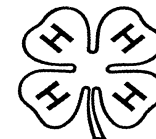


2024/2025 4-H MARKET LIVESTOCK LITTLE BUDDY SWINE PROJECT REQUIREMENTS



1. **Age Requirement:** The 4-H Member must have reached their **5th birthday by January 1, 2025** to participate in the Little Buddy Swine Project.
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 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 14, 2024. This may be submitted via email at wassonj3@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 2, 2025
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 hog 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. 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 "Journal of Care" record will be mandatory for all members to complete. The earning of a "B" ribbon or better on your notebook will qualify you for next year's project. **The notebook must be presented at the time the 4-Her's animal is being weighed.** Failure to do so will result in not being able to sell at the 4-H Market Livestock Sale. **The notebook must then 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, 2025* and wanting to sell a hog in 2026 will be required to submit a legible list of potential buyers and their **complete MAILING addresses (including zip codes and phone numbers)** to the Extension Office on or before Friday August 1, 2025. **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:** Hogs must arrive and be placed in their assigned pens by 11:00 a.m. on Entry Day. **All animals must be washed prior to arriving and ear tags must be clean and visible.** All animals must be weighed at a central scale designated by the 4-H Market Livestock Committee or a designated weigh master. Weighing of hogs will begin following the weighing of all available lambs or no later than 11:15 a.m.
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. If your animal requires a veterinary exam during fair, the 4-H'er will be responsible for the cost of the vet service.

10. **Non-Club/Club Points:** Project participants 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. One(1) of the nine (9) points must be a fairgrounds workbee point.** The additional **two (2)** points required must be earned from attending various non-club 4-H events or activities as approved by the 4-H Market Livestock Committee List or may be given at the discretion of other 4-H Extension Staff or superintendents. If you require signatures from Extension Office staff, you must have the event, location and date completed. If these nine (9) points are not achieved, you are ***not allowed*** to bring your animal as a registered 4-H market animal to the fair. **There will be no signatures provided by MSU Extension Staff during fair setup day or on entry day. 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.**
11. **Showing Requirements:** All youth members between the ages of 5-7 must be assisted by either a parent, guardian, adult or older youth volunteer who is in the show ring or nearby. Special considerations may be granted by the 4-H Market Livestock Committee should a health issue or college 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-H'ers 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 Hog 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 Live stock 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 if necessary.

Market Swine Project Dates
All deadlines are by 4:00 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

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

Tier 1 - 10/14/24 - 10/25/24 (completed 6 meetings, got a passing grade on their notebook and sold at auction)

Tier 2 - 10/28/24 - 11/6/24 (completed 6 meetings, got a passing grade on their notebook, but had extenuating circumstances such as did not make weight, age 9 and successfully completed previous year as a little buddy)

Tier 3- 11/09/2024 from 8:30 a.m.– 8:45 a.m. (new to the project, graduated High school or did not meet requirements) and 11/12/24- 06/02/25

Pictures/Bred/Ear Tag Numbers - **Friday, May 9, 2025**

Little Buddy Registration Deadline - **Monday, June 2, 2025**

Replacement Request Deadline (death or special issue) - **Tuesday, July 1, 2025**

Paperwork for Replacement Animal - **Monday, July 28, 2025**

Potential Buyer's Names - **Friday, August 1, 2025**

Written declaration of switch to "back-up" animal - **Monday, August 4, 2025**

Entry and Weigh-In at Fair - **Animals in pens no later than 11 a.m. Monday, August 18, 2025**

Notebooks—**Monday, August 18, 2025 at time animal is weighed and then entered in the Youth Exhibit Bldg. by 5:00 p.m.**

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