

2008 Winnebago County Meat Animal Project⁷ and Sale Rules and Requirements

Rules and requirements are reviewed on an annual basis for the Meat Animal Project and Sale. Therefore, it is your responsibility as exhibitors and as leaders to thoroughly discuss these rules and requirements. Whether you are showing and/or selling beef, sheep or swine, all rules may pertain to your 4-H, FFA or youth group projects.

2009 Project and Sale Rules and Requirements will be provided to individuals by the Meat Animal Board.

1. Any 4-H, FFA or youth group project members enrolled in the BEEF STEER, DAIRY-STEER, DAIRY-BEEF STEER, SHEEP OR SWINE PROJECT are eligible for the Meat Animal Sale.
2. Market gilts will show against barrows in the respective weight classes. Market ewes will also show against the market wethers.
 - a. Market gilts and ewes may collect premiums in only one fair class. If a decision is made to change goals before the fair and enter a market ewe in a breeding class, then the preliminary identification must be removed before that animal arrives at the fair. All animals arriving at the fair with a preliminary market identification will be weighed for market classes. No changes will be allowed once an ewe is weighed for a market class.
3. A meat animal project exhibitor will be allowed to sell one market animal overall. If an exhibitor has two or more grand or reserve champion market animals, he/she will be allowed to sell two of those champions if they are of a different species (beef, swine, sheep, etc.)
4. A special carcass evaluation to place market hogs, steers and lamb on meat quality will be conducted. Only those hogs, steers and lambs sold through the auction are eligible for placing at the carcass evaluation. The Meat Animal Project Committee will announce details.
5. Steer weigh-in date will be held on the last Saturday of February, from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon in Barn A at the Winnebago County Expo Center (Snow day will be the following Saturday)
 - a. Steers entered in the Meat Animal Project and Sale must be weighed in and identified with an ear tag. A beef project member will be allowed to ear tag no more than four (4) steers. Market steers tagged in a previous year's County Fair are NOT eligible for the show and sale. Exhibitors who will be showing steers in a "feeder" steer class are also encouraged to have their calves weighed at this time. The feeder calf must have been born after March 15 of the fair year.
 - b. All steers identified for the sale must be castrated and dehorned prior to weigh-in. Steers showing signs of warts, ringworm, mange or any other infectious disease will be held back in the trailer or truck and identified at 11:00 a.m. or later.
 - c. Every steer must have its own halter with a lead rope on it at the weigh-in for safety reasons.
6. The project member should be present at weigh-in to designate their project animals. Only one name is allowed per animal. A project member will be allowed to show and sell only those animals which are identified in his or her name.

All market lambs and hogs to be entered in the Meat Animal Project and Sale program must be identified with one ear tag on the first Saturday in May from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Winnebago County Exposition Center - Barn A.

- a. Sheep and swine project members will be allowed to ear tag no more than four (4) market hogs and/or lambs per exhibitor. Market swine exhibitors however, will only be allowed to unload two market hogs per exhibitor to be weighed for the sale.
 - b. Market wethers and barrows must be castrated before weigh-in.
8. Project members must select their animals to be entered into the Meat Animal Sale immediately following the judging and grading of the last market class.
 9. All members must follow present fair regulations concerning entries and classes for the Beef, Sheep and Swine Departments.
 10. A sales commission not to exceed 3% of gross sale plus \$10.00 per head will be deducted from all animals sold at the auction to cover expenses and mandatory promotion check-offs for promotion. The commission fee will be set by the Meat Animal Project and Sale Committee board following the sale.
 - a. Steers that have been sold must be left in the barn with adequate rope halters after release on Sunday. If not, an additional \$10.00 will be deducted from the exhibitor's sale check.
 11. All market steers, hogs and lambs weighed at the County Fair on entry day may be shown for fair ribbons and premiums.
 12. Meat animals to be sold at the auction must meet all the following standards:

