



Northwest Michigan 4-H Livestock Council

Species Chair Selection Process



- ◆ Election of 4-H Species Chairs will take place in October.
- ◆ The term of a Species Chair will be three years; no term limits; 1/3 of the Species Chairs will be elected each year. The announcement of those positions up for election will be made at the Livestock Council meeting in June.
- ◆ The 3-year rotation is as follows:
 - Year 1 (elected in 2020) - Llama/Alpaca, Poultry, Sheep, and Steer
 - Year 2 (elected in 2021) - Horse, Jr. Beef, and Swine
 - Year 3 (elected in 2022) - Dairy Feeder, Dog, Rabbit/Cavy, and Goat
- ◆ The new Species Chair will officially take office & begin his/her 3-year term in October.
- ◆ Those interested in running for a position must complete an application and submit it to the MSU Extension office or the Livestock Council President NO LATER THAN the September Livestock Council meeting. Announcement of those running for each position will be made prior to the October meeting.
- ◆ At the October meeting, each candidate will be expected to give a 2 to 3-minute speech/presentation on his/her desire and ability to serve as a 4-H Species Chair and ideas he/she would like to implement during his/her term in office.
- ◆ The MSU Extension staff will ensure that all candidates are eligible to run for a position; that is, they have successfully completed the Volunteer Selection Process, are currently registered as a 4-H volunteer, and are in good standing in their county 4-H program.
- ◆ Responses (on the written application) of all qualified candidates will be printed and distributed along with the minutes of the September meeting. 4-H leaders will be responsible for forwarding this information on to their club members who want to vote.
- ◆ The MSUE office will prepare the ballot and provide enough paper copies for the vote in October.
- ◆ According to the current bylaws, all active (registered) 4-H leaders and members are eligible to vote.
- ◆ Voting will take place by secret paper ballot. Election is within each species; that is, only members and leaders active in the lamb program the previous year are eligible to vote for the lamb Species Chair. "Active in the species the previous year" will be determined by the records of the Northwest Michigan 4-H Livestock Council and MSU Extension and will be verified when ballots are distributed.
- ◆ The election will be determined by majority vote. If there is a tie, there will be a re-vote that includes only the candidates that tied for first (that is, if there is a third candidate that is not in the tie, he/she is not included in the re-vote). If the second vote results in a second tie, the Livestock Council officers will vote by secret ballot.
- ◆ In emergency situations, 4-H Extension staff, in consultation with the 4-H Livestock Council officers, will assign an interim Species Chair to serve until the following October. The person elected in October will complete the remainder of the original three-year term.