



**University of Alaska Fairbanks Cooperative Extension Service
TANANA DISTRICT MARKET LIVESTOCK PROJECT AGREEMENT
Tanana Valley State Fair — Due on or before Feb. 1, 2026**



You must fill out this form to participate in the 4-H & FFA Market Livestock Auction. Please read the agreement very carefully. This form MUST be completed and turned in to the Tanana District 4-H office or postmarked by Feb. 1, 2026. Mail form to UAF Cooperative Extension Service—Tanana District Office, Attn: 4-H Program, P.O. Box 758155, Fairbanks, AK 99775-8155.

Organization (check ONE): 4-H FFA

(NOTE: If doing BOTH programs, please submit SEPARATE agreements for EACH.)

Participant Name: _____ **Age:** _____

Club/Chapter: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

Participant Phone: _____ **Participant Email:** _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: _____ **Parent/Guardian Email:** _____

"I have read, understand and agree to the following requirements and statements:"

- I will read, understand and comply with all the requirements set forth by the Tanana District 4-H Livestock Committee (TD4HLC), including the requirements in this agreement, the Market Livestock Requirement Checklist and the current TVSF Exhibitor Guide Market Livestock Project Program guidelines.
- I will keep a copy of this agreement with my 4-H and/or FFA record book.
- I will do initial weigh-in the first week in May for large animals and submit a full body photo, weight and tag number for each large animal to the 4-H office no later than Monday, May 4, 2026. Small animals must be weighed the first full week in July and photos, weight and band numbers submitted to the 4-H office no later than Monday, July 13, 2026. (Please indicate which animal(s) is/are your primary project animal(s).) Fairground weigh-ins: large, May 1, 4–8 p.m.; small, July 10, 6–7 p.m.
- ***Only Tanana District Market Livestock tags/bands will be permitted and must be picked up from the 4-H office.***
- I will attend one of the Market Livestock Participant Meetings with a parent or guardian, Feb. 21 at 10 a.m. or April 21 at 7 p.m., at the 4-H office.
- I will attend a Livestock Showmanship Clinic at the club or district level.
- I will complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training every two years and turn in proof of completion.
- I will ensure my animal(s) has/have all the vaccinations that are required by the Tanana District 4-H Livestock Committee. These are recorded on the Tanana District 4-H/FFA Animal Health Record and Proof of Vaccinations. I will make a copy of it to turn in to the vet on Animal Delivery Day.
 - Please note: Almost all vaccinations require an initial series of boosters for the vaccine to stimulate the immune response needed. Vaccines must be administered in accordance with the manufacturer recommendations for the initial series and annual boosters. The vaccine's labeled meat or milk withdrawal time should be considered when you are planning your vaccination schedule. The label on the vaccine product should contain the information needed to use the product properly. Please consult your veterinarian if you have questions.

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- I will turn in a minimum of three buyer contacts per market project, no later than July 25, 2026. (More are always better!)
- I must turn in a completed 4-H and/or FFA Alaska 4-H Record Book with a 4-H Livestock Project Insert for each animal species, completed to July 25, 2026, that demonstrates the quality and knowledge of the project. (these will be judged as a fair exhibit). I must include a copy of my Market Livestock Project Agreement.
- I will participate in fair barn/pen set-up and clean-up days on Monday, July 27, and Sunday, Aug. 9.
- I will have a stall poster, at least 22" x 20", prepared before arriving to the fair. This poster will be judged. Poster requirements will be handed out at the Market Livestock Participant Meetings. Must be hung by July 31 at 10 a.m. and weights added by 6 p.m.
- Participants will be assessed \$20 per day per animal per violation for the following items: Poster not hung by 10 a.m. July 31; weights not added to poster by 6 p.m. July 31; and/or buyer name not added to poster by 11 a.m. Aug. 8.
- I will attend the Mandatory Barn Meetings on July 31 at 11 a.m. and Aug. 7 at 11 a.m.
- During the fair, I will exercise my animal(s) daily, clean (all) my pen(s) between 7 a.m. and 12 p.m. each day, and feed and water my animal(s) morning and evening.
- I will complete two 2-hour barn duty shifts in the barn where my market animals are housed during the fair.
- I will conduct myself in a sportsmanlike manner at all times during the fair.
- I must compete in the TVSF conformation and showmanship class with each animal to be sold at the auction.
- If my animal(s) is/are withdrawn from the auction, I will continue to care for it/them until it/they is/are released from the fair. Failure to care for my animal(s) may cause me to be barred from future participation in the Market Livestock Program.
- I will write a thank-you letter to my buyers and add-on donors after the sale. The letter must be addressed, stamped and turned in to the designated person on the day after the auction by 6 p.m. ***NO LETTER, NO CHECK.***
- If I sell small livestock at the auction, I will be responsible for talking with the buyers and finding out how they would like their animals butchered, dressed and delivered. The product is to be delivered to the buyer(s) within 14 days of the fair, unless another date is mutually agreed upon. Failure to deliver the animal in a timely manner may result in my being barred from participation in future Market Livestock Auctions.
- Judges will make the final decision on whether animals qualify for the Market Livestock Auction. Only animals taking a blue or red ribbon in a conformation class will be eligible for sale at the auction. White ribbons will not go to auction.
- REMEMBER: All completed market livestock project record books must be turned in to the main 4-H leader/FFA advisor by Sept. 10 for evaluation after project completion. The leaders/advisors will then submit all record books to the 4-H agent/FFA state advisor by Sept. 15 for verification of completed project with any recommendations for Merit/SAE Awards. Failure to do so may result in ineligibility to participate in future Market Livestock Program activities.
- An amount of up to 6 percent will be withheld from all market livestock checks to cover the costs associated with the auction.

