

2017 Dunn County 4-H / FFA Meat Animal Project Entry Rules

Mission Statement: *The primary objective of the Dunn County Meat Animal Project is to encourage and educate project members to improve their programs in the production, breeding and management of high-quality meat that will more adequately meet processing requirements and provide wholesome, nutritious and palatable meat as a food for the consumer.*

The 4-H/FFA Meat Animal Project is a commitment that starts with the rules meeting and continues through the carcass clinic and thanking the buyers. Project members need to complete the project as indicated by the following rules.

1. **Eligibility:** Any 4-H or FFA member who has not graduated from high school (at the time of the rules meeting), is eligible for the Dunn County Meat Animal Project. He/she must be enrolled in any of the following 4-H/FFA projects or enterprises: Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Swine and/or Goats. Cloverbuds and Explorers are not eligible. The Committee has the right to review individual eligibility. All exhibitors must be in compliance with County, State and Federal Mandates, including but not limited to applicable IRS Regulations.
2. **Entry:** Entry into the Dunn County Meat Animal Project will begin at weigh-in. Entry forms must be submitted with all information and signatures by weigh-in. Dunn County Fair entry forms must also be completed and sent to the Fair secretary by the due date set by the fair board.
 - a. One animal per member is eligible for the auction; only animals in the auction are eligible for the Carcass Clinic.
 - b. All market animals must be fit for human consumption at fair weigh-in and remain so up until slaughter.
 - c. ***Breeding Animal:*** Project members entering beef, sheep, goats, and swine in the Meat Animal Project must enter, exhibit and assume responsibility for daily care by May 1 of a breeding animal. Failure to assume responsibility for daily care will result in a 2% deduction on the final sale check. **(Because of the higher initial cost, first-year project members are not required to exhibit a breeding animal.)** For beef, a female must meet the requirements in one of the beef breeding classes. **Exhibitors who exhibit a dairy steer, dairy-cross steer, or market heifer may exhibit in either the beef or dairy breeding show.** A market ewe lamb, market doe, market gilt, or market heifer does not qualify as a breeding animal.
3. **Orientation and Rules Meeting:** This meeting is **mandatory for all Meat Animal Project Members**, with only 1st year members receiving an educational point for attendance. The rules meetings are on January 19, 2017 at 7:00pm OR April 11, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Dunn County Community Services Building. **Project members who do not attend one of the sessions are not eligible to sell.** If you are not able to attend one of the sessions, members must contact a member of the Meat Animal Committee to arrange a time to go over the rules. All rule requirements must be completed by May 15th, 2017.
4. **Initial Weigh-in:** All **beef** must be born after January 1 of the year previous of the exhibit year. All **goats** need to be born after December 15 of the previous exhibit year. All **sheep** and **swine** must be born after January 1 of the exhibit year. Animals must show obvious signs of castration prior to weigh-in.

- a. All animals must be weighed in at the Dunn County location. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Beef will only be weighed in with a halter on. Species will be weighed-in on the following dates:

Species	Date	Time	Location	Max Weights	Feeding Period
Beef	2/11/2017	9am–10am	Dunn Co. Rec Park	1100	166 days
Swine	4/22/2017	9am-11am	Dunn Co. Rec Park	100	96 days
Sheep	4/22/2017	9am–11am	Dunn Co. Rec Park	80	96 days
Goats	4/22/2017	9am-11am	Dunn Co. Rec Park	50	96 days

- b. Members may weigh-in the following number of animals:

Species	Individual
Beef	5 (steers or heifers)
Sheep	5 (wethers or ewes)
Swine	5 (barrows or gilts)
Goats	5 (wethers or does)

- c. All times, dates and locations are subject to change. Information may also be posted at <http://dunn.uwex.edu> and emailed to members using the emails provided by the members. Please make sure your contact information is up to date with the project. You may also call your species area superintendent.
- d. Weight exemptions must be submitted, in writing, for approval to the Meat Animal Project Committee via the Extension Office, no later than the January Meat Animal Committee Meeting.
- e. The following people are Dunn County Fair superintendents in their respective areas and should be contacted for questions concerning weigh-in:

Beef Justin Jensen (715-308-7058)
Sheep Wendy and Steven Maves (715-665-2117, 715-828-5384)
Swine Scott Harrison (715-559-0402), Haleigh Styer (715-232-0773),
 John Nelson (608-797-5753) Tina Edwards (715-962-2365,
 715-309-3166)
Goats Lori Gorell (715-379-3401)

5. Identification: Each Beef and Swine project animal will be double ear-tagged on weigh-in day.

Sheep and Goats are required to have a Scrapie ear tag prior to initial weigh-in, the Scrapie ear tag will count as the second ear tag.

- a. *Loss of Ear Tag*: If an ear tag is lost on a project animal, immediately notify a Meat Animal Committee Member. Tags must be replaced prior to loss of second tag. If both tags are lost, the animal is out of the project. A MAP committee member, other than family, must be present when retagging and the person tagging cannot be a family member. Otherwise, that animal will be unable to be part of the Meat Animal Project. Once the animal has been retagged, the MAP committee member that retagged the animal will call the Extension Office with the lost tag number and the number of the replacement tag.