**All animals are Graded at time of Class Placing by the Fair Judge.

| ANIMAL | MINIMUM WEIGHT (Maximum where applied) | MINIMUM GRADE** | AGE |
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| STEERS BEEF BREEDS | No minimum weight for steers, but all steers must gain at least 2 lbs. per day from weigh-in to day prior to entry day of fair | "CHOICE" | As in Fair Book; Junior Yearling, Summer Yearling, Senior Calf (born in previous year) |
| DAIRY- BEEF CROSS | | "CHOICE" | |
| STRAIGHT DAIRY | | "SELECT" | |
| MARKET HOGS | 210 lbs. and a maximum of 285 lbs., however, if the top rate of gain hog exceeds 285 lbs., it may be sold at the 285 lb. maximum weight provided it meets required grade. Market hogs must gain at least 1.5 lbs. per day from weigh-in to day prior to entry day at fair. | USDA 1 & 2 | Born after January 15. |
| MARKET LAMBS | 90 lbs. and a maximum of 150 lbs., however, if the top rate of gain lamb exceeds 150 lbs., it may be sold at the 150 lb. maximum weight provided it meets required grade. Market lambs must gain at least .4 lbs. per day from weigh-in to day prior to entry day at fair. | "CHOICE" OR "PRIME" | Born in current year. |

13. All Meat Animal Project members are required to attend one of the following meetings: (includes all 4-H, FFA or Youth Group Project Members). All participants are required to stay for the entire meeting or clinic to receive credit.
 1. Annual October Reorganizational Meat Animal Project Committee Meeting.
 2. Pen and Set-up Picnic/Pot Luck organized by Meat Animal Project Committee to be held the Sunday prior to the first day of county fair.
 3. One announced board meeting or any other designated educational clinic sponsored by the Meat Animal Board.

Attendance will be taken at all meetings. If a member does not make one of those meetings the board will assess a penalty of 3% of the sale proceeds on one animal which will be deducted from that exhibitor's sale check.
14. Project members must turn in copies of letters sent to at least two (2) different prospective buyers. Letters must be turned in to the Meat Animal Project Committee on fair entry day prior to drawing for any sale order numbers. All sale order numbers will be drawn on entry day.
15. Project members are encouraged to write "Thank You" letters to buyers of their project animals.
16. Buyers, exhibitors and parents will be invited to a Buyers Appreciation Dinner following the sale. Time and location will be announced by the Meat Animal Project Committee. Tickets for additional family members and friends will be sold at the fair.
17. The Meat Animal Project Committee reserves the right to hold checks, until all buyers have paid for their animals
18. An exhibitor will be allowed to weigh his or her animal only once.
19. The Meat Animal Project Committee will only be responsible for loading out those animals that are sold through the meat animal sale.
20. "Pool Animal" by a family must be known at weigh in with designated exhibitors of that family. "Pool Animal" can only be used only if the family exhibitors are weighing in one animal per exhibitor. Contact Board Members for more information.

Important Decisions Concerning Livestock Exhibits:

- A. All market hogs, steers and lambs will be weighed on Entry Day. This weight will determine entry into the appropriate weight classes for the live show. Within each weight class, a further breakdown of entries by weight may be made by the Meat Animal Project Committee. The number of entries per class will be targeted between 10 and 15. Fair superintendent will assign animals to their respective weight classes. If an exhibitor has more than one entry in a weight class, he/she may show one of these entries in the next heaviest weight class.
- B. Board of Directors may interpret rules if any questions or clarifications occur during the weigh-in or at other times during the fair. A decision will be made by no fewer than three (3) board members.
- C. WEIGHTS AT IDENTIFICATION
 - STEERS on February ID
 - 650-700 lbs. for beef breed steers
 - 650-700 lbs. for cross-bred steers
 - 700-800 lbs. for dairy steers

