

2026 SKAMANIA YOUTH MARKET EXHIBIT RULES

(Addendum to Livestock Rules)

Eligibility

1. To participate in the Market Project, the exhibitor must meet the age equivalent of the 4-H Junior, Intermediate, or Senior age groups. Exhibitors may also meet the Alumni Requirements outlined below. Cloverbuds and Open Youth equivalent of the Cloverbud exhibitor age group are not allowed to participate in the Market Project.
2. Exhibitors are expected to comply with all herdsmanhip requirements outlined in the Livestock Rules, as well as any reasonable requests made by area superintendents and the Market Sale Committee. Failure to meet these expectations may result in removal from the Market Sale order.
3. Alumni Class Program participants are eligible if they are currently attending college or an accredited vocational school. Alumni must meet all requirements of youth market exhibitors, excluding age, and may designate up to one (1) project animal and one (1) alternative. Alumni will be judged after youth exhibitors in each species, and their class position in the sale will follow the same species youth exhibitor.

Animal Standards & Judging

4. All market projects are expected to be cared for and made market-ready by the exhibitor.
5. The Market Sale is not a place to experiment. Animals are judged based on the current National Market. We do not exhibit exotic or niche animal types. Exhibitors should be aware that if they decide to show a breed that does not produce the yield types expected by a national standard, then they will be judged as utility, receive a white ribbon, and not sell.
6. Market animals must grade as choice/blue, select/red, or standard/white. Judges' decisions are final. Utility Grade Yellow ribbon market animals will not sell.

Project Limits

7. Only three market lots may be tagged at spring weigh-ins or tag-ins. The total includes beef, sheep, swine, goats, or pens of rabbits/poultry/ducks. Exhibitors can only bring two market lots, and the third "back up" must be the same species as one of the two intended projects.
 - Intermediate and Senior Exhibitors may market a maximum of two animals/pens.
 - Juniors are limited to one pen/animal and are not permitted to bring a market beef project.
8. All registered animals must be weighed at pre-fair and fair weigh-in. Exhibitors who raise their animals on the same farm may share/swap the backup lot as long as all exhibitors have at least one animal weighed in that species.

Weight Requirements:

9. The Market Sale committee will weigh the animals at fair check-in. This will be the official weight for the Market Sale. The Skamania County market scale is certified to plus or minus 1%. To sell, market animals must meet the following requirements:

- Beef** 1000 pounds minimum, 2 lb daily rate of gain
- Sheep** 100 to 150 pounds, 0.4 lb daily rate of gain
- Swine** 220 pounds to 300 pounds, 1 ½ lb daily rate of gain
- Goat** 70 pounds minimum, 0.2 lb daily rate of gain

Chickens, turkeys, and ducks must be purchased from the Market Committee through the process established by the committee. A meat pen consists of three same-breed meat-type rabbits of either sex. Exhibitors of Market Rabbit must own and have the dam or dams in their possession by May 1st of the current year. All rabbits must be fed and cared for by the exhibitor and will be tagged on the designated date.

- Chickens** Pen of three, same breed, 4 pounds each
- Turkeys** Single hen (min 15 lbs) or Tom (min 20 lbs)
- Ducks** Pen of 3, same breed, 5 lbs each
- Rabbits** Pen of three, same breed, same variety (color), 4-6 pounds each, no more than 12 weeks old

10. Note: Animals that do not gain weight between weigh-in and fair or appear malnourished in any way will be disqualified.
11. Market animals not meeting weight requirements will be removed from the scale. The animal must be reweighed before the scale closes for their species.

12. If a market project does not meet the weight requirements and/or fails to achieve the daily rate of gain, the project will be sent home. If the market project is the exhibitor's only project, the animal can stay and be used for showmanship only. Swine are exempt from this rule because it is a terminal project and cannot remain at the Fair if it does not meet market sale requirements. The exhibitor may still be allowed to show another exhibitor's animal for a full premium if both exhibitors agree and approval is given through the swine superintendent. Animals allowed to stay for showmanship that do not meet the market sale requirements will not be allowed to sell at the market sale. All questions or discrepancies will be submitted to the Livestock Committee Chair(s). Decisions of the Chair(s) are final and binding.

Animal Designation

13. Market Animals will not be allowed to show in the breeding classes.
14. Animals, other than swine, tagged for market may be re-designated as exhibited breeding animals, with superintendent approval, if there is an existing breed class for the animal.
15. Swine breed animals will not be housed or shown. Replacement animals for State Fair are allowed for those exhibitors only due to the terminal nature of this project in our county. Intent to attend State Fair must be declared to the 4-H office and livestock superintendents via email at the time of registration.
16. All animals consigned to the Market Sale are owned by the Market Sale Committee once allowed into the Fair. They will remain under the care of the exhibitor until loaded onto the hauler's vehicle.
17. All changes to the registered class/animal are at the discretion of the area superintendent and livestock superintendent and must be reported as soon as known.

Animal Presentation & Care

18. Fair activities are public events; therefore, animals brought to the fairgrounds for **any** activity, fair or pre-fair, including weigh-ins, must be clean and presentable to the public. This does not mean "show-ready," but all loose dirt or other matter shall be cleaned off before arrival. It is understood that some soiling will occur during transport. Tags will always be clean and readable.

Market Sale Conduct

19. On Market Sale day, a Mandatory - Market Exhibitor meeting will be held at a time to be announced, during which the sale will be discussed in detail
20. Each exhibitor must lead or drive their own livestock through the sales ring unless excused by their superintendent.
21. Market Sale exhibitors will adhere to the minimum dress code outlined in the Livestock Rules under Dress Code, although exhibitors may "dress up" for the sale.
22. No proxy bidding will occur. Checks received will be treated as a boost bid only.
23. Selling or attempting to sell any animals on the fairgrounds during the fair except at the Market Sale is prohibited. Members found engaging in this activity will forfeit all premium and sale money.

Financial Matters

24. There will be a maximum 5% deduction from gross sales, as determined by the Fair Board, to pay expenses.
25. All Market Sale checks will be issued when funds have been received from all buyers.
26. In fairness to all exhibitors, no gifts will be given to any buyer or prospective buyer during the entirety of the fair; including before, during or following the actual Market Sale by an individual exhibitor, parent or club, during the fair. We encourage exhibitors who wish to give a gift to visit the buyer in person following the end of the fair.
27. If any carcass is deemed unacceptable and therefore condemned for any reason by USDA meat inspection standards, the exhibitor will not receive payment, and sale monies will be returned to the buyer.
28. Resale, **if offered**, is open to exhibitors, their parents, this year's buyers, the fair board, and staff.
29. **All exhibitors must sign the National Show Ring Code of Ethics. Market Exhibitors must sign the Livestock Exhibitor Rules.**

Our signatures indicate that we understand and will abide by these rules as enumerated 1 - 29, and all questions or discrepancies will be submitted to the Livestock Committee Chair(s). Decisions of the Chair(s) are final and binding.

Exhibitor

Parent/Guardian