

**Garrett County Livestock Association
4-H and FFA Market Livestock Contract**

Membership and Attendance

Youth entering an animal in the Garrett County Livestock Association (GCLA) sponsored sale held in conjunction with the Garrett County Fair must be enrolled in a 4-H club or FFA chapter by January 31st of the year in which they intend to sell an animal. In addition to remaining a member in good standing in their particular 4-H club or FFA chapter, market livestock exhibitors must also meet the attendance requirements set forth by the Garrett County Livestock Association. The GCLA requires that re-enrolling 4-H and FFA members attend at least 75% of all club meetings held since the previous year's fair. New members are required to attend 75% of all club meetings held since January 1st of the current year.

4-H and FFA members whose attendance does not meet this requirement may attend one or both of the general membership meetings of the GCLA as make up meetings. These meetings are typically held in conjunction with the weigh in and tagging of small animals, usually in June, and the annual membership dinner and election of officers, typically held in the fall.

4-H club leaders and FFA chapter advisors will record attendance in a manner that is consistent with the Attendance Policies developed by Garrett County Cooperative Extension and FFA Chapter advisors, and accepted by the GCLA. All 4-H club leaders and FFA chapter advisors will submit the current year's attendance records to the GCLA for review by June 1st. Exhibitors that do not meet the attendance requirement as set forth or referenced in this document will not be eligible to sell a market livestock animal at the current year's sale. The GCLA Board of Directors and Officers will review any circumstances requiring arbitration of eligibility to offer an animal in the sale.

Conduct

In addition to the standards of conduct spelled out in the 4-H and/or FFA Animal Science Code of Ethics, 4-H and/or FFA market livestock exhibitors must recognize that it is not acceptable behavior for anyone associated with the 4-H/FFA exhibitors to approach a buyer after the animal is sold and directly ask or suggest that the buyer give the animal back to an exhibitor. Any 4-H or FFA member/exhibitor or anyone associated with an exhibitor that is determined to be in violation of this rule will be subject to sanctions up to and including having the privilege of exhibiting and/or selling market livestock at the Garrett County Fair permanently revoked. Additionally, all 4-H and FFA youth selling an animal in the annual livestock sale must write a thank you note to the buyer of each animal sold by September 15th. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the exhibitor having the privilege of selling a market livestock animal revoked.

Records

A project record for each market livestock animal sold in the current year must be submitted to either the Garrett County Extension office or FFA chapter advisor by February 1st of the following year. All records will be reviewed by the board and officers of the GCLA.

I _____ of the _____ understand and
(printed name of 4-H or FFA member) (name of 4-H Club or FFA Chapter)
agree to the above requirements.

(4-H or FFA member signature) (date)

(Parent or guardian signature) (date)