These are recommended weights for identification. To be eligible for sale, Steers must gain a minimum of 2.0 lbs. per day.
 - LAMBS on May ID
 - 50 lbs. Recommended weight for the early May identification. Plan on .7 - 1.0 lb. gain per day, depending on breed. To be eligible for sale, market lambs must gain a minimum of .40 lbs. per day.
 - HOGS on May ID
 - Plan on 1.6 - 1.9 lbs. per day. To be eligible for the sale, market hogs must gain a minimum of 1.50 lbs. per day.
- D. All livestock exhibitors are encouraged to wash their project animals before coming to the fair.
- E. Any exhibitor who cannot safely handle a project animal will be asked by the superintendents and fair management to remove that animal from the fair grounds.
- F. A representative from each club or chapter should attend as many Meat Animal Project meetings as possible. Advance notice of these meetings will be published in the County 4-H Newsletter.
- G. Beef and sheep project members may weigh in three (3) animals per species at the County Fair. Swine project members however, may only be allowed to unload two (2) market hogs per exhibitor to be weighed for the county fair show and sale.
- H. Any animal shown in a Junior Fair class is not eligible for Open Class.

- I. Animals exhibited at the County Fair are the exhibitor's responsibility to be fed and cleaned until release time on Sunday afternoon.
- J. Any exhibitor whose animal is found to have had any illegal substance resulting in the condemnation of meat, shall forfeit all sale proceeds.
- K. Health requirements will be strictly adhered to. Sick animals will be reported to the fair veterinarian.
- L. The order of selling for the beef breeds will be overall champion, overall reserve champion, and the remaining champions of the breeds. Awards will be given for each of the champions at the Meat Sale and recognition will be given for each of the classes of beef breeds.
- M. For the overall Champion Market and Reserve Champion Market Hog show, there will be 5 separate weight divisions. The top 2 animals from each group going for overall champion and reserve.
- N. If an exhibitor exhibits more than one champion in the beef classes only the highest ranking champion may be sold.
- O. A first time exhibitor in the meat animal project may sell one animal if he/she does not have any other animal to sell. Market hogs and lambs must meet grade requirements and minimum weight requirements for the sale. If hog is over weight, sell at 285 lbs. Steers must make minimum grade requirements.
- P. Judging order for all meat animal species is market classes followed by breeding classes and showmanship.
- Q. The County Fair Rules, Regulations & State Animal Health Requirements, will supersede all rules not contained here in.
- R. **State Fair Information:** Meat Animal Project members wishing to show beef, sheep or swine project animals at the State Fair must call the UW-Extension office for pre-entry forms and regional identification dates.
- S. All beef animals are required to be tied with a halter and a neck tie during the fair.

Please note: Up to date Meat Animal Project and Sale Rules and Requirements will be given to the exhibitors from the Meat Animal Committee. Please review these carefully, they may vary from the rules indicated in this book and the most current copy will be used for any decision making (due to a two year book).

MEAT ANIMAL BOARD MEMBERS:

Officers:

Dave Mahlke, President
 Doug Reese, Vice President
 Rachel Zenter, Business Secretary
 Jean Mahlke, Corresponding Secretary
 Sue Memler, Treasurer

Board Members:

Dean Luedtke
 Terry Treu
 Joe Winkel
 Jill Zentner
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POSTER PROJECT GUIDELINE SCORECARD OF POSTERS ALL DEPARTMENTS

RULES:

Posters must be designed on or affixed to standard poster board 22" x 28" maximum dimension with 14" x 22" minimum dimension. Posters may use any medium: watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils, or collage. **They must not be three-dimensional.** Member's name, age, club, and a brief interpretive statement should be clearly written on a 3" x 5" card and attached to the back of each poster in the upper left-hand corner.

EFFECTIVENESS

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| Theme | 25 |
| Simplicity | 10 |
| Originality | 15 |

ART, DESIGN, LETTERING

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| Pleasing composition, attractive | 10 |
| Dynamic, eye-catching, original | 10 |
| Neat, easily read lettering | 10 |
| Use of color in larger letters than the content | 10 |

CONSTRUCTION

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| Materials: texture, shape, size | 5 |
| Durable | 5 |