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<p>O-L-01 – 4-H Project Animals (Updated: May 14, 2021)</p> <p>In order for 4-H participants to be eligible to participate in multi-county, regional, provincial and/or national 4-H livestock events they must enter their Project Animal Identification Form (PAIF) information into the 4-H Ontario site of AssistExpo. This information must be entered no later than June 1st of the current calendar year. Forms received after June 1st are late, and those members will not be eligible to participate in multi-county, regional, provincial or national 4-H livestock events.</p> <p>The 4-H Association Livestock Contacts will verify the entries for the Association. Be sure to hit send confirmation when you have completed your PAIF online and keep a copy of this email for your records.</p> <p>Only the animal that is properly identified as the 4-H project on the Project Animal Identification Form shall be eligible to enter multi-county, regional, provincial and/or national 4-H livestock events. 4-H participants are allowed to have only ONE animal per commodity eligible for multi-county, regional, provincial and/or national 4-H livestock events. 4-H participants are required to identify this ONE animal when they are entering their information into AssistExpo. If more than one animal of the same commodity is entered into AssistExpo and both are selected as the animal that is going to be shown at multi-county, regional, provincial and/or national 4-H livestock events neither animal will be eligible.</p> <p>There shall be absolutely no substitution of animals designated on the Project Animal Identification Form for multi-county, regional, provincial and/or national 4-H livestock events.</p> <p>If there is a lost tag, 4-H participants can report this to 4-H Ontario via the Coordinator, Events using Form 6.39 Project Animal Tag Replacement Form. The Coordinator, Events will make the changes required and provide you with an updated confirmation form with the new tag information</p> <p>In the case of extenuating circumstances (i.e. a provincial State of Emergency), the June 1st deadline may be extended by 4-H Ontario for a period of up to 35 days.</p>	<p>1996/ 2000/ 2001/ 2012/ 2016 /2017/ 2020/ 2021</p>
<p>O-L-02 – Livestock Age (Reviewed: July 31, 2019)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-H dairy project animals must be born after March 1 of the preceding year. • 4-H beef project animals must be born after January 1 of the preceding year. • If age, weight or breed categories are required it is the responsibility of the event organizers to determine the categories and communicate them to the participants. 	<p>1989/ 1993/ 2001/ 2012/ 2016/ 2019</p>



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<p>O-L-03 – Livestock Appeal (Amended: September 15, 2020)</p> <p>A 4-H participant may request to have a concern reviewed by the 4-H Ontario Livestock Appeal Committee regarding 4-H Ontario livestock policy O-L-01 4-H Project Animals. The 4-H Ontario Livestock Appeal Committee will only hear cases where a 4-H participant seeks an exception to provincial livestock policy O-L-01 in the instance of a catastrophic event with the animal registered as their Project Animal for the current 4-H year.</p> <p>An individual wishing to have a case heard will contact the 4-H Ontario Livestock Appeal Committee through the 4-H Ontario office by written submission to the Coordinator, Events.</p> <p>The written submission shall include the following information, submitted using Form 6.24 Livestock Appeal Request Form:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all relevant details of the case, with supporting documentation/information where applicable • the 4-H participant’s name, phone number and contact details • names, phone numbers and contact details of others involved so they may be contacted at the discretion of the 4-H Ontario Livestock Appeal Committee. <p>The 4-H Ontario Livestock Appeal Committee will consist of four participants – three volunteers and the 4-H Ontario Senior Manager, Programming. The membership of the committee, and all discussions, are confidential.</p> <p>The decision of the 4-H Ontario Livestock Appeal Committee will be rendered within three (3) weeks of receipt of the information. The decision of the 4-H Ontario Livestock Appeal Committee is final.</p>	<p>1996/ 2001/ 2012/ 2014/ 2017/ 2020</p>
<p>O-L-04 – Helmet Usage at Equine Events (Removed: September 15, 2019) See Policy O-HS-04 - Helmet Use</p>	<p>2006/ 2012/ 2016/ 2019</p>
<p>O-L-05 – Membership Eligibility Requirements (Updated: May 14, 2021)</p> <p>In order for 4-H members to be eligible to participate in multi-county, regional, provincial and/or national 4-H livestock events, the member must be a member in good standing (see definition in 4-H Ontario Policy Manual Section 1.1 Definitions – Member In Good Standing) prior to June 1st with the local Association in which they are taking their livestock project.</p> <p>Note: If the member is completing a livestock project in an association other than their identified “home association”, they must be considered a member in good standing in that association also.</p> <p>In the case of extenuating circumstances (i.e. a provincial State of Emergency), the June 1st deadline may be extended by 4-H Ontario for a period of up to 35 days.</p>	<p>2010/ 2012/ 2016/ 2019/ 2021</p>



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<p>O-L-06 – Completing Two (2) Clubs of Same Commodity <i>(Reviewed: July 31, 2019)</i></p> <p>Members may complete two clubs of the same commodity. If both clubs involve a project animal as a club requirement, the member must have two different animals. Only ONE of these animals is eligible to participate in multi-county, regional, provincial and /or national 4-H livestock events. The designation of this animal must be made on the Project Animal Identification Form by the June 1st deadline. The second animal is eligible only for show at the local Achievement day.</p>	<p>2010/ 2016/ 2019</p>
<p>O-L-07 – Use of Intact Males as Project Animals <i>(Reviewed: July 31, 2019)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stallions are not eligible as 4-H project animals. • Intact bull calves are not eligible as 4-H project animals. • Intact male llamas or alpacas are not eligible as 4-H project animals. • Intact small ruminant animals are not eligible as 4-H project animals. 	<p>2000/ 2001/ 2010/ 2012/ 2014/ 2015/ 2019</p>
<p>O-L-08 – Identification Requirements <i>(Amended: September 15, 2020)</i></p> <p>4-H Ontario participants showing at any event must have the appropriate identification for the commodity being shown and it must be provided on the Project Animal Identification Form (PAIF) to receive PAIF approval.</p>	<p>2012/ 2014 / 2017/ 2020</p>
<p>O-L-09 – Animal Health, Safety and Traceability <i>(Amended: July 31, 2019)</i></p> <p>4-H participants are encouraged to review all 4-H Ontario Animal Health and Safety resources and information, as well as the applicable regulations, traceability requirements and codes of practice.</p> <p>It is 4-H Ontario’s expectation that 4-H stakeholders (including, but not limited to volunteers, members, animal owners, parents, etc.) are expected to adhere to, at minimum, the industry standards for the commodity of the project animal.</p>	<p>2011/ 2012/ 2016/ 2019</p>
<p>O-L-10 - Show Rules and Regulations <i>(Reviewed: September 15, 2020)</i></p> <p>4-H Ontario does not run any livestock shows. There are many shows which are open to 4-H participants and the expectation is that 4-H participants must follow the rules and regulations as outlined by the shows in which they are participating IN ADDITION to 4-H Ontario policies.</p>	<p>2017/ 2020</p>