



2018 MINNESOTA 4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Ownership Requirements for All Animal Science Projects are uniform for Beef, Cats/Pets, Dairy, Dairy Goat, Dog, Horse, Lama, Meat Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep and Swine: Animals must be owned solely by the 4-Her or the 4-Her's family. The family includes the 4-Her's parents/guardians and siblings living together as a family unit. The definition of family includes an extended family where the animal may be owned by grandparents as long as the 4-Her's parents are actively involved with and working on the farm. Animals owned in partnership with non-family members (as defined above) must be leased and follow guidelines within the lease agreement. Lease agreements must be submitted by May 15 with 4HOnline data. **Market animals (with the exception of prospect calves) cannot be leased.**

All Animal Ownership Deadlines:

February 15: Market Beef (beef steers, market heifers & dairy steers)

May 15: Breeding beef, dairy, dairy goats, dog, horse, lama, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, swine. Fryer rabbits (should be 70 days old at show) 4-Her must own the doe of fryer rabbits and doe must be identified by May 15.

June 1: Jr. Meat Does

July 1: Jr. Doe Kid Dairy Goats

Projects in Minnesota may be started at any time during the year. However, if the project is to be shown at a county or state event, certain requirements must be met. Each of the requirements listed pertain specifically to state events. Identification worksheets are available in most species for use by families to gather data needed to complete 4HOnline Identification process. Please keep ID worksheets for records.

Project Beef

Exhibiting Class	State Show Weight Expectation	Birth Dates	ID Required
Breeding Spring Calf		Jan 1 - April 30, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ear Tattoo(registered) • MN 4-H Eartag (commercial) • 4HOnline ID Process
Breeding Fall Calf		Sept 1 – Dec 31, 2017	
Breeding Summer Yearling		May 1- Aug 31, 2017	
Breeding Junior Yearling		Jan 1 – April 30, 2017	
Breeding Senior Yearling		September 1 – Dec 31, 2016	
Cow/Calf (cow/calf pair)		Calf on or after Jan 1, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ear Tattoo(registered) • MN 4-H Eartag (commercial) • 4HOnline ID Process
Prospect Market Calf	-	Jan 1 – April 30, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MN 4-H Eartag • 4HOnline ID Process
Beef Steer	Recommended minimum weight of 1000 lbs. Recommended maximum of 1500 lbs for market beef and 1600 lbs for dairy steer	Jan 1 – August 31, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MN 4-H Eartag (ALL MKT BEEF & DAIRY STEERS) • Ear Tattoo(registered, except Charolais) • 4HOnline ID Process
Market Heifer			
Dairy Steer			

Project Dairy

Note: dairy exhibits must be identified before first freshening

Exhibiting Class	State Show Weight Expectation	Birth Dates	ID Required
Calf		Winter: Dec 1, 2017 – Feb 28, 2018 Fall: Sept 1 to Nov 30, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official Breed Assn eartag or Official Breed Assn tattoo, or 7 or 9 digit USDA tag or Breed Assn ID paper (copy) or 4-H eartag or photo if distinctly marked • 4HOnline ID Process
Yearling		Junior: Mar 1 – Aug 31, 2017 Senior: Sept 1, 2016 – Feb 29, 2017	
Two Year Old		Sept 1, 2015 to Aug 31, 2016	
Advanced		3 Year Old: Sept 1, 2014 – Aug 31, 2015 4 Year Old: Sept 1, 2013 – Aug 31, 2014 Aged: Before Sept 1, 2013	

Project Dairy Goats

Exhibiting Class	State Show Weight Expectation	Birth Dates	ID Required
Dairy Jr Doe Kid		April 1 – June 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unique identification tattoo AND • ADGA or AGS assigned herd tattoo OR BAH assigned scrapies ID tattoo • 4HOnline ID Process
Dairy Sr Doe Kid		Jan 1 – Mar 31	
Dairy Dry Yearling		Born in 2017, never kidded	
Dairy Milking Yearling		Born in 2017	
Dairy Doe		Two years and over	

Project Dog

Exhibiting Class	State Show Weight Expectation	Birth Dates	ID Required
All Breeds/classes	Not applicable	Over 6 months at show	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog ID Form w/current vac. • 4HOnline ID Process

