



**MAUI 4-H LIVESTOCK**

**LAMB PROJECT RULES**

**2016**

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## INTRODUCTION

The Maui 4-H Livestock Program is part of a nation wide educational program. It is sponsored by the USDA, the Cooperative Extension Service of the University of Hawaii, and the Maui County 4-H Livestock Committee.

The goal of 4-H is to assist young people in acquiring knowledge, developing skills, and forming attitudes that will enable them to become self directed, productive, and contributing members of Society.

4-H projects emphasize learning - by — doing with emphasis on livestock management, and physiology of their animals. The Maui County 4-H Livestock Show offers an opportunity for 4-Hers to practice responsible skills, and develop leadership in areas of organization, showmanship, judging, and marketing of their animals.

The dedication and commitment of the 4-H leaders, families and members of the community who make this program possible are gratefully acknowledged.

## Eligibility for Show

1. The 4-H Lamb Project is open to all youth who are 9 years of age as of 1/1/16 and have not turned 19 by 1/1/16. The 4-Her must be enrolled in the 4-H program at the CES office prior to the lamb weigh-in. The 4-Her must be a paid member of the Maui 4-H Livestock Association. Membership dues are \$5.00 per 4-Her, will be collected at weigh-in, along with project registration fees. The 4-Her must physically care for his/her animal daily throughout the project.

## 2. Eligibility

a. To be eligible for the lamb contest and auction, the 4-H exhibitor must be enrolled in a lamb project by March 5, 2016 for the county show. This will be the initial weigh-in date. The weigh-in will take place at Louis Cambra's Residence: 80 Manienie Rd. Makawao on March 5, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The 4-Her must have in his/her possession one market lamb under suitable facilities and the lambs initial weight cannot exceed 80 pounds. The lamb must be weighed and ear tagged along with a scrapie tag at the initial weigh in. It is recommend that all animals be accompanied by the 4Her, which will count towards Herdsmanship points for the county show.

b. The 4-Her should provide a clean and dry area in which to keep the animal. The animal should be adequately fed and care should be taken to maintain adequate parasite control both externally and internally.

c. The Screening committee may inspect the lambs at least once prior to show.

d. The lamb may be purebred or market grade. It is preferable that the market lamb exhibit evidence of meat animal breeding and must have a scrapie ear tag.

f. Market lambs will be clipped prior to the show.

3. The Hawaii State 4-H Livestock Project Record Book must be current, handwritten by 4-Her, up-to-date and available for the lamb committee at all times. It must be completed, and sent in to the club leader on date to be announced. Dates are to be set by CTAHR and to be announced at a later date, for judging. The record books must be turned in by the leader to the Extension Office no later than 3:30 p.m. for the dates mentioned above. If not turned in by the specified dates and time, the 4-Her will be disqualified. Record books must be signed by the club leader (no parents or 4-Her to turn in record books), to Maui Cooperative Extension Service Office is located at 310 Kaahumanu Avenue, Building 214,

Kahului, HI. 96732. \* Record books are invalid if the 4-H participant drops out prior to the mandatory pre-show.

4. To be eligible for the lamb contest, all animals must be accompanied by the 4-Her and be at the showgrounds, for weigh-in at the time and date specified by the 4-H Livestock Committee. Announcement of the dates will be made one month prior to Show.

5. Animal will undergo visual inspection prior to being weighed at the county show by a state veterinarian if available or a selected certified veterinarian.

6. The intent of 4-H livestock projects is to allow all 4-Hers an equal opportunity to purchase, raise, show, and sell their animals. Any activity or intent to violate this rule will be grounds for declaring the animal and 4-Her ineligible for the show and Sale. Any inhumane treatment of animals will result in disqualification. The livestock committee will be informed of any violations of these rules. The lamb committee will have the final authority to disqualify any 4-Her and his/her animal.

7. Any grievances or criticisms of the Lamb Project (including but not limited to pre shows, tours, contest and sale) will be taken to the 4-H Livestock Executive Board in writing, and will include possible solutions to subject grievances or criticisms.

