



Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Development Age Policy

4-H age is determined by a young person's age as of January 1 of the current 4-H program year (which runs from September 1 through August 31).

4-H Cloverbud Members are the ages of 5 to 8 as of January 1. As with 4-H activities for older youth, 4-H Cloverbud programs are designed to be safe, age appropriate, educational and fun. A key difference, however, is that 4-H Cloverbud activities have a specific non-competitive focus.

In order to participate fully in 4-H, youth must be 9 to 18 years old as of January 1 of the program year (i.e. a member who turns 9 on January 2 would still be a Cloverbud). A member who is 18 on January 1 will be in their last year as a 4-H member; a member who is 19 on that date cannot participate.



4-H Ages for Livestock Participation

using January 1, 2012 as determining date

Born in	Age	
1993	18	
1994	17	
1995	16	
1996	15	
1997	14	
1998	13	
1999	12	
2000	11	
2001	10	Full participation in all species and projects
2002	9	All species and projects but horse is still walk-trot
2003	8	(Cloverbud) goats, rabbits, cats, llama Protégé, horse (walk-trot, lead line and Protégé), swine, sheep, dairy and beef calf (with mentor), poultry, dogs (with an older youth or adult), still projects
2004	7	(Cloverbud) goats, rabbits, cats, llama Protégé, horse (walk-trot, lead line and Protégé), swine, sheep, dairy and beef calf (with mentor), poultry, dogs (with an older youth or adult) and still projects
2005	6	(Cloverbud) cats, rabbits and poultry, goats, horse (lead line only), dogs (with an adult), still projects
2006	5	(Cloverbud) rabbits and poultry, goats, horse (lead line only), dogs (with an adult), still projects
2007 or after		too young to participate

Youth must have been born between years 1993 and 2002 in order to show and sell market livestock (beef, sheep, goats, poultry, rabbits and hogs).