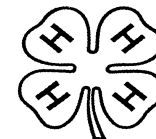


# 2023/2024 4-H MARKET LIVESTOCK LITTLE BUDDY GOAT PROJECT REQUIREMENTS



1. **Age Requirement:** The 4-H Member must have reached their **5th birthday by January 1, 2024** to participate in the Little Buddy Program.
2. **Eligibility to Sell Following Year:** 4-Her's must have achieved a B or better on their most recent market animal notebook, if they are planning to sell an animal the following year.
3. **4-H Enrollment Forms and Participation Fee:** 4-H'ers must have a completed 4-H Enrollment Form through <https://v2.4honline.com/>
4. **Registration Time Frame:** Applications will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis at the MSU Extension Office on **October 23, 2023**. This may be done via email to [Schaner4@msu.edu](mailto:Schaner4@msu.edu), fax (873-3710), mail or by dropping them off. The registrations will be dated and numbered as they are received. **Little Buddy registration will end on June 3, 2024.**
5. **Big Buddy Declaration:** Little Buddy participants should declare their Big Buddy 4-H'er on the application at the time of registration. If this pairing should change during the project, the MSU Extension Office must be notified. There will be a maximum of two (2) little buddy participants per big buddy participant. The Little Buddy will be expected to help care for and feed the Goat as well as work with the Big Buddy to learn proper showmanship skills.
6. **Notebook Requirements:** Members will be required to complete a project notebook that will chronicle the time and care you spent with your animal and big buddy. The "Journal of Care" record is required to be completed by the member and requires the signature of the Big Buddy. The notebook will be designed to include a table of contents and appendixes. The notebook must be kept in table of contents order with additional information you would like to include in the notebook within the appendixes. The earning of a "B" ribbon or better on your notebook will qualify you for next year's project. **An up-to-date notebook must be presented at the time the 4-Her's animal is being weighed. The notebook then must be submitted to the 4-H Exhibit Building before 5:00 p.m. on Entry Day. Once your notebook has been placed in the 4-H Exhibit Building you will not be able to retrieve it to add additional information.**
7. **Potential Buyer's Names:** *Member's that are age 8 as of January 1, 2024 and wanting to sell a hog in 2025 will be required to submit a list of potential buyers and their **complete MAILING addresses (including zip codes and phone numbers)** to the Extension Office on or before Thursday, August 1, 2024. **This list must be submitted in person to receive a stamp and initials from the Extension Staff. Members must have three (3) different buyers from that of their siblings. Buyers names are to be submitted on the sheet provided in the notebook and not one name per sheet.** Members who attempt to submit buyer's names without address, zip code or phone number will be given the option of returning with the completed information or provided a phone book to look up the required information. Any buyer letters returned for incorrect addresses will be the fault of the 4-Her not providing the correct mailing address (example post office box vs. a street address). The Extension staff will not make any attempts (other than those provided by a postal sticker) to find the correct address. The buyer will be removed from the mailing list. Failure to provide the required buyer's list (with correct and complete information) will result in not being able to sell at the 4-H Market Livestock Sale. **Members between the ages of 5-7 years will not be required to submit a list of potential buyers.***
8. **Entry Day/Weigh-In:** Goats must be weighed in during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on Entry Day at a central scale designated by the 4-H Market Livestock Committee.
9. **Animal Care During Fair:** You and your Big Buddy are responsible for feeding, cleaning and removal of your animal until the end of the Fair. The 4-H Market Livestock Committee permits the use of sawdust (provided by the Fair Board) or kiln-dried wood shavings (you may provide) as bedding material. **NO STRAW PERMITTED! All pens/stalls must be cleaned before 9:00 a.m. each day the Fair is open.** Failure to comply with the rule can result in forfeiture of premiums, \$50.00 disciplinary charge from sale proceeds and/or a one year suspension of 4-H Market Livestock Project privileges. Borrowing of cleaning equipment should be done with permission granted by equipment owner.