8. Should an animal die, be severely injured, or become sick enough to be disqualified from the project, 4-Hers can replace the lamb by March 19, 2016. The replacement lamb must not be more than 80 pounds. The lamb chairperson along with its committee must verify the disqualification.

9. Club leaders will provide each project participant with a set of rules and a record book at initial project meeting.

10. The 4-Her must have attended a Quality Assurance Workshop within the project year. This workshop is to be coordinated with the assistance of the Maui 4-H Livestock Board of Directors and CTAHR agent.

11. Whenever there are fewer than two (2) juniors or two (2) seniors, divisions will be combined with joint (open) competition and with one set of awards for the following: Showmanship, Herdsmanship and Record Book.

12. Whenever there are fewer than two (2) competitors competing in a species class the points accumulated (from that species) will not be used in the calculations for the

Overall 4-H Award.

13. The top two (2) senior showmen from the Lamb Showmanship contest are eligible to participate in the Supreme Showmanship competition. In the event that one (1) or both of these top two (2) winners choose not to represent the lamb species in the competition, then the third place senior runner up will be eligible to compete in the Supreme Showmanship competition. In the event that there are not at least two (2) seniors entered in this event, the competition is cancelled. Animals for the contest will be selected by the Judge and a committee of the species Chairpersons.

14. All animals entered in the Maui County 4-H Livestock Association show may be used in the Maui 4-H Livestock Supreme Showmanship contest.

## **Contest**

### **1. Official Dress**

4-H members are expected to wear official 4-H dress while participating in all show classes and showmanship classes. This shall consist of a white shirt with 4-H emblem on pocket, black or blue denim jeans, and covered shoes. A 4-H cap or cowboy hat is optional.

### **2. Market Lamb Contest**

a. The market lamb must weigh at least 80 pounds to be eligible for the county livestock show. Any lamb that does not meet this requirement must leave the show grounds.

b. The decision to designate classes will be left to the discretion of the lamb committee and the judge. c. Judging will be based on muscling, conformation, structural correctness and quality. Champion and Reserve Champion will be determined from the first and Second place individual of each weight class with trophies to be given accordingly. e. All lambs must be shown by the 4-Her who officially enrolled the lamb at weigh in of project.

### **3. Herdsmanship Contest**

The herdsmanship contest will be judged on an individual basis, in both senior and junior classes. The individual basis will be judged at all weigh-in, (and may be judged at Screenings, tours, pre-shows) and at the show. The Lamb Committee will have the authority to designate individual herdsmanship recognition.

A total of 100 points can be obtained by each 4-Her in the herdsmanship competition: 40 points can be obtained by each 4-Her prior to the show by attending the lamb weigh-in (10

pts.); (30 pts.) physically attend general membership meetings (5 pts. each). 60 points can be obtained at the county show.

The basis of the judging will be:

- a. Neatness of exhibitors: uniform/4-H club shirt with 4-H emblem, black or blue denim jeans, covered shoes. 4-H cap or cowboy hat is optional.
- b. Cleanliness of animals.
- c. Cleanliness and appropriateness of stalls and equipment.
- d. Independence of 4-Her in caring for the animal.
- e. General attitude and knowledge.
- f. Record book: 4-Hers are expected to keep complete and current record books that reflect the goals, efforts, and expenditures of the 4-H member. Independence of family assistance will be evaluated. All books must be handwritten by 4-Hers themselves. **A completed record book is mandatory to enter the contest and auction.**
- g. Recommendation of project leader.
- h. Trophies and awards will be determined by the Awards Committee. There will be junior and senior contests.
- i. Stall cards must be fully completed and in place by 8:00 a.m. Saturday (day of contest.)

#### 4. Showmanship Contest

There will be a junior and senior showmanship contest depending on the number of projects. The decision will be made by the chairperson and the judge of the show.

