

# BUTLER COUNTY CHEESE AUCTION GENERAL RULES

## 2018 Cheese Auction Committee Members: Tabitha Bowser, Janice Kennedy, Kathy Hartzell and Ashley Began

1. A 4-H or FFA member must be in their third year taking the dairy project in Butler County to participate in the cheese auction.
2. The entered cheese yield animal must be a designated 4-H project for the current year and be shown at the Farm Show in the Round Up show this year. The animal must also have been shown in 4-H or FFA as a project animal in any previous year by the same exhibitor. The exhibitor is also required to participate in the showmanship classes (**but not required to use the cheese auction cow for showmanship**) at Round Up in the current year.
3. Cows on official test will be evaluated on the current (actual) lactation projected at 305 days. If a cow is dry or fresh less than 45 days before opening day of the Farm Show, the last complete lactation (305 actual) will be used for evaluation. Cows not on test are also eligible.
4. If cows are not on test with DHIA, DHIR, AM/PM or O.S.test, the exhibitor will be given a standard block of cheese to sell (approximately five pounds).
5. First-calf heifers fresh less than 45 days before opening day of the Farm Show will not be eligible.
6. **Eligible animals must be designated by Friday, June 1, 2018, along with the cheese auction registration form and copies of the test papers.** Any requested change after that date must have a veterinary excuse, and the decision will be at the discretion of the cheese auction committee. Forms should be turned into the Extension Office with regular project designation forms.
7. **Any PENDING test papers must be turned into the Extension Office by Friday, June 29, 2018.**
8. **A member can only enter one animal to participate in the cheese auction sale.**
9. Leased animals can participate but must meet the rule requirements to be eligible.
10. To cover cheese auction expenses, 10% will be deducted from each check.
11. **Dress code for exhibitors and basket holders is dress pants, dress shirt, knee length skirts or dresses. Absolutely no jeans, shorts, t-shirts, sandals or open-toed shoes will be permitted.**
12. Cheese basket holders must be a 4-H'er at least 8 years old as of January 1 of this year and follow the dress code.
13. Each exhibitor must lead their own animal in the auction. Exceptions must be approved by the cheese auction committee.
14. Participants are required to assist with set-up and clean-up for the sale.
15. All 4-H and FFA members must submit a thank you letter or card for their buyer to a cheese auction committee member by 6 PM Friday of the Farm Show. The committee will have a list of the buyers. **Any member not submitting a thank you letter or card to one of the committee members will have their sale checks held until they have done so.**
16. **All participants must locate their own buyers.**

***THANK YOU to the  
Cheese Auction Committee members  
who VOLUNTEER their time to plan this event  
for the dairy junior exhibitors.***

# BUTLER COUNTY JR. LIVESTOCK SALE GENERAL RULES

## 2018 Livestock Sale Committee Members:

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## JUNIOR LIVESTOCK BOARD OFFICIAL - Donna Zang

1. The sale is open to junior exhibitors (4-H who are 8 to 18 years of age on January 1 of the year of the show/sale; FFA members who are 14 to 21 years of age). In order to sell livestock, a member must be in good standing and attend the number of meetings established by the attendance policies of the Butler County 4-H clubs or FFA chapters.
2. A **project book** must be obtained and maintained, and the animal(s) must be under the ownership and care of the 4-H or FFA member. An up-to-date project book must be submitted as animals are unloaded prior to the final weigh-in at the Butler Farm Show.
3. All participating 4-H and FFA members must have completed an approved quality assurance activity or program no later than July 1st of the current year. Completion of this requirement must be documented with the Penn State Extension Office.
4. All animals must be entered in the Butler Farm Show and shown in the appropriate market animal class as determined by final weigh-in.
5. **All market animals must meet weight restrictions to sell. Animals that do not meet weight restrictions may show in their respective under/over-weight class as per the Farm Show rules. Animals shown in these special classes are NOT eligible for Weight Champions and Grand or Reserve Grand Champions and are NOT eligible for sale through the Sale.**
6. Animals that are disqualified from their respective show/class will not be eligible to sell.
7. All sale animals must be clean and properly fitted according to Butler Farm Show rules.
8. Butler Farm Show Rules and Regulations for each species will be followed and enforced.
9. Appropriate show apparel for exhibitors selling consists of clean long pants or a dress/skirt below the knees; dress shirt, buttoned appropriately, with sleeves; or a 4-H/FFA T-shirt. Hard-soled shoes or boots are required. Shirts with commercial (including farm) logos are not permitted. Inappropriate apparel includes, but is not limited to, other T-shirts, bare midriff shirts, tank tops, baggy or cut-off pants, shorts, hats and sandals. Failure to wear appropriate apparel may result in disqualification of the entry being sold.
10. Each animal shall be sold by its owner. If the owner is unable to present the animal for sale for any legitimate reason, another junior exhibitor may be designated to sell the animal. This substitution must be approved by the sale committee chair and a minimum of two additional active sale committee members prior to the sale of the animal.