10. **Non-Club/Club Points:** Project participants that are age 8 as of January 1, 2024 must have earned **nine (9)** meeting attendance or volunteer points before selling a market livestock animal. **Six (6)** of the **nine (9)** required points must be earned from attending your club's meetings. The additional **three (3)** points required must be earned from attending various non-club 4-H events as listed on the 4-H Market Livestock Committee's Approved Non-Club list or may be given at the discretion of other 4-H Extension Staff or superintendents. Extra curricular school or community projects (above normal school requirements) may count for 1 non-club point, when the MSU Extension Office is notified and can verify project. **Project participants between the ages of 5-7 are required to earn six (6) club meeting points only. Non-club points are not required for this age group.** If you should have to get signatures from the Extension Office Staff, you must have all event, location and date information completed. If these nine (9) points are not achieved you are not allowed to bring/participate with the animal as a registered 4-H market animal at the fair. **There will be no signatures provided by MSU Extension staff on entry day.**
11. **Showing Requirements:** All youth members the **age of 5** must be assisted by either a parent, guardian, adult or older youth volunteer who is holding the halter or lead. Those ages **6-7** must have a parent, guardian, adult or older youth volunteer in close proximity while the child is in contact with the animal. Special considerations may be granted by the 4-H Market Livestock Committee should a health issue conflict happen prior/or during the scheduled showing and selling times for the 4-Her. Pre-approval must be requested no later than 1 week before the fair. Failure to seek pre-approval may result in disqualification from the project. Considerations based on health issues may require a physician's letter of confirmation.
12. **Disciplinary Action:** If disciplinary action is warranted, the 4-H Market Livestock Committee reserves the right to impose one or more of the following actions: additional percentage deducted from 4-Hers Animal Sale proceeds, suspension from 4-H Market Livestock Project areas and/or forfeiture of premiums.
13. **Rules/Requirements Acknowledgement:** By signing the 4-H Market Livestock Goat project application and being accepted into the project, indicates that you have read all the rules and requirements for the project in addition to the Oceana County Animal Project Code of Ethics and agree to abide by these rules.
14. **Issues/Complaint Process:** In questioning project rules or issues with your project you should contact the following people/groups in this order: 1) Your leader; 2) MSU Extension—4-H Program Coordinator; 3) 4-H Market Livestock Committee. If you should have any issue related to your project during Fair, please contact the following people/groups in this order: 1) Your leader; 2) Leader will contact Barn Superintendent; 3) Barn Superintendent will contact Executive Committee of project area; 4) Executive Committee will contact Youth Council Members.
15. **Final Authority:** The 4-H Market Livestock Committee will be the final authority on all matters of concern and can grant exceptions to the above rules. They will consult with Youth Council when necessary.

**Market Goat Project Dates: all deadlines are by 3:00 p.m, unless otherwise noted!**

Market Goat Project Automatic Enrollment for returning members who meet requirements:

**Tier 1** - 10/23/23 - 10/27/23 (completed 6 meetings, got a passing grade on their notebook and sold at auction)

**Tier 2** - 10/30/23 - 11/2/23 (completed 6 meetings, got a passing grade on their notebook but had extenuating circumstances such as did not make weight and have followed all the steps on automatic enrollment policy)

**Tier 3**- 11/11/2023 from 8:45 a.m.– 9:00 a.m. (new to the project or did not meet requirements), pending available space

Registration Deadline for Market Goat registrations— **Monday, June 3, 2024**

Pictures/Bred/Ear Tag Numbers—**Monday, June 3, 2024**

Little Buddy Registration Deadline—**Monday, June 3, 2024**

Replacement Request Deadline (death or special issue) - **Monday, July 1, 2024**

Paperwork for Replacement Animal— **Monday, July 29, 2024**

Potential Buyer's Names—**Thursday, August 1, 2024**

Written declaration of switch to "back-up" animal—**Monday, August 12, 2024**

Entry and Weigh-In at Fair—**Animals in pens no later than 11 a.m. Monday, August 19, 2024**

Notebooks—**Mon., August 19, 2024 at time animal is weighed and then entered in the Youth Exhibit Building by 5:00 p.m.**

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