2015 South Carolina 4-H & FFA Market Steer Project Registration

**Participant Eligibility**

Participants are only allowed to register **ONE** steer!

Steers must be owned and cared for by the participant and housed in South Carolina during the project.

Participants must:

- have access to a farm or adequate acreage with adequate shelter and space to house a market steer for 5-6 months.
- be willing to commit to raising a market steer for approximately 5-6 months.
- be current residents of South Carolina and active, dues paying members of 4-H or FFA in good standing.
- be at least 5 years of age but not over 19 years of age on January 1st of the project year.
- be responsible for all costs incurred during the duration of the Project (feed, housing, veterinarians, etc.).
- be aware that often members only break even and some even lose money. It is a time-consuming and sometimes costly project. The goal of a youth livestock project is learning and experiencing the industry while developing life-skills!

**Participant Responsibilities**

Participants are expected to treat all animals with respect and proper handling. No abuse of animals will be allowed. Any participant that is suspected of or determined to be abusing animals or acting in an unsportsmanlike manner can be dismissed from a show, removed from the project, or banned from future animal projects as deemed necessary by the project committee.

Participants must officially weigh and identify their steer by June 10th. See instructions below for more information.

Participants must get their steers to at least 1,000 lbs by the State Fair Show date. Do not cut corners on feed!

Participants who elect to sell their steer must contact at least 3 potential buyers for their steer. Copies of letters, emails, or a phone number must be submitted with the record book.

Record books will be sent upon receipt of official identification of steer. Completed record books will be due after Project Sale.

Youth are responsible for registering to show at the SC State Fair. Participating in this project does NOT register anyone for the SC State Fair.
Steer Identification and Weigh-In
Participants are only allowed to register **ONE** steer!

Steers must be officially weighed and identified June 1st – 10th.

Weight can be taken by your Extension Agent, Ag Teacher, or at an official set of scales.

You will also need to take pictures of your steer. Profile, head (clearly showing ear tag numbers), and any identifying marks.

The initial weight along with pictures will need to be submitted before June 30th.

Steer Sale

**Information about the Market Steer Project Sale will be sent to participants when the sale date and location are finalized.**

ONLY Steers entered in the SC 4-H/FFA Market Steer Project and that make weight, will be eligible to sell.

Youth are not required to sell their steers at the Project Sale, but are highly encouraged to in order to experience the full market animal process.

Participants who elect to sell their steer must contact at least 3 potential buyers for their steer. Copies of letters, emails, or a phone number must be submitted with the record book.

There will be a 5% sales commission deducted from the sale price of each steer to fund the SC Market Steer Program, yardage, and other costs related to the project.
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**Registration due (postmarked or emailed) by May 29, 2015**

Please TYPE or PRINT clearly! Fill out ALL information!

Parent/Guardian Name(s): ____________________________________________

Name: ____________________________________________ Birthdate: __________

This will be my ______ year in the Market Steer Project. Age on January 1: __________

Address: ____________________________________________

City: ____________________________________________ State: __________ Zip: __________

Phone: ____________________________________________ County: __________

Our primary form of communication is email. Please print your CURRENT email address below very CLEARLY! If you do not receive an email from us soon after the application deadline contact us!

Email: ____________________________________________

To participate in the Market Steer Project you must be a current, dues paying member of 4-H or FFA. Please check all that apply, then list your County Extension Agent or FFA Advisor.

☐ I am a 4-H member Extension Agent: __________________________

☐ I am a FFA member FFA Advisor: __________________________

☐ I am a youth member of a beef association Association: __________________________

Multi-Media Policy & Release

Clemson University, Cooperative Extension, 4-H, FFA, and designees take photos, video and other recordings of participants for use in future handbooks, brochures, podcasts, promotional videos or on our websites. Your participation in the Market Steer Project implies your consent for you (your child) to be photographed, videotaped and recorded for these purposes. We do, however, want to respect your (your child’s) privacy as much as possible, so if you do not want your (your child’s) photograph or information used for these purposes, please let us know by checking one of the boxes below and we will make every effort to exclude you (your child) from photos, videos, and other recordings.

☐ Please make every effort not use my (my child’s) image for any 4-H Livestock Program publicity.

☐ Please do not list my (my child’s) name in any captions or descriptions.

Steer Identification & Weigh-In

Your steer must be weighed the first week of June. This must be done by your Extension Agent, Ag Teacher, or at an official set of scales. You will also need to take pictures of your steer. Profile, head (clearly showing ear tag numbers), and any identifying marks. The initial weight along with pictures will need to be submitted before June 30th.

By signing below I have read and agree to all the rules and regulations of the South Carolina Market Steer Project.

Signature of Parent (required) __________________________

Signature of Applicant (required) __________________________

Signature of Extension Agent/Ag Teacher (required) __________________________

Send completed application and registration fee to:
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