

# Ingham County 4-H

## Homegrown Livestock Fair Verification Form

The learning objective of the homegrown class is for youth to have the opportunity to experience the market animal project from birth through marketing of the animal. Exhibitors should gain and be able to demonstrate skills in animal husbandry, critical thinking, decision making, and record keeping through their animal project.

Rules for exhibiting your 4-H project in homegrown class at the fair:

1. Youth must be in possession of and own or lease (with written documentation) the mother of the animal being exhibited at the time of birth of the project animal.
2. Youth must contact 4-H/FFA leader and leader must validate animals birth, possession of animal and Dam, and send validation form in to the 4-H office no later than March 15.
3. The project animal and Dam must be housed on the property of the youth's immediate family (parents or grandparents) throughout the duration of the entire project cycle.
4. Project animal being exhibited at the fair must also be entered as an individual in a market class.
5. Only one entry per exhibitor per species.
6. Youth is to provide at least 80% of management and labor for project animal.
7. A record keeping component will be required to be turned in to the species superintendent upon check-in at fair. Swine exhibitors enter Tom Stid Award; Beef and Sheep exhibitors enter record keeping book. (please note any of these records may also be exhibited in the Personal Development (still exhibit) classes at the fair, must be entered on registration form in both departments)

**Exhibitor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Club:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Species:**

Beef

Sheep

Swine

**Homegrown Entry Information:**

**Identification:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dam:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sire:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Breeding (circle one):**    **natural insemination on farm / AI on farm / purchased bred**

This verification form is notification to species superintendent that you intend to enter a homegrown exhibit at the Ingham County Fair. You must still enter this animal on your fair entry in the individual market class, homegrown class, and record keeping class for species (and Personal Development optional). The judge may reserve the right to judge the animal and/or records for this project.

**Exhibitor Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Leader Signature** (indicating that you have verified this animal is owned and meets the homegrown specification for the above exhibitor)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_