6. Fair Weigh In: Weigh in for all species will take place on July 26, 2017 at these respective times:

Sheep and Goats – 1:00pm; Swine – 2:00pm; Beef – 4:00pm.

a. Minimum Weights and Grades: Minimum acceptable weights and grades for animals to be sold at the sale are as follows:

SPECIES	MINIMUM WEIGHT	MAXIMUM PAID WEIGHT
Beef: Select or Better	1100 lbs.	1500 lbs.
Sheep: Choice or Prime	110 lbs.	150 lbs.
Swine: U.S. #1, #2	235 lbs.	300 lbs.
Purebred Loline: Select or Better	750lbs	No Maximum
Goats: Choice or Prime	50lbs	No Maximum

b. Animals can only be weighed **ONCE**.

c. Hogs that are going to be shown as Market Gilts must be declared immediately after final weigh-in.

7. Fair Showing and Judging: All market animals must be penned and cleaned by the end of entry time (one hour before weigh-in). See entry times in the fair book.

a. *Testing*: The Meat Animal Committee may have any animal tested at the County Fair.

b. *Fitting Rule*: in the best interest of the breeders to maintain a reputation of integrity for their animals in the show ring, the “artificial filling” of animals will not be allowed.

c. *Attire*: All meat animal project members shall be in proper show attire, according to the fair book requirements, during the show and sale of their project animal or a 2% penalty will be imposed at the discretion of the Meat Animal Committee.

8. Animal Care and Herdsmanship: The project animal(s) must be in the care of the project member.

a. *Individual Herdsmanship*: All livestock exhibits must be properly watered, fed, cleaned and cared for **at all times** during the fair until check-out on Sunday. If the superintendent and Meat Animal Project Committee find individual Herdsmanship unacceptable, a 2% deduction (per occurrence) will be made from the exhibitor's sale check. Stalls and pens will be checked at 9:00am and periodically throughout the day and the course of the Fair. Penalties will be given to members not meeting the standards of the superintendent. Standards will be posted in each barn area.

b. *Group/Club Herdsmanship*: Each club/chapter will be judged as an entire group in each of the species areas. Group Herdsmanship is based on the following criteria:

- general appearance (25 points)
- animals are clean, fitted/groomed and are arranged (25 points)
- aisles are neat and clean (20 points)
- equipment and feed is kept in a storage area (10 points)
- exhibitors have good conduct and attitude (10 points)
- decorations are creative and attractive (10 points)

9. Sale/Auction: The maximum number of animals to sell is 100. Guaranteed sale numbers are 35 beef, 50 hogs, 5 goats, and 10 sheep with substitutions between species allowed to reach the maximum sale number. In order to meet maximum quotas, it may be necessary to eliminate animals meeting minimum weights and grade. Under that circumstance, elimination will begin with the last-place ranking and continue upward until the quota has been met. Judge's decision is final in all cases.

- a. Exhibitors must identify their sale animal no later than one hour after their respective show by notifying their respective superintendent in each barn area. If a state fair waiver is going to be requested, the respective superintendent should be notified at this time. If showing two species, members have until an hour past the last show to report their sale choices to EACH species superintendent.
- b. *State Fair Exhibitors*: In the event of a conflict with the Wisconsin State Fair, those exhibitors showing animals at the Wisconsin State Fair must follow the County Fair Rules for entry. State Fair waiver form must be presented to the species superintendent 1 hour after show and the additional State Fair Waiver rules apply. (Project member is responsible to obtain these rules.)
- c. *Project Poster*: Each member must complete and place the project poster above their animal by 9:00 pm on Wednesday. The poster must be updated immediately after the Meat Animal Sale by adding the buyer's name and sale price by the 30 minute post sale deadline. A penalty of 2% commission will be charged to those project members not complying with these deadlines
- d. *Expense Records*: Expense records will begin at initial weigh-in and must be maintained during the entire feeding period. Suggested prices will be given to those not actually purchasing the animal and/or feed and will also be posted in a convenient location. Expense records must be complete and turned into the superintendents by 9:00 pm on Wednesday or a 2% penalty will be charged
- e. *Sale Attendance*: In the event a project member is unable to sell his/her animal in the auction, a family member enrolled in the project or another club/chapter member enrolled in the project may take the animal into the sale ring. It is the member's responsibility to make these arrangements and to notify the species superintendent as to any changes at least one hour prior to the sale. (The sale announcer will state the reason the original seller is not in the ring.)
- f. *Commission*: A sale's commission of 5% will be assessed to the gross receipts of the Meat Animal Sale. In administering project and cash awards: 4% will be used and the remaining 1% will go to the Fair Board to improve the Rec. Park facilities. In addition, each member will be assessed an ultrasound fee, at cost per animal, evaluated for the live carcass evaluation. Non sale animals may be given an ultrasound for an additional fee per animal to be paid the day of the ultrasound. Fees for the Beef and Swine Check-Off will also be administered as determined by the National Office.
- g. *Seller Etiquette*: Buyers are integral to the market animal sale and are to be treated with utmost respect by participants and their families. There will be ZERO TOLERANCE of any badgering, harassment, etc. of buyers by either participants or their families (including, but not limited to, parents, siblings, grandparents, and step family members). The Dunn County Meat Animal Project Committee will determine punishment, which may lead up to, and include, termination of participation in the Dunn County Meat Animal Project for life.

