGING:** Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected. Second place animal in the class that produces the Grand Champion will be eligible for Reserve Champion. Exhibitors will receive ribbons; however, since the exhibitor will profit from the sale of their animal, no premium monies will be awarded. Points will be awarded to those competing for the Scholarships. **ALL JUDGE'S DECISIONS WILL BE FINAL.**
- 8. SALE:** The order of sale will be Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, followed by all first, second, third, etc. places in each class. Market prices will be pre-established by the packer's bid.
- a. No riding animals
 - b. No animal will be sold more than once during the sale.
 - c. Add-ons will be announced during the sale.
 - d. Add-ons to be recognized by KVLS must be reported to the Fair Office.
 - e. Buy backs will only go to the pre-approved packer.
- 9. BUYER/SALE:** Five (5) percent of sale value will be deducted by KVLS for expenses of the sale. You will also be assessed the current rate for your respective Beef, Lamb, Goat, and Hog Councils (if applicable). Currently, only steers and hogs are being given an ultrasound test. There is a nominal fee for this test and it will be automatically deducted from the exhibitor's check. A \$5.00 fee set by the Buyers committee for the Buyer's Reception will be deducted from the check.
- 10. POST SALE:** Each exhibitor shall be responsible for his/her own buyer and is required to mail or personally deliver two (2) buyer letters. Copies of the letters must be put in the back of the Record Book when it is turned in. All exhibitors are encouraged to try and invite new business; there is no limit to the number of letters you may send out. The more buyers who attend, the better the auction.
- 7. POST FAIR:** Your buyer thank-you letter must be received in the Fair Office by **5 pm** on Friday, February 24, 2012. It must be in an UNSEALED ENVELOPE, STAMPED, ADDRESSED TO YOUR BUYER(S), AND RETURN ADDRESSED. Failure to turn in your letters(s) in the allotted time will result in a \$100.00 deduction from your check and the check will be held until you do so. All FFA or 4-H Club animals market checks will be issued in the club or chapter's name. It is the club or chapter's decision on what is done with the money. In addition each exhibitor is required to hand deliver (or mail deliver, if the buyer is from out of county) buyer photo (photo supplied by KVLS) and/or plaque to their buyer. The KVLS Office will notify exhibitors when the photos are available for delivery, the exhibitor will hand deliver to the buyer, get the buyers signature and return the form to the KVLS Office to receive their check(mail delivery will require a receipt from the post office). Exhibitors will be required to accomplish this by the determined due date. **PLEASE ALLOW 6 WEEKS FROM FAIR FOR PHOTOS, PLAQUES AND CHECKS TO BECOME AVAILABLE.**
- 8.** Any exhibitor conducting or participating in any illegal activities on the Fairgrounds and any surrounding areas so used during the Fair shall forfeit all rights to show and/or sell at the Fair, and will lose any monies owed by the Fair for sales, premiums, awards, etc.
- 9.** The Board of Directors of the KVLS & Fair will have the final judgment in regard to the interpretation of ALL rules and regulations.
- 11.** By signing the application form, exhibitors and parents certify that they have READ and UNDERSTAND the rules and agree to ABIDE BY THEM!