### **LIVESTOCK SALE RULES (CONT.)**

11. Any Butler County 4-H or FFA member wanting to show a junior market animal at the Butler Farm Show but not wishing to consign to the sale must notify the sale committee immediately following the market animal show at the Farm Show.
12. **A sale fee of 4% of the gross sale price will be charged to help defray sale expenses.** The sale committee reserves the right to alter this commission as necessary to cover sale expenses.
13. Each member is responsible for **stall presentation** and his/her animal, including feeding, watering, and general care, until the time it is **delivered** to the buyer. **(9:00 PM SATURDAY)**
14. Each member is required to assist with promotional and sale-related activities as designated by the committee.
15. Each member is responsible for writing a letter to the buyer thanking him/her for their patronage.
16. All animals sold through the sale will be photographed for a buyer thank-you photo for members to send to their respective buyers with their personal thank-you letter. Participating 4-H and FFA members will be required to have their sale animals photographed at a time designated by the sale committee. If the exhibitor is not present for the photograph, a substitute handler will be designated. A fee, not to exceed \$10.00, will be deducted from the sale of each animal to cover the cost of the thank-you photos. Members will receive a copy of the photo for their personal records.
17. **Project members will be limited to selling 2 lots in the sale. A lot is defined as a steer, a pig, a lamb, a goat, a pen of rabbits, or a pen of poultry. Members may sell a maximum of two lots per species.**
18. Animals that are designated as the Grand Champion and the Reserve Grand Champion, Home Bred Champion and Reserve, and County Bred Champion and Reserve for each species must be consigned to the Jr. Livestock Sale.
19. **In the event that an exhibitor is the recipient of more than 2 champion or reserve champion awards, the exhibitor will be limited to the sale of 2 lots with a maximum of 2 per species. The required order of sale for champions is as follows: Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, Home Bred Champion, Reserve Home Bred Champion, County Bred Champion, and Reserve County Bred Champion.**
20. Animals consigned to the sale must be delivered to the buyer or designated hauling agent. There will be no switching of animals after the sale.
21. When an exhibitor, parent, guardian, 4-H leader, or representative acting in behalf of an exhibitor is guilty of unsportsmanlike or unethical conduct, the Butler County Jr. Livestock Sale Committee, in consultation with the Butler Farm Show Board of Directors, may require the 4-H or FFA member to return all trophies and ribbons, forfeit premiums won, prohibit participation in the Jr Livestock sale, and may suspend the 4-H or FFA member and the animal(s) involved for such a period as judged appropriate from participation in 4-H and FFA roundups in Butler County. A parent, guardian, 4-H leader, or representative acting in behalf of an exhibitor deemed guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct may also be prohibited for such a period as judged appropriate from participation in all 4-H and FFA activities.

## **LIVESTOCK SALE RULES (CONT.)**

Persons deemed guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct may be expelled from the show facilities at the direction of the Jr. Livestock Sale Committee and/or the Butler Farm Show. The results of such committee action will be sent in writing to the appropriate Penn State Extension District Director, Educator, or FFA Advisor.