- a. Junior Division is made up of 4-Hers 9-13 years old. Points in this division will carry over for 4-Her.
- b. Senior Division is made up of 4-Hers 14-19 years old. Points in this division will carry over for 4-Her.

c. Trophies and awards will be determined by the Awards Committee. There will be junior and senior contests.

d. No 4-H participant will be exempt from the showmanship contest unless the lamb chairperson has been notified and excuse has been approved. Should a 4Her participant not comply, they will be excluded from herdsmanship competition.

e. 4-Her must show the lamb that they officially enrolled at the weigh-in of the project to be eligible for showmanship contest.

The 4-H contestants will be judged on their ability to groom, train, and present their animals in the judging ring.

#### 5. Carcass Contest

All market lambs in the county show who do not go to the state show will participate in the carcass contest. The lambs will be slaughtered at a plant-approved by the Maui 4-H Livestock Committee and graded by a federal grader or UH Lamb Specialist on availability. The top carcass lamb will be recognized as the Grand Champion, and the second highest ranking as Reserve Champion Carcass. Carcasses will be evaluated on the basis of carcass standards and overall carcass quality.

#### 6. Auction and Sale

1. Only lambs that weighed 80 pounds or more will be entered in the show and auction.

2. Any lamb failing to meet the requirements cannot enter into the market lamb contest and will have to remove the lamb from the show grounds.

3. Sale order will be according to the placement in the show which is determined by the show judge: the highest place first. In case of more than one class, the judge will determine the order of sale.

4. Lambs will be weighed on day of arrival on date and time specified by the committee. First weight reported by the weigh master will be the final weight for the show and sale purposes. All lambs will have one pass over the scale to qualify for the 80 pound minimum weight.

5. 4-Hers and parents will be responsible to set up and clean up all areas used by the Maui 4-H Association, this will count as part of the herdsmanship contest. The

4-Hers will be responsible for their own stalls making sure all areas are clean and to perform any other tasks requested by the lamb committee. All 4-Hers are responsible for their lamb throughout the entire duration of the project which includes all weigh-ins, pre-shows, moving, showing, loading and unloading of animals until they are accepted by the slaughterhouse. **The association and its volunteers at the fair and auction are not liable for any animal injuries or death that might occur during any activity.** 4-H members can determine if their own personal insurance policies cover animal mortality. 4-Hers are also responsible for delivering the slaughtered lamb to the buyer in good condition.

6. The chairman and committee reserve the right to disqualify and remove any lamb from the show grounds that are not fit for show.

7. Blue ribbon lambs will have the option of going to the state show and sale. Notification of intent to go to the state show and sale must be made within 30 minutes after the show.

8. Prior to the auction, an announcement will be made that all 4-H lambs sold through the sale be slaughtered at an approved slaughter house for carcass evaluation.

9. A Buyers' Puppu entertainment tent will be set up for pupus and non-alcoholic beverages before the sale.

10. 4-Hers intending to take his/her county show lamb (blue ribbon lambs only) to the state show and sale must have lamb mouthed by a certified individual cleared by the livestock committee at the mandatory last steer pre-show.

11. The exhibitor shall pay to the Maui 4-H Livestock Association:

a. 5% of sale price

b. Cost of slaughter

c. Unpaid fundraiser money (if applicable)

d. Registration Fee — A fee of \$30.00 per project will be collected at the first weigh-in, on the designated pick up date. Or collection be made at the general membership meeting preceding the Market Lamb weigh in. Fees will be collected by a person designated by the committee and will be turned in to the treasurer. Should an animal die, registration fees are non-refundable.

e. Membership Dues: A fee of \$5.00 per 4-her raising a lamb project will be collected at the first weigh-in.

*(Note: Cash or checks payable to the Maui 4-H Livestock Association will be accepted. In an event that a check is returned for insufficient funds, a return fee will be charged)*

**Market Lamb Contest for the State Show:** The pick-up date (if not intending to use the county lamb) for the state show will be April 09, 2016. The rules will be from the Hawaii 4-H Livestock Council Rule Book.