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"I plan to raise the following animals for the Market Livestock Auction."
Check a maximum of four boxes below (including one alternate species).

Please note that you may raise more than one of each species, but you must **keep complete records on each animal** that can be considered as your primary project animal or an alternate. Your primary market project animal(s) cannot be shared with another 4-H or FFA member.

***** The bold line in the chart below separates large and small animals. *****

There is a per person limit of two different large animals and one small animal OR two different small animals and one large animal that may be sold in the market auction. **You may only check four (4) boxes.**

Check ✓	Animal	Born/Hatched On or After	In Possession By	Weight Limits	Other Requirements
	Finished Beef	Jan. 1, 2025	Dec. 1, 2025	1,000 lbs minimum	Must be dehorned and castrated by Jan. 1, 2026.
	Feeder Steer	Dec. 1, 2025	April 15, 2026	400 lbs minimum	Must be castrated 8 weeks after birth.
	Lamb	Jan. 1, 2026	May 1, 2026	85 lbs minimum	Ewes and castrated lambs must be slick shorn.
	Swine	Jan. 1, 2026	April 15, 2026	220 lbs minimum; maximum payout based on 300 lbs	Gilts and barrows
	Goat	Jan. 1, 2026	May 1, 2026	60 lbs minimum	Dairy type — wethers only, dehorned Meat type — does or wethers
	Reindeer	April 1, 2025	Dec. 1, 2025	160 lbs minimum	Males must be castrated.
	Turkey	March 15, 2026	April 15, 2026	20 lbs minimum	Recognized meat breed only.
	Ducks	May 25, 2026	June 8, 2026	Pen of 3 of uniform size, 6+ lbs each.	Recognized meat breed only.
	Goose	March 15, 2026	April 15, 2026	10 lbs minimum	Recognized meat breed only.
	Chickens	May 23, 2026	June 6, 2026	Pen of 3 of uniform size, 6+ lbs each.	Recognized meat breed only.
	Rabbits	May 8, 2026	July 1, 2026	Pen of 3 of uniform size, 3½ –6 lbs each.	Recognized ARBA meat breed(s) only.

My parents/guardian, leader and I have read and discussed these rules. We understand that if the rules and duties are NOT followed, my animal(s) will NOT be auctioned at the fair. If I violate any of the guidelines/rules listed above, I understand that premium and auction money may be withheld and the ability to show in the future years may be forfeited.

We understand that taking animals out in the public may put them at risk for injury or other incidents out of our control. We will not hold the TVSFA, 4-H or FFA or any individuals associated with these organizations liable for any problems that may arise with the animal(s). We assume all risk.

Exhibitor: _____ **Printed Name:** _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ **Printed Name:** _____ **Date:** _____

Project Leader: _____ **Printed Name:** _____ **Date:** _____

Main 4-H Club Leader or FFA Advisor: _____ **Printed Name:** _____ **Date:** _____

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