Livestock Council Minutes

Monday, May 4th, 2026

6:30pm – Redeemer Lutheran Church

Upcoming Meetings/Events

June 30th - Education Credit Deadline
Next Meeting – June 1st @ NWMI Fair Grounds

1. Welcome & Call to Order
   - Meeting started @ 6:30
2. Pledges
   - Pledges Completed
3. Roll Call
   - Completed
4. Additions to the Agenda
   - Poultry barn Fund, added under Fair Board News
5. Approval of the Agenda
   Motion: Gretchen Sauvage
   Second: Greg Bancroft
   All in favor, YES
6. Approval of the Minutes from April 6th
   Motion: Al Henning
   Second: Gretchen Sauvage
7. Treasurer's Report
   - Current balances gone over. Sound system, auction printing, feed grants mentioned. Printed financial reports available at meeting and are also listed on the Livestock Website under Financial Report.
8. Public Comment *
   - No Public Comment
9. Fair Board News
   - All Henning, thanks everyone who came to spaghetti dinner and silent auction. Silent Auction items are available at meeting to pick up.
   - Tom Looks: If anyone has premium book updates, they need to be submitted immediately. Premium Books are being finalized now. June 1st camp registrations and golf cart registration opens up. Mega Bands available now but better to wait until June 1st. Half of the horse stalls are set up and the fair board will need help with the rest. New member on the fair board. 97 days left until fair.
10. 4-H Staff Spotlight

MSU Extension Education/Events – Ali discusses screening and for Gold and Silver level volunteers and how every parent working with other children get screened to be a volunteer through MSU. Please contract the MSU extension to follow up with this and become a screened volunteer.

Antrim

1. Leaders and Lopers
2. Chick Hatch Along (Embryology)

Benzie

1. 4-H Day at Flintfields Horse Park is June 6th, 2026!!!!
2. 4-H Babysitter Training | June 15-19 in Frankfort | $25
3. Youth W9 Information & Fair Entry. Tax forms for auction Due Jule 15th, 2026. W9 info listed on Livestock Council Website with an instructional video of how to complete the form.
4. Public Announcements: Swick's Processing facility has burned down and will not be an option for 2026 butchering

Leelanau

1. Still Projects see below
2. 4-H Day on the inland seas- July 14 ~ 3 Hour Morning Sail!
3. Pre-fair 4-H livestock achievement shows! Myles Kimberly. June 13 and June 20.
4. Leelanau 4-H Youth Association Advisory Board meeting 5/28/26 5:45 P.M. Leelanau County Government Building

- **Tanner Building Exhibits**
  Registration Due: June 30th 11:59PM Still Life project. Auction date and time to be determined

Grand Traverse
1. Andrew L. Olson 4-H Scholarship Awardees
2. Introducing Crystal Woodward-Turner of AmeriCorps
3. Introducing our Newest 4-H Gold Level Volunteers, Encouraging More!
4. Grants Available, contact MSU Extension

Leader Association: Spaghettini Dinner May 17th at Creekside community church 4PM, Dinner at 5PM for youth to invite buyers and spend time with buyers to help with interaction skills.

11. Old Business
    a. Band App
       - Sign up on the Livestock Website for communication during fair
    b. Name Tags
       - Due June 1st. $12 a piece. Order form listed on Livestock Website
    c. **Heather Barley Scholarship Applications Due TONIGHT!**
12. New Business
    - No new business
13. Species Chair Updates

Goat – 60 total, 12 market, 36 show only, 12 Cloverbuds, 3 seniors. Registration is closed.

- Please keep a close eye on your goats for sickness. The weather had been all over the place with temperatures, so you need to be paying extra attention to them.
- Minimum weight for market projects is 65 pounds.
- Make sure your project has an official USDA scrapie tag. This is for all projects, market and show only animals, registered or not. If your goat does not have a scrapie tag or if you have questions about scrapie tags or tattoos please reach out to me asap, don't wait till the last minute.
- Tags for market projects, I will be reaching out to those registered for a market project to schedule tagging.

As always, I can be reached by phone, text or email:
(231) 883-2002 or info@luckyfarmsmi.com

Dog – June 1st Registrations due
Rabbit/Cavy – Registration closes tonight. 4 cavy, 47 rabbit show only, 17 skillathon, 16 cloverbuds. Will be reaching out to market registrations soon to verify market pens.
Large Beef – 90 total, 73 market, 16 show only.