22. Junior Livestock Sale Rules and Regulations may be added or amended by the Sale Committee as the need arises.

## **BEEF/SHEEP/SWINE SALE RULES**

1. A project book must be obtained and maintained and the animal(s) must be under the ownership and care of a 4-H or FFA member as follows:
  - a. **Beef Cattle** - Steers or heifers. Sired by a recognized beef breed sire and born after January 1st of the year of the preceding sale. Animals must be acquired by tagging/ weigh-in date. The suggested minimum weight is 450 pounds by weigh-in date.
  - b. **Lambs** - Wethers or ewes. Animals must be acquired by tagging/weigh-in date. The suggested minimum weight is 40 pounds by tagging/weigh-in date. All market lambs must have a Scrapie ID eartag or other approved form of Scrapie ID prior to arrival at the May weigh-in date.
  - c. **Swine** - Barrows or gilts. Animals must be acquired by tagging/weigh-in date. The suggested minimum weight is 50 pounds, and the suggested maximum weight is 80 pounds by weigh-in date. Scrotum incisions must be healed.
2. Tagging/weigh-in (date and time to be announced) will be at a central location. Your project animal will be marked for identification, weighed, and examined for castration. To be eligible to sell in the Jr. Livestock Sale, all beef, sheep, and swine must be tagged at the tagging/weigh-in site and date. To be eligible for the Rate-of-Gain awards, animals must be weighed and tagged at tagging/weigh-in. Members are responsible for transportation of their project animals to tagging/weigh-in.
3. Animals must be unloaded at time of initial tagging/weigh-in unless the health and/or safety of the animals and/or the member is in question. If an animal(s) is not unloaded for tagging/weigh-in, a family member or their representative will be responsible for tagging the animal(s). A member of the sale committee must be present when the animal(s) is tagged. Sale committee members will NOT enter trucks or trailers.
4. All animals must be accompanied by a completed project identification form to be submitted to the sale committee at the time of tagging/weigh-in. Signed and notarized Home Bred and County Bred affidavits must also be submitted at the time of tagging/weigh-in as appropriate.
5. **Beef Cattle** - Project calf must be dehorned and castrated prior to tagging/weigh-in. Tagging/weigh-in is the third Saturday in November.
6. As per Penn State University 4-H Liability Insurance requirements, youth who do not meet the minimum age requirement for 4-H membership at the time of the beef tagging/weigh-in (8 years of age as of January 1st of the current year) will not be permitted to weigh and tag at that time. If the youth meets the minimum age requirement by January 1st, immediately following the beef weigh-in, he/she may enroll in the market beef project and will be permitted to TAG project animals. Project animals must be tagged after January 1st but before January 31st. Designated project animals will not be eligible for rate-of-gain award.

## **LIVESTOCK SALE RULES (CONT.)**

7. **Lambs** - Tagging/weigh-in will be held no earlier than the first Saturday of May.
8. **Swine** - Tagging for identification will be held no earlier than the first Saturday of May. The decision to tag swine on the farm or to weigh-in/tag at a central location will be based on current PA pseudorabies regulations.
9. For sale purposes, a member may weigh-in/tag and show 2 beef cattle, 4 lambs, and/or 4 hogs.
10. Final weigh-in will be conducted according to the Butler Farm Show schedule. These rules follow the Butler Farm Show guidelines:
  - a. **Beef Cattle** - Must be trained to lead with a halter. They must weigh at least 1,000 pounds and not more than 1,500 pounds by final weigh-in at the Butler Farm Show.
  - b. **Lambs** - Must weigh at least 80 pounds and not more than 150 pounds by final weigh-in at the Farm Show.
  - c. **Swine** - Must weigh at least 220 pounds and not more than 290 pounds by final weigh-in at the Farm Show.
  - d. Any evidence of testicle development will be cause for disqualification from the show and sale.

