

# EXHIBITOR AGREEMENT

(One Signed Agreement per Market Beef, Lamb, Swine)

**This form must be completed, signed and turned in with the Fair Entry Form; exhibitors will not be entered into Market classes without this form.**

I certify that all of my animal projects are drug free by Federal Food & Drug Administration standards. I have followed all withdraw periods for animal health products and substances used, practiced good animal husbandry, and my project has been ethically and humanely cared for. I acknowledge and accept the fact that my animals may be subject to drug and residue testing. Upon positive confirmation, forfeiture of all prize money, sale and or market money, premiums and trophies will be the penalty. My parents or guardians assume equal responsibility for following these and other prescribed guidelines set by the fair for these projects.

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Youth Exhibitor Signature

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Date

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Parent or Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
(PLEASE PRINT NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER)  
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We, the above signed exhibitor and parent/guardian, certify that we have read, acknowledge and will abide by all the rules set for by the County Fair and FFA Participation in the County, 4H and Youth Fair Livestock Show and Sale Conduct Policy, Fair Book, Project Animal Certification, Project Animal Care, Exhibitor Code of Conduct and Ethical and Humane Treatment of Animals.

(Details on Back)

**PROJECT ANIMAL CERTIFICATION:** We certify that we will not have administered to the animal(s), nor has it received, any substance not approved by the Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the 4H and youth fair for slaughter/breeding stock/exhibition animals. This includes but is not limited to: diuretics, steroids, repartitioning agents, tranquilizers, antibiotics, and analgesics. We also certify that, with respect to any drug, chemical or feed additive approved by the FDA and/or USDA for slaughter animals that no illegal use of approved chemical/compounds has taken place and that the applicable withdrawal period as recognized by the FDA has expired prior to shipping out of market livestock on any and all approved chemicals/compounds administered. We acknowledge and accept the fact that all animals entered in the Fair may be subject to blood, urine, and tissue tests, and the Fair reserves the right to disqualify any animals, either alive or slaughtered, found to be in violation of the use of drugs, chemicals or feed additives as described above and in the Fair book and policy and procedure. Disqualification will result in the placing(s) of the animal in question being voided; the forfeiture of any and all ribbons/trophies/special awards earned with the animal(s); the assessment of a fine against the total premiums due equal in the amount to the premium(s) earned with the animal(s); voiding of the sale(s) if the animal(s) has been sold in the Livestock Sale. We will allow the designated tester/veterinarian to draw any and all samples deemed appropriate from our animal(s).

We will indemnify and hold harmless the Fair and all of its sponsors and assisting organizations and their employees and agents against all legal or other proceedings in connection with said testing procedures. We will indemnify and hold harmless the Fair and all of its sponsors and assisting organizations and their employees and agents against all claims of injury to the animal and any damage or injury to any person or property caused by the animal. We acknowledge that swine are native to the State of Michigan. If my swine was purchased outside the State of Michigan, proof of origin and pseudo rabies testing and documentation will be provided.

**PROJECT ANIMAL CARE:** We, the above signed exhibitor and parent/guardian have read, acknowledge, accept and will abide by the animal care, housing and maintenance rules as set forth by County 4H, the Fairbook and appropriate species rules.

We acknowledge that the above mentioned animal(s) have been under my daily care since the initial tagging or project registration date.

Proper care (feeding, handling, etc.) of project animals and maintenance (cleanliness, neatness, etc.) of assigned fair housing is the responsibility of the exhibitor. Project animals must be cared for in accordance with commonly accepted feeding/handling practices, and the animal's pen/stall cleaned and bedded as necessary on a daily basis and as outlined in the Fairbook. Proper care and maintenance of all animals and their assigned housing area will be monitored by the appropriate species Superintendent/Department Chairperson of the Fair.

**EXHIBITOR CODE OF CONDUCT:** We agree to conduct ourselves with honesty, integrity and good sportsmanship. We will treat all fair and livestock show management personnel, fair officials, judges and exhibitors with courtesy, cooperation and respect and shall not direct any abusive or threatening conduct toward them. Furthermore, we will not direct criticism or interference with fair and livestock show management, personnel, fair officials, judges, and exhibitors in conducting activities associated with the event. We understand that any conduct that is contrary to these items will be brought before the Fair Board for review and may result in the disqualification of individual people and animal(s) from the activities associated with the Newaygo County Fair.

**ETHICAL AND HUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS:** We acknowledge that inhumane fitting and showing and/or handling practices or devices shall not be used. Furthermore, surgery, injection, or application of foreign material under and/or into the flesh of an animal to physiologically or physically change the natural contour or confirmation of the animal is illegal. The use of showing and/or handling practices or device such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, insertion of foreign material in the animal, or other such practices are not acceptable and will be prohibited. Violation of the above mentioned items could result in the disqualification of the animal and/or exhibitor. We acknowledge and accept the fact that the Superintendent/Department Chairperson for a given animal species and the Market Livestock personnel may authorize the examination of a given animal for identification purposes and/or health related concerns in our absence, including obtaining the temperature of the animal in question.