



Healdsburg High School Agriculture Department

Purpose, Eligibility & Responsibilities of Raising Market Animals & SAE Projects



Eligibility:

- Must be enrolled in an agriculture class at Healdsburg High School
- Must be on the Healdsburg FFA Roster (R2 state roster)
- Must maintain at least a 2.2 GPA for the duration of the project with only one allowed F.
- Must abide by all established rules and regulations set forth by Healdsburg High School, Healdsburg Agriculture Department and Healdsburg FFCF.
- Must have a signed contract on file with the Agriculture Department.

Stipulations:

- Students and parents are liable for payment of all bills accrued.
- Removal of a student the agriculture program voids the privileges raising livestock for the fair.
- The agriculture department does not guarantee any profit on any project. Any loss encumbered will be the responsibility of the student.
- Participating in the fair is a school activity. ALL school and fair rules and policies apply. Failure to follow the rules will prevent you from participating in all further fair events (showing and selling of your project).
- All animals taken to the fair that make weight must show in their respective class and go through the auction.

Agriculture Department Responsibilities:

- To provide a learning opportunity which provides a meaningful and rewarding experience for each student.
- Conduct project visits throughout the duration of the project.
- Provide students with information and assistance regarding their project and the fair entry process.

Student Responsibilities:

- General:
 - Lack of care, ethics or sportsmanship throughout the market animal project can/will jeopardize your ability to affiliate with FFA in future years.
- Animal:
 - Ask for project supervision and advice when needed from the chapter advisor.
 - Animals must be broke and under control of the student at all times. Failure to follow this can hinder your eligibility to show at the fair.
 - Own animals for the appropriate number of days: hog/lambs at least 90 days, rabbit/poultry at least 30 days and steers at least 120 days.
 - Provide above satisfactory care for your animal project throughout the project (prior to fair and during fair). Conduct yourself with ethics, responsibility and follow standards and guidelines regarding your project. Including but not limited to:
 - Feed and water animals daily
 - Keep animals, pens, and equipment clean and sanitary at all times
 - Ensure your project's needs are met at all times
- FFA :
 - Maintain an accurate and up to date Official FFA Record Book to be checked monthly by the FFA advisor for progress.
 - *Attend at least 2 chapter FFA meetings during spring semester.*
 - *Maintain a 2.2 GPA with one allowed F.*
 - Follow all school rules when representing yourself and Healdsburg FFA.
 - Obtain 1 HFFCF Award Sponsor (Minimum \$25)
 - Obtain 1 award sponsor for the Ag Boosters Fundraiser (Minimum \$25)
- Fair:
 - Attend scheduled fair meetings, before, during and after fair.

- Wear an appropriate and approved FFA show uniform—this includes white pants (no skinny jeans), belt, white dress shirt with a collar (no polo’s), FFA jacket and FFA scarf or tie. Along with appropriate shoes (boots or tennis shoes depending on species).
- Be on time to all meetings and events scheduled for members.
- Turn in all appropriate paperwork to compete in fair(s), including but not limited to DNA paperwork, fair entries, etc.
 - HFFCF entries are due: April 1st
 - Sonoma County entries are due: May 30th
- **Attend a minimum of 3 species specific pre-fair meetings.** These meetings will cover: purchasing, proper care, fair preparation, fitting, showing, decorations, etc.
- Be responsible for acquiring a buyer for your animal.
- Be responsible for my own animal the entire fair including feeding, watering, fitting and showing.
- Dress appropriately at the fair and follow all school dress codes.
- Refrain from using vulgar or inappropriate language while at the fair
- Not engage in any behavior considered against the rules or illegal (ie. chewing tobacco, alcohol, etc.)
- Arrive at the fair no later than 7:00am to feed, water, and care for my animal and 4:00 pm to care, water and feed my animal daily.
- Check in with my advisor when I arrive and before I leave daily.
- Participate in Barn Duty during the fair as assigned. Which will include but is not limited to:
 - Cleaning & sweeping aisles
 - Picking up manure
 - Keeping bedding clean and neat
 - Ensuring animals do not get loose
 - Maintaining all tools, equipment, and tack in proper place
 - Feeding and watering animals

Parent Responsibilities:

- **Assist** your student with the care, maintenance and raising of their animal. Doing things for them, teaches them very little, this is their project and they need to learn how to do things for it.
- Provide student with an FFA show uniform—this includes white pants (no skinny jeans), belt, white dress shirt with a collar (no polo’s), FFA jacket and FFA scarf or tie. Along with appropriate shoes (boots or tennis shoes depending on species).
- Encourage students to have sportsmanship and a positive attitude throughout the entire process.
- Cooperate with all discipline and expectation requirements set forth by Healdsburg High School and Healdsburg Agriculture Department.
- Assist your student with finances and with any loan program they may sign up for related to their market animal project.

We have read and agree to **ALL** of the above statements. I understand that failure to complete this form will result in an inability to exhibit livestock at any fair under Healdsburg FFA.

We, also understand that if _____ (student name) fails to abide by these rules my parents will be contacted immediately and I will suffer some or all of the following consequences:

- Removal of my animal from auction and/or removal of myself from the fair.
- Disqualification from Healdsburg FFA in future years
- Referral from HHS administration
- Appropriate school discipline policy consequences

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Ag Advisor Initials: _____ Date Turned In: _____