## **MARKET GOAT SALE RULES**

1. A project book must be obtained and maintained, and the animal(s) must be under the ownership and care of the 4-H or FFA member by tagging/weigh-in date.
2. Market goats must be born after November 1st of the year preceding the market show but with full baby teeth at final market show weigh-in.
3. Market goats may be wethers or does.
4. Market goats may be either disbudded (dehorned) or horned.
5. All market goats must have a scrapie ID eartag or other approved form of scrapie ID prior to arrival at the May weigh-in.
6. Market goats must be representative of the dairy and meat goat breeds ONLY. NO PYGMY GOATS.
7. Tagging/weigh-in (date and time to be announced) will be at a central location. The project animal will be marked for identification, weighed, and examined for castration. To be eligible to sell in the Junior Livestock Sale, all market goats must be tagged at the tagging/weigh-in site and date. To be eligible for the Rate-of-Gain award, goats must be weighed and tagged at tagging/weigh-in. Members are responsible for transporting their animals to tagging/weigh-in.
8. Animals must be unloaded at time of initial tagging/weigh-in unless the health and/or safety of the animals and/or the member is in question. If an animal(s) is not unloaded for tagging/weigh-in, a family member or their representative will be responsible for tagging the animal(s). A member of the sale committee must be present when the animal(s) is tagged. Sale committee members will NOT enter trucks or trailers.
9. All animals must be accompanied by a completed project identification form to be submitted to the sale committee at the time of tagging/weigh-in. Signed and notarized Home Bred and County Bred affidavits must also be submitted at the time of tagging/weigh-in as appropriate.
10. Tagging/weigh-in will be held no earlier than the first Saturday of May.
11. Each member may weigh-in/tag and show 2 goats.
12. Market goats must weigh a minimum of 60 pounds and not more than 125 pounds by final weigh-in at the Farm Show.
13. Market goat classes will be determined by weight, not breed.

## MARKET POULTRY PEN SALE RULES

1. Each member will be allowed to weigh in and show 2 meat pens. A meat pen consists of 4 broilers.
2. All meat pen chicks must be from the Chick Pool. Chick Pool chicks will be from a certified hatchery. Chicks will be provided to designated poultry project members 7 to 8 weeks prior to entry and weigh-in day at the Farm Show.
3. All pens will be weighed on the SUNDAY immediately prior to the opening day of the Farm Show between 4:30 PM and 6 PM. Each bird must weigh at least 6 pounds but not more than 10 pounds. Any birds not meeting these weight requirements will not be penned and must be removed from the grounds by 11 PM that evening.
4. One additional bird may be weighed-in and identified for substitution purposes due to the high mortality rate of market-ready birds.
5. All birds will be banded for identification at weigh-in.
6. All meat pens will be health checked at weigh-in by an appointed inspector. Any bird brought to the Butler Farm Show that is not of market quality will be dismissed.
7. All poultry projects must be **clean**, healthy and free from deformities. Any of the following faults will result in disqualification of the pen:
  - a. Missing extremities (2 wings/2 legs)
  - b. Clipped wings
  - c. Curly toes
  - d. Parasites
  - e. Bruising
8. The following items must be considered in a meat pen:
  - a. Meat Type
  - b. Weight: Finished weight - 6 to 10 pounds per bird.
  - c. Uniformity
9. Each member must fit and show their own birds. Owners must care for their own birds during show week.
10. Because of the diet of each meat pen, feed must be provided by the owner.
11. The owner will be responsible for supplying feeders, water bowls, and bedding.
12. The owner will supply their own wagon and cage to display the birds at the livestock sale.
13. Poultry project books will be collected, checked, and returned to the member at weigh-in.
14. Poultry will not be removed from the show before 9:00 PM, Saturday, the final day of the Farm Show. No vehicles of any type may be driven into the midways before 11:00 PM.

