



2009 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.

Project	Animal Ownership Deadline	State Show Weight Requirement	Birth Dates	ID Required	Ownership Requirement
Beef					
Breeding Spring Calf	May 15	-----	Jan. 1 - April 30, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBIDA • Ear Tattoo (registered) • MN 4-H EarTag (commercial) 	Solely owned, leased, or jointly owned by agreement with parent or guardian.
Breeding Fall Calf	May 15	-----	September 1 to December 31, 2008		
Breeding Summer Yearling	May 15	-----	May 1 to August 31, 2008		
Breeding Junior Yearling	May 15	-----	January 1 to April 30, 2008		
Breeding Senior Yearling	May 15	-----	September 1 to December 31, 2007		
Cow/Calf (Cow/Calf pair)	May 15	-----	Calf - on or after January 1, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBIDA • Ear Tattoo (registered) • MN 4-H EarTag (commercial) 	Solely owned, leased, or jointly owned by agreement with parent or guardian.
Prospect Market Calf	May 15	-----	Jan. 1 - April 30, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBIDA • MN 4-H EarTag 	Solely owned, leased, or jointly owned by agreement with parent or guardian
Beef Steer	February 15	Required minimum weight of 1000 pounds and not exceeding maximum of 1500 pounds for Market Beef, maximum of 1600 pounds for Dairy Steer-	January 1 to August 31, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MBIDA • MN 4-H EarTag 	Solely owned or jointly owned by agreement with parent or guardian.
Market Heifer	February 15		January 1 to August 31, 2008		
Dairy Steer	February 15		January 1 to August 31, 2008		
Sheep					
Com. Breeding Ewe Lamb	May 15	-----	On or after January 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrapie tag (with animal & flock #) or NAIS tag • MN 4-H Eartag • ShIDA Form 	Solely owned, leased, or jointly owned by agreement with parent or guardian.
Com. Breeding Yearling Ewe			Over 1 year of age and under 2 years of age		
Reg. Breeding Ewe Lamb	May 15	-----	On or after January 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrapie tag (with animal & flock #) or NAIS tag • And 1 of the following: 4-H eartag, tattoo, or registration # eartag • ShIDA Form 	Solely owned, leased, or jointly owned by agreement with parent or guardian.
Reg. Breeding Yearling Ewe			Over 1 year of age and under 2 years of age		
Market Lamb (ewe or wether)	May 15	Recommended minimum weight of 105 pounds and not exceeding maximum of 170 pounds	On or after January 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrapie tag (with animal #) or NAIS tag • MN 4-H Eartag • ShIDA Form 	Solely owned or jointly owned by agreement with parent or guardian. The State Fair is a terminal show for <u>ALL</u> market lambs.
Swine					
Breeding Gilt	May 15	-----	On or after January 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SwIDA • Ear Notches • MN 4-H Ear Tag 	Solely owned, leased or jointly owned by agreement with parent or guardian.
Market Barrow and Market Gilt	May 15	Required minimum weight of 220 pounds and not exceeding maximum of 300 pounds	On or after February 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SwIDA • Ear Notches • MN 4-H Ear Tag 	Solely owned or jointly owned by agreement with parent or guardian.
Horse					
Horse	May 15	-----	-----	• HIDA	Solely owned or leased.
Pets / Cats / Vet Science					
Pet	May 15	-----	-----	• -----	Solely owned or leased.