- Worming should be completed now, make sure withdrawal dates are before fair dates.
- Seniors to send in information for senior boards.
- Education due June 30th. Cattle shows going on for education credit, take picture in front of banner at show and text it to Haven. All species can get an education credit by doing this, not just beef kids.
- Next Possession date for 2027 is Nov 1, Registration Nov 2, Mandatory weigh in and tagging Nov 7th and 8th at the fair grounds.

Poultry – June clinics dates will be sent out soon. Clinics will be two hours long and will be credited as 2 hours of education. Educational options will be sent out soon.

- Meat Ducks order now
- Meat birds order has been placed. Delivery the week of June 8th.
  REMINDER: 4-H'er must supply and register a show bird with the NWMF. Meat birds cannot be shown in showmanship.
- Cornish game pens orders will now be accepted, delivery.week of July13.

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- SHOW BIRDS SHOULD HAVE BEEN IN POSSESSION IN APRIL!
- Poultry market Pen Numbers:

Meat chickens	25
Turkey	12
Cornish Game	12
Production pullets	10
Meat ducks	7
Seniors	4
Clover Buds	10

Large/Dairy Feeder – 7 Dairy beef, 33 Dairy feeders. Tagging is happening and you will be contacted soon. Watch for sickness with the weather up and down.

Horse – Registration due tonight. Coggins and vaccinations need to be completed. Boot camp this Sat at the Fair grounds, there are still spots available: May 9th.

Lamb – Email will be sent with update

Jr Beef – Current Numbers: 29 Cloverbud, 44 Market, 8 Show only

- Possession date is May 15th Junior beef calves must be 100% beef breed (no dairy/beef crosses) and born after Jan 1st of this year. (Smaller/Mini breeds such as dexter and highland cattle may only be used for cloverbud and show only projects, as they cannot be used in the large beef program.) Please reach out if you have a question about the breed of the calf you are looking at.
- Make sure you have your supplies and stall ready before bringing your calf home,
- The Calf should have an RFID tag from the farm you are purchasing it from.

**Ask your breeder about any vaccines give: calves must be vaccinated for: Bovine Rhinotracheitis (IBR), Parainfluenza 3 (PI3), and Bovine Respiratory Syncytial Virus (BRSV). If they received vaccines, you will need the information for the health recoded needed to unload at fair. If the calf is not vaccinated by the breeder, it will be your responsibility to get it completed before coming to fair.

- Tagging will take place in June; you can tag a second Jr. Beef for $10 due at the time of tagging. And that calf can only be used within the family that purchased it.
- There is a minimum weight of 300 and a Max weight of 700. Under or over this amount at fair weight in you will not be able to participate in market but can still show in show only and open classes.

Summer Showmanship practices:

Wednesday June 17th 6-8pm,
Thursday June 25th 6-8pm,
Wednesday July 1st 6-8pm,
Sunday July 19th 4-6pm

- Education is due June 30th so please get that turned in before then.
  Option on the website.
  YQCA http://yqcaprogram.org/
  Make the most out of your market project webinar still has 3 session left May 5, May 12 and May 19th sign up link on the education page of Iowa Extension and Outreach: Beef Education Link and instructions on the website

BAQ:

MI Cattlemen's shows seirs
Hartford Beef Preview May. 9th, 2026 Hartford Mi
Cherry Capital Beef Classic May. 16th, 2026', Traverse City, Mi
Northern Exposure Beef Show May. 17th, 2026 West Branch, MI
Lakeshore Beef Classic May. 23rd-24th, 2026 Luddington MI
The Grand Preview May. 23rd-25th, 2026 Lowell MI
Scott Acker Classic Jun. 6th-7th, 2026 Mt Pleasant, MI
Lori Branstrom Memorial UP Classic Jun. 12th-13th, 2026 Escanaba, MI
Allegan County Spectacular Livestock Show Jun. 20th-21st, 2026 Allegan, MI (This show also includes Sheep and goats)

- Reminder that if you are enrolled in more than one 4-H cattle project you my must declare which project you will be showing by the NWMI Fair registration deadline.

Cattle Program Change for 2026:

- Project Limit -Each 4 H member may participate in one (1) 4-H cattle project Dairy Beef, Dairy Feeder, Jr. Beef or Large Beef.
- Additional Animals -Any additional cattle owned by the 4- H member(s) may still be shown, but only in the Open Class divisions of the Northwestern Michigan Fair.
- Project Declaration -Members must declare their official 4-H cattle project to their species chair by the registration deadline of the Northwestern Michigan Fair. All other 4-H cattle project registrations must be withdrawn before the fair registration deadline.

