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WHAT IS 4-H ONTARIO'S POLICY FOR 4-H PROJECT ANIMALS?

- In order for 4-H members to be eligible to participate in multi-county, regional, provincial and/or national 4-H livestock events that require that the 4-H project animal must be shown, the Project Animal Identification Form must be received by the Provincial Coordinator no later than June 1st of the current calendar year.
- 4-H members are allowed to have only ONE animal per commodity designated on the 4-H Project Animal Identification Form to be eligible for multi-county, regional, provincial and/or national 4-H livestock events.
- Only the animal that is properly identified as the 4-H project on the Project Animal Identification Form shall be eligible to enter multi-county, regional, provincial and/or national 4-H livestock events.
- There shall be absolutely no substitution of animals designated on the Project Animal Identification Form for any reason for multi-county, regional, provincial and/or national 4-H livestock events.

WHY DO I NEED A PROJECT ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION FORM?

The Project Animal Identification Form allows your animal to be identified as your project animal for the duration of the project – from the beginning of the club until the last show is over. Project Animal Identification Forms ensure that your animal is indeed your project animal, and helps to maintain the integrity and the ethics of the 4-H program. Project Animal Identification Forms help to bring equity and fairness to 4-H livestock shows, and uphold the philosophy of 4-H.

If you wish to exhibit your project animal at a multi-county, regional, provincial and/or national 4-H livestock event, you must submit a Project Animal Identification Form to the Provincial Coordinator by June 1st.

CAN I HAVE MORE THAN ONE ANIMAL THAT I SHOW OUT OF COUNTY?

No. The policy states that only one project animal per commodity is eligible for multi-county, regional, provincial and/or national 4-H livestock events. This means you can only submit one Project Animal Identification Form to the Provincial Coordinator.

Members may have more than one animal in their care, but only one project animal is eligible for multi-county, regional, provincial and/or national 4-H livestock events. This decision must be made by the June 1st deadline, and the Project Animal Identification Form must be received by the Provincial Coordinator by June 1st.

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CAN I COMPLETE TWO CLUBS OF THE SAME COMMODITY?

Provincial 4-H policy states that a member may have only one animal per commodity that is eligible for multi-county, regional, provincial and/or national 4-H livestock events that require a Project Animal Identification Form.

If a member wishes to participate in two clubs of the same commodity, and both clubs involve a project animal as a club requirement, they must have two different animals, one for each club, in order to meet the project completion requirements. The member also may need permission from the local 4-H association(s). Only ONE animal is eligible for multi-county, regional, provincial and/or national 4-H livestock events. The second animal is ONLY eligible for show at the local achievement day and may not be shown at multi-county, regional, provincial and/or national 4-H livestock events. This decision must be made by the June 1st deadline.

HOW DO I KNOW WHAT RULES APPLY TO A PARTICULAR SHOW?

- 4-H Ontario policies apply to all 4-H livestock events.
- Local 4-H Associations may have additional rules and regulations that apply to 4-H livestock events, built upon 4-H Ontario's policies.
- Each show may have additional rules and regulations that apply to that particular event. Always read the rules and regulations before each particular show. The rules set by the show committee or fair board apply to that particular show, and may include things such as class divisions, weight or age requirements, and dress code, among other things.

WHAT IS THE LIVESTOCK APPEALS BOARD AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

4-H Ontario Policy O-L-03: Livestock Appeal

Any 4-H member who wishes to dispute a Provincial 4-H livestock policy may have their case heard by the Livestock Appeal Board. The decision of the appeal board is final.

The Ontario 4-H Council appoints three members to this committee. The Appeal Board will consist of one Council Director and two individuals from the broader 4-H community with knowledge of 4-H livestock policy.

The Appeal Board will only hear cases involving provincial livestock policies & procedures. The Appeal Board will hear cases where a 4-H member or club is in violation of 4-H Council livestock policy due to a situation outside of their control.

An individual wishing to have a case heard will contact the Appeal Board through the Council office. Three copies of a written summary of the case must be submitted along with a non-refundable hearing fee of \$25.

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The written submission shall include all relevant details of the case, the submitting individual's name and phone number and any names and phone numbers of others involved so they may be contacted at the discretion of the Appeal Board. The Appeal Board may contact any group or individual they feel may have information pertaining to the case.

For the case to be accepted it must be filed with the Appeal Board within 30 days of discovering a dispute. The decision of the Appeal Board will be rendered within 3 weeks of receipt of the information.

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