Project Horse

Exhibiting Class	State Show Weight Expectation	Birth Dates	ID Required
All Classes		Male foals may be shown, but yearling and older stallions are ineligible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4HOnline ID Process

Project Lama

Exhibiting Class	State Show Weight Expectation	Birth Dates	ID Required
Llama/Alpaca		Prior to Jan 1, 2018 - no sexually intact male over 18 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4HOnline ID Process

Project Meat Goat

Exhibiting Class	State Show Weight Expectation	Birth Dates	ID Required
Meat or Dairy Market Goat	Required minimum weight of 40 lbs. Required maximum weight of 110 lbs.	Dec 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MN 4-H Eartag AND Official Scrapies Tag (with animal # & flock #) 4HOnline ID Process
Meat Sr Yearling Doe		Dec 1, 2016 – Mar 31, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unique Animal ID Tattoo AND Scrapie Tag or BAH assigned Scrapie tattoo 4HOnline ID Process
Meat Jr Yearling Doe		April 1, 2017 – Aug 31, 2017	
Meat Fall Yearling Doe		Sept 1, 2017 – Nov 30, 2017	
Meat Sr Doe Kid		Dec 1, 2017 – Feb. 28, 2018	
Meat Jr Doe Kid		Mar 1, 2018 – May 31, 2018	

Project Poultry

Note: Birds that come to State Fair must be from the same flock of the same breed and variety as your county fair winners, but you may select different birds for the State Fair than those that were exhibited at the County Fair except pigeons which are permanently ID'd. If you do not own poultry, breeding poultry may be leased. Animal Science Lease Form must be submitted by May 15th.

Exhibiting Class	State Show Weight Expectation	Birth Dates	ID Required
Dove Breeding Pair		Prior year or older	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permanent seamless leg band by May 15 4HOnline ID Process
Pigeon Breeding Pair		Prior year or older	
Pigeon Young Bird		Current year	
Poultry—all others	Market Chickens maximum weight must not exceed 10 pounds.	This year's hatch: <u>suggestions</u> for State Fair hatch dates are: 1) breeding poultry and waterfowl (includes duck, turkey, guineas & geese)~ January 1 or later, 2) market poultry <u>except</u> market chickens ~ March 1 or later, 3) egg production chickens (white or brown egg layers) ~ March 1 or later, 4) market chickens show best at 8-10 weeks of age ~ 4-H'ers may need two hatches for County and State Fair.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leg band by county fair ID check point (may be applied by county at fairgrounds)

Project Rabbit

Exhibiting Class	State Show Weight Expectation	Birth Dates	ID Required
Breeding			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tattoo 4-HOnline ID Process
Fryer	Required minimum weight of 3.5 lbs. Required maximum weight of 5.5 lbs.	Not over 70 days of age on show date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tattoo for fryer/meat pen, must have doe's tattoo included in fryer tattoo when ID'd 4HOnline ID Process

Project Sheep

Exhibiting Class	State Show Weight Expectation	Birth Dates	ID Required
Commercial Breeding Ewe Lamb & Wether Dam		On or after Jan 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MN 4-H Eartag AND Official Scrapie Tag (with animal # & flock #) 4HOnline ID Process
Commercial Breeding Yearling Ewe & Weather Dam		Over 1 yr and under 2 yrs of age & not show evidence of 4 permanent incisors	
Registered Breeding Ewe Lamb		On or after Jan 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ID (tag or tattoo) that matches to a registration paper AND Official Scrapie tag 4HOnline ID Process
Registered Breeding Yearling Ewe		Over 1 yr and under 2 yrs of age, & not show evidence of 4 permanent incisors	
Market Lamb	Recommended minimum weight of 105 lbs. Recommended maximum of 170 lbs.	On or after Jan 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MN 4-H Eartag AND Official Scrapie tag (with animal # and flock #) 4HOnline ID Process

Project Swine

Exhibiting Class	State Show Weight Expectation	Birth Dates	ID Required
Breeding Gilt		On or after January 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ear Notches in both ears utilizing Universal Ear Notch System MN 4-H Eartag 4HOnline ID Process
Market Barrow and Market Gilt	Required minimum weight of 220 lbs. Required maximum weight of 300 lbs.	On or after January 1; recommended Feb 1 or after	