Reach out with any questions
Amanda Wilkins
231-357-0777/ Jrbeef4h@yahoo.com

Upcoming work bees:
May 13th, June 16th and July 22 6-7:30p

Llama/Alpaca – Registrations due tonight. Again keep an eye on animals with the up and down weather, June 28- 5-7 PM, clinic at the fairgrounds about fiber and wool.
Swine - Virtual tagging due next Friday. Additional pig is $10. Payment can be made to the livestock Council board. Make sure you are worming and watching for sunburn.

14. Differently Abled Update
    - No update
15. Committee Reports
    a. Reporting Committees:
       Auction – Next committee meeting: May 21st, 6PM at Grawn United Methodist Church
       Buyers Lunch – serving a 3 rib portions this year
       Cherry Festival Parade – No update
       Fair Week Evening Activities – No update
       Fun Saturday – More information soon
       Fun Classes – No update
       4H Dance – All set
       Showmanship Showdown – All Set
    b. Non-Reporting Committees:
       Auction Refreshments – All set
       Auction Ring Set-Up – All Set
       ~~Can Drive~~ –
       Cloverbud Fair Week Activities – All set
       Fair Set-Up & Tear-Down – working on
       Pizza Party – all set
16. Public Comment *
    - Mark Barley: Large animal scale at fairground, Scales have seized up and is inoperable. Wonders if this will be resolved.
      - Haven has reached out to the company to get a service call on the books to get them fixed.
    - Livestock Council Board meeting minutes will be posted this week for March and April.
17. Questions?
    - No Questions
18. Adjourn at 7:18 PM
    Motion: Faith Grose
    Second: Al Henning

4H Group Attendance:

Club	County	March	April	May
A Backyard Bunch	Antrim		X	X
Beef & Bacon		x	X	
Benzie Critters	Benzie			
Benzie Cowabungas	Benzie		X	X
Bits n Grit	Grand Traverse	X	X	
Blueberry Barnyard	Grand Traverse			
Boots & Roots	Grand Traverse			
Caring Critters	Grand Traverse			X
Carousel Club	Grand Traverse	X	X	X
Country Cousins	Grand Traverse			
Country Kids	Grand Traverse	X	X	X
Country Roots	Grand Traverse	X	X	X
Crazy Acres	Grand Traverse	X	X	X
Crossroad Kids	Benzie	X	X	X
Dirty Boots & Country Roots	Grand Traverse			
Dusty Trails		x	X	X
Excalibur Mazkaraders	Grand Traverse	X		
Farm and Fleece	Grand Traverse	X		
Farm and Freedom	Grand Traverse			
Fence & Field	Leelanau	X	X	X
Forever Farmin'	Grand Traverse	X	X	X
Frontier Quest	Leelanau	X		
Gotta Lluva Cool Critter	Leelanau	X	X	X
Green Acres	Grand Traverse	X		X
Happy Highlanders	Grand Traverse	X	X	X
Happy Hooves	Leelanau	X	X	X
Hats N Boots	Grand Traverse	X	X	X
Kaleidoscope Kids	Benzie	X	X	X
Lake Ann 4-H Livestock Club	Leelanau	X	X	X
Leaders and Lopers	Antrim			
Leather-N-Laces	Grand Traverse	X	X	X
Legacy Livestock	Grand Traverse	X	X	X
Liberty Livestock	Grand Traverse			
Lone Wolves	Grand Traverse			
Long Lake 4-H Livestock	Grand Traverse	X	X	X
Maple Ridge	Grand Traverse	X	X	X
Misty Meadows	Grand Traverse			
Northern Lights	Grand Traverse	X	X	X
Northwest Classy K-9's	Grand Traverse	X	X	X
Pen Pals	Grand Traverse	X	X	X
Pony Pals 4-H	Leelanau			
Proclites	Leelanau	X		X

Radical Rabbit Raisers N More	Grand Traverse	X	X	X
Rickety Ranchers	Grand Traverse	X	X	X
Round About Wranglers	Grand Traverse			X
Showtime	Grand Traverse	X		
Small Town Farmers	Leelanau		X	X
Sunshine Acres	Grand Traverse	X	X	
TC Hooves and Wings	Grand Traverse		X	
Too Goat to Be True	Grand Traverse	X	X	X
Twin Lakes	Grand Traverse	X	X	X
Two By Two	Leelanau			
Walnut Acres	Grand Traverse			X
Windy Acres	Grand Traverse	X	X	X