## RABBIT MEAT PENS SALE RULES

1. Rabbits entered in a meat pen must be bred, owned, and raised by the member.
2. Entries showing signs of illness or disease at check-in will not be accepted and must be removed from the grounds.
3. Each member may weigh-in and show 2 meat pens.
4. Only recognized commercial breeds will be accepted.
  - a. Angora-French, Giant & Satin
  - b. Californian
  - c. Champagne d'Argent
  - d. American Chinchilla
  - e. Cinnamon
  - f. Creme d'Argent
  - g. French Lop
  - h. Harlequin
  - i. Hotot
  - j. New Zealand
  - k. Palomino
  - l. Rex
  - m. American Sable
  - n. Satin
  - o. Silver Fox
  - p. Silver Marten

\* Commercial crosses will be accepted if accompanied by verification papers at the time of check-in.

## **LIVESTOCK SALE RULES (CONT.)**

5. Does and breeding buck(s) of litters to be verified for meat pens must be designated project animals owned by the member. Rabbit project designation forms, including ear tattoo numbers, identifying does and bucks bred for the production of meat pen litters must be submitted to the county extension office by the close of business on June 1st of the current year.
6. Meat pens must consist of 3 rabbits of the same breed and variety. They may be of different sexes.
7. Meat pen entries must be at least 8 weeks (54 days) of age, but not more than 10 weeks (70 days) of age by opening day of the Butler Farm Show.
8. **Meat pen entries must weigh at least 3.5 pounds each but not more than 5.5 pounds by weigh-in at judging time at the Butler Farm Show.**
9. Individual rabbits do not have to be litter mates but must be from verified, approved litters.
10. Litter verification must take place within two weeks of birth. Litter verifications may be made by a 4-H leader, FFA advisor, Butler County Extension educator, or a superintendent of the rabbit department of the Butler Farm Show.
11. A Litter Verification Sheet must accompany each entry. Entries will not be accepted without approved paper work.
12. Meat pens will be weighed at time of judging.
13. Meat pens will be judged on meat type, condition of flesh, uniformity of body and weight, and fur.

## **ANIMALS RAISED FOR CHARITY DONATION**

1. 4-H clubs that have members carrying a market animal livestock project may apply to raise an animal to be sold through the sale to benefit a designated charity.
2. The club must submit an application by April 1 of the current year that designates the species of the animal and the charity of the club's choice to receive the proceeds of the sale.
3. A limit of one lot per species will be sold as charity animals.
4. If multiple applications are received for any species, the club that raised an animal of that species in the prior year will NOT be eligible to raise the same species of animal in the current year. If multiple applications still exist, the club will be selected in a random drawing.
5. The charity must be approved by the Sale Committee.
6. Designated charity animals must be tagged at the appropriate weigh-in. They will NOT be weighed and will NOT be eligible for the rate-of-gain awards.
7. Proceeds from the sale of this animal will go directly to the designated charity.
8. Designated charity animals will NOT be shown in the market classes at the Farm Show.
9. Designated charity animals will be penned with the same species and with the family who has provided the primary care.
10. These animals must meet all health requirements specific to their species as listed in this premium book.
11. These animals must be an acceptable market weight at time of sale as determined by the Sale Committee and the Farm Show species superintendent.
12. **Charity animals will sell immediately prior to the start of the sale of member project animals.**
13. The sale of these animals is exempt from sale commission.
14. The buyer(s) will receive a banner similar to banners provided for sale champions.

## HOME BRED/COUNTY BRED CHAMPIONS

In appreciation of the outstanding quality livestock produced within Butler County and on our family farms, the Butler Farm Show and Jr. Livestock Sale Committee will recognize these animals and their producers by selecting both Home Bred and County Bred Champions and Reserve Champions.