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Dairy					
Calf	May 15	-----	Winter: Dec. 1 to Feb. 28 Fall: Sept. 1 to Nov. 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DIDA • Eartag or tattoo 	Solely owned, leased, or jointly owned by agreement with parent or guardian.
Yearling	May 15	-----	Junior: Mar. 1 to Aug. 31 Senior: Sept. 1 to Feb. 29		
Two Year Old	May 15 and prior to first freshening	-----	September 1 to August 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DIDA • Eartag or tattoo 	Solely owned, leased, or jointly owned by agreement with parent or guardian.
Advanced	Prior to first freshening	-----	Before August 31		
Meat Goats – Eartags Required on Market --- Dairy Goat – Tattoos required					
Meat or Dairy Market Goat	May 15	40 – 105 lbs	January 1 to April 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MGIDA • MN 4-H Eartag (required on market goats only) • Identification tattoo if necessary • Scrapie tag/tattoo 	Solely owned or jointly owned by agreement with parent or guardian
Meat Jr. Doe Kid	July 1	-----	April 1 to May 15		
Meat Sr. Doe Kid	May 15	-----	January 1 to March 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DGIDA • tattoo • Scrapie tag/tattoo 	Solely owned, leased, or jointly owned by agreement with parent or guardian. Since 2005, animals need to be owned prior to first freshening. * SEE “E” below for exceptions
Meat Dry Yearling	May 15	-----	Born in 2008, never kidded		
Dairy Jr. Doe Kid	July 1	-----	April 1 to June 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DGIDA • tattoo • Scrapie tag/tattoo 	Solely owned, leased, or jointly owned by agreement with parent or guardian. Since 2005, animals need to be owned prior to first freshening. * SEE “E” below for exceptions
Dairy Sr. Doe Kid	May 15	-----	January 1 to March 31		
Dairy Dry Yearling	May 15	-----	Born in 2008, never kidded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DGIDA • tattoo • Scrapie tag/tattoo 	Solely owned, leased, or jointly owned by agreement with parent or guardian. Since 2005, animals need to be owned prior to first freshening. * SEE “E” below for exceptions
Dairy Milking Yearling	May 15	-----	Born in 2008		
Dairy Doe	May 15	-----	Two years and over	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DGIDA • tattoo • Scrapie tag/tattoo 	Solely owned, leased, or jointly owned by agreement with parent or guardian. Since 2005, animals need to be owned prior to first freshening. * SEE “E” below for exceptions
Rabbit – must be owned & ID Affidavit submitted by May 15					
Breeding	May 15	-----	-----	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RIDA • Tattoo • See “B” below 	Solely owned or leased. (Juniors born after May 15 are not eligible)
Fryer	May 15 (own doe)	3 to 5 lbs.	Not over 70 days of age at show		
Poultry					
Pigeon Breeding Pair	May 15	-----	Prior year or older	Seamless leg band	Solely owned or leased.
Pigeon Young Bird	May 15	-----	Current Year	Seamless leg band	Solely owned or leased.
Poultry	See “C” below		This year’s hatch. (see “C” below)	Leg Band	Solely owned, leased, or jointly owned by agreement with parent or guardian.
Dog					
Dog	May 15	-----	Over 6 months at show	• DogIDA	Solely owned or leased.
Lama					
Llama/Alpaca	May 15	-----	Prior to January 1, 2009	• LIDA	Solely owned or leased.

- A. For leased animals, a lease form must accompany the identification form.
- B. Rabbits: For a fryer or meat pen, the 4-Her must solely own the doe producing the fryers by May 15th. And if ear length is appropriate length some form of the does tattoo must be included in the fryers tattoo and on the id sheet.
- C. Please note that 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. Rule of thumb suggestions for State Fair hatch dates are: 1) breeding poultry and waterfowl (includes duck, turkey, guineas & geese)~ January 1 or later, 2) market poultry except 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.
- D. Minnesota 4-H does allow for family ownership at the time of identification. “Family” is defined most commonly as brothers and sisters. It may also include other youth whose guardianship is the same as the brothers and sisters. Projects need to be “personalized” to the individual 4-Her at the time of ID verification at the county fair or State Fair qualifying event. In other words, at the time of ID, market animals may be ID’ed by the John Doe Family. But, at the time of verification at the county fair or State Fair qualifying event, each project exhibited must be “declared” by a specific sibling. So, at the checkpoint, the project must be “declared,” for example, by either Billy Doe or Missy Doe. From that checkpoint forward, the project must be exhibited by the “declared” 4-Her. This ownership policy does not allow for the same animal to be identified by two different 4-H families. As an additional point of clarification, the same animal MAY NOT be identified by cousins; unless the cousins are members of the same immediate family unit (guardianship) as described above.
- E. Dairy Goats: If a 4-H member has started their dairy goat project with a goat(s) prior to first freshening and continues with the goat(s) for two years (through freshening of the goat(s) if appropriate) they then may purchase or lease goats that have been through first freshening.