



2012 Minnesota 4-H Animal Science Show Requirements

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.

Ownership Requirements for All Animal Science Projects are uniform for Beef, Cats/Pets, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Dog, Horse, Lama, Meat Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep and Swine: Animals must be owned 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. Market animals 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 dame of fryer rabbits and dame must be identified by May 15.

July 1: Jr Doe Kid Dairy Goats

Project Beef

Exhibiting Class	State Show Weight Requirement	Birth Dates	ID Required
Breeding Spring Calf	-	Jan1 - April 30, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBIDA, • Ear Tattoo(registered) • MN 4-H Ear Tag (commercial)
Breeding Fall Calf	-	Sept 1 – Dec 31, 2011	
Breeding Summer Yearling	-	May 1- Aug 31, 2011	
Breeding Junior Yearling	-	Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2010	
Cow/Calf (cow/calf pair)	-	Calf on or after Jan 1, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBIDA, • Ear Tattoo(registered) • MN 4-H Ear Tag (commercial)
Prospect Market Calf	-	Jan 1 – April 31, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBIDA, • MN 4-H Ear Tag
Beef Steer	Required minimum weight of 1000 lbs and not exceeding maximum of 1500 lbs for market beef maximum of 1600 lbs for dairy steer	Jan 1 – August 31, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MBIDA, • MN 4-H Ear Tag
Market Heifer			
Dairy Steer			

Project Cats/Pets/Vet Science

Exhibiting Class	State Show Weight Requirement	Birth Dates	ID Required
All classes	Not applicable	-	Lease agreements if needed

Project Dairy

Note: dairy exhibits must be identified before first freshening

Exhibiting Class	State Show Weight Requirement	Birth Dates	ID Required
Calf		Winter: Dec 1 – Feb 28/29 Fall: Sept 1 to Nov 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DIDA • Eartag or Tattoo
Yearling	-	Junior: Mar 1 – Aug 31 Senior: Sept 1 – Feb 28/29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DIDA • Eartag or Tattoo
Two Year Old		Sept 1 to Aug 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DIDA • Eartag or Tattoo
Advanced		Before August 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DIDA • Eartag or Tattoo

Project Dairy Goats

Note: Dairy Goats need to be Id'd prior to first freshening.

Exhibiting Class	State Show Weight Requirement	Birth Dates	ID Required
Dairy Jr Doe Kid		April 1 – June 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DGIDA • Tattoo • Scrapie tag/tattoo
Dairy Sr Doe Kid		Jan 1 0 Mar 31	
Dairy Dry Yearling		Born in 2011, never kidded	
Dairy Milking Yearling		Born in 2011	
Dairy Doe		Two years and over	

Project Dog

Exhibiting Class	State Show Weight Requirement	Birth Dates	ID Required
All Breeds/classes	Not applicable	Over 6 months at show	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DogIDA

Project Horse

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



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Project Lama

Exhibiting Class	State Show Weight Requirement	Birth Dates	ID Required
Llama/Alpaca		Prior to Jan 1, 2012 - no sexually intact male over 18 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LIDA

Project Meat Goat

Exhibiting Class	State Show Weight Requirement	Birth Dates	ID Required
Meat or Dairy Market Goat	40 – 110 lbs	Jan 1 to April 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MGIDA MN 4-H Eartag (required on Market goats only) Identification tattoo if necessary (breeding Does must have unique ID tattoo) Scrapie tag/tattoo
Meat Jr Doe Kid		April 1 – May 15	
Meat Sr Doe Kid		Jan 1 – Mar 31	
Meat Dry Yearling		Born in 2011, never kidded	

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.

Exhibiting Class	State Show Weight Requirement	Birth Dates	ID Required
Dove Breeding Pair		Prior year or older	Seamless leg band
Pigeon Breeding Pair		Prior year or older	Seamless leg band
Pigeon Young Bird		Current year	Seamless leg band
Poultry—all others		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 to accommodate County and State Fair.	Leg band

Project Rabbit

Exhibiting Class	State Show Weight Requirement	Birth Dates	ID Required
Breeding			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RIDA Tattoo - *for fryer or meat pen, doe producing fryers tattoo included in fryer tattoo when ID'd
Fryer	3 – 5 lbs	Not over 70 days of age at show	

Project Sheep

Exhibiting Class	State Show Weight Requirement	Birth Dates	ID Required
Commercial Breeding Ewe Lamb		On or after Jan 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scrapie Tag (with Animal # & Flock #) MN 4-H Eartag ShIDA Form
Commercial Breeding Yearling Ewe		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"> Scrapie Tag (with Animal # & Flock #) And 1 of the following, 4-H eartag, tattoo, or registration # eartag (permanent ID must match registration paper) ShIDA Form
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 and not exceeding maximum of 170 lbs	On or after Jan 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scrapie tag (with animal #) MN 4-H Eartag ShIDA Form

Project Swine

Exhibiting Class	State Show Weight Requirement	Birth Dates	ID Required
Breeding Gilt		On or after January 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SwIDA Ear Notches MN 4-H Eartag
Market Barrow and Market Gilt	Required minimum weight of 220 lbs and not exceeding maximum 300 lbs	On or after January 1, recommended Feb 1 or after	