1. Following selection of the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion market beef, lamb, swine, and goat, the Home Bred and County Bred Champion and Reserve Champion animals will be selected with the following provisions:
  - a. **Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion animals will be eligible for Home Bred and/or County Bred recognition.**
  - b. **If the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion do not qualify for Home Bred and/or County Bred recognition, the following will apply:**
  - c. **The Home Bred Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from the remaining eligible entries. The Home Bred Champion and Reserve Champion will also be eligible for County Bred Champion and Reserve Champion.**
  - d. **If the Home Bred Champion and Reserve Champion are not eligible for County Bred Champion and Reserve Champion, the County Bred awards will be selected from the remaining eligible entries.**
2. To be eligible for Home Bred awards, animals must be designated at the time of species weigh-in and must be accompanied by a complete, signed affidavit. The affidavit must be notarized with the exhibitor and parent signatures. Home Bred animals, born and raised in Butler County, may also be designated as a County Bred entry by checking the appropriate box on the affidavit.
3. To be eligible for County Bred awards, animals must be designated at the time of species weigh-in and must be accompanied by a bill of sale from a Butler County producer along with a complete, signed affidavit. The affidavit must be notarized with the exhibitor and parent signatures.
4. **Home Bred market beef will be identified by the Jr Livestock Sale ear tag number assigned to the animal at tagging/weigh-in. Additional tag and/or tattoo numbers on cattle at time of tagging/weigh-in will also be recorded.**
  - a. Farm tag and/or tattoo numbers identifying the animal prior to tagging/weigh-in must be listed on an affidavit signed by both parent and exhibitor stating that the dam of said animal is owned by a member of the immediate family and housed on the family farm where the exhibitor resides.
  - b. Progeny from dams that were bred at the time of purchase are not eligible.
5. **County Bred market beef will be identified by the Jr Livestock Sale ear tag number assigned to the animal at tagging/weigh-in. Additional tag and/or tattoo numbers on cattle at time of tagging/weigh-in will also be recorded.**
  - a. Farm tag and/or tattoo numbers identifying the animal prior to tagging/weigh-in must be listed on a bill of sale from a Butler County producer and an affidavit signed by both the producer and the exhibitor, stating that said



## **LIVESTOCK SALE RULES (CONT.)**

- animal was both bred and born within Butler County.
- b. Progeny from dams that were bred at the time of purchase are not eligible.
  6. Home Bred market **lambs** and Home Bred market **goats** must be identified by an official scrapie eartag or equivalent tattoo assigned to an immediate family member on the family farm where the exhibitor resides.
    - a. The scrapie identification number must be listed on an affidavit signed by both parent and exhibitor stating that the dam of said animal is owned by a member of the immediate family and housed on the family farm where the exhibitor resides.
    - b. Progeny from dams that were bred at the time of purchase are NOT eligible.
  7. County Bred market **lambs** and County Bred market **goats** must be identified by official scrapie eartag or equivalent tattoo assigned to a Butler County producer.
    - a. The scrapie identification number must be listed on a bill of sale from a Butler County producer and an affidavit signed by both the producer and the exhibitor, stating that said animal was both bred and born within Butler County.
    - b. Progeny from dams that were bred at the time of purchase are NOT eligible.
  8. Home Bred market **swine** must be identified by a herd number tattoo and ear notch assigned to an immediate family member on the family farm where the exhibitor resides.
    - a. The herd number and ear notch must be listed on an affidavit signed by both parent and exhibitor stating that the dam of said animal is owned by a member of the immediate family and housed on the family farm where the exhibitor resides.
    - b. Progeny from dams that were bred at the time of purchase are NOT eligible.
  9. County Bred market **swine** must be identified by a herd number tattoo and ear notch assigned to a Butler County producer.
    - a. The herd number and ear notch must be listed on a bill of sale from a Butler County producer and an affidavit signed by both the producer and the exhibitor, stating that said animal was both bred and born within Butler County
    - b. Progeny from dams that were bred at the time of purchase are NOT eligible.
  10. Animals selected as Home Bred and County Bred Champions and Reserve Champions for each species must be consigned to the Butler County Jr. Livestock Sale **provided the sale participant does not exceed the maximum of 2 lots in the sale.**
  11. Animals selected as Home Bred and County Bred Champions and Reserve Champions will be sold immediately following the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion for each of the respective species.

**THANK YOU**  
**to the Livestock Sale Committee members**  
**who VOLUNTEER their time to plan,**  
**oversee and conduct**  
**the annual 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale.**