10. Carcass Clinic and Awards: The Carcass Clinic must be attended by all members, or a 2% penalty will be imposed and trophies and cash prizes will be awarded to the next place project member. The Clinic is set for July 30, 2017 at 2:30pm.

- a. *Rule Exemptions:* All requests for exceptions must be presented using provided form for approval to the Meat Animal Project committee no later than July 1, 2017. Exception Requests and Protest Forms must be directed and sent to the MAP Committee Secretary. Forms are available at the Extension Office or can be downloaded at dunn.uwex.edu. If a Carcass Clinic Exemption is approved, an educational poster needs to be submitted to your respective superintendent or the Extension Office no later than July 25, 2016.
- b. *Awards:* Awards will be presented to individual project members in the following categories for Beef, Sheep, Goats, and Swine: Carcass Placing & Total Performance. NOTE: Project members must be entered in the Dunn County Fair Carcass Class in their respective species to be eligible for awards.

c. Carcass Awards are as Follows:

CHAMPION BEEF, SWINE, GOAT & LAMB CARCASSES:	
1st place	\$100.00
2nd place	\$75.00
3rd place	\$50.00
4th place	\$25.00
5th place	\$10.00

Carcass Awards continued:

TOTAL PERFORMANCE LAMB, GOAT, & HOG:	
1st place	\$9.00
2nd place	\$8.00
3rd place	\$7.00
4th place	\$6.00
TOTAL PERFORMANCE SINGLE BREED BEEF:	
1st place	\$10.00
TOTAL PERFORMANCE CROSSBRED BEEF:	
1st place	\$10.00
TOTAL PERFORMANCE DAIRY:	
1st place	\$10.00

* If there are less than 10 animals exhibited in a species in the carcass class, only 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place carcass and total performance awards will be given.

*Additional 2nd place trophies may be awarded to beef exhibitors if more than 6 animals are judged within a class.

11. Educational Requirements: To complete the educational requirements, participants must earn a total of 3 points. One Educational Requirement form (included) is required for each educational event will be submitted to the Extension Office **no later than 4:30 pm on July 1, 2016**. This will include educational programs attended or presented. Educational posters will **not** be accepted. A penalty of 2% commission will be charged to the project members that submit late educational requirements. Members failing to submit Educational Requirement prior to final weigh-in will **not** be allowed to sell their animals at the sale. Teen members who test out of MAQA may teach younger members for one point.

a. Potential programs that would qualify for an educational point are as follows. NOTE: there are several more events available. Please contact the 4-H Youth Development Agent at 715-232-1636 or Tina Edwards at 715-309-3166 **prior to the event** to ensure that it qualifies as educational.

- **Orientation and Rules Meeting**
 - **Only 1st year members will receive an educational point for attendance.**
- Carcass Clinic held at a locker plant, pre-fair
- MAQA (Meat Animal Quality Assurance) Certification Program (Does not include test-out option)
- 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging team (Species Specific)
- Indianhead Shepherd's Clinic

- Youth Clinic at Indianhead Sale
- Fitting and Showing Clinic (Species Specific)
- Showing in open livestock shows
- Teaching project activity to other youth
- Club project meeting (species specific)
- Animal Selection Workshop
- Species specific audio conferences or satellite programs
- Showmanship (Would count for one point in the current year, Ed. Point form would be due July 1 to indicate intent and preparation, showmanship needs to be completed in species area.)
 - *****Note: If showmanship is the exhibitor's third educational point and it is not completed, the exhibitor will not be permitted to sell.*****
- Other Opportunities as approved
 - * *Make sure to approve educational points if you're questioning them. The Meat Animal Committee reserves the right to deny unacceptable educational points.****

THANK YOU: A Thank You note for every buyer is encouraged to be delivered to the buyer.

~ It is a privilege, not a right, to be in the Dunn County Meat Animal Project ~

Dunn County 4-H/FFA Meat Animal Project
Rules or Event Excuse Request

DATE: _____

(Must be submitted to the Extension Office either by January 26, 2017 for weight or rule exemptions or July 1, 2017 for Carcass Clinic Excuse or Fair Rule Exemptions)

EXHIBITOR'S NAME: _____

PARENT'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

Please explain in writing the specific HEALTH CONCERN, PROGRAM CONFLICT or EDUCATIONAL CONFLICT which dictates this excuse.

If the exhibitor will miss the educational portion of the carcass clinic, the exhibitor must complete an educational poster pertaining to the Meat Animal Project on a single sheet of tag-board to be displayed at the carcass clinic and used by the species superintendent (s) for additional instruction. Please briefly explain the topic of your educational poster:

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(FOR COMMITTEE USE ONLY)

Date request received: _____

Excuse approved: YES NO

Vote Tally: ____ / ____

Excuse/Educational plan shared with species superintendent: YES NO

DUNN COUNTY 4-H & FFA MEAT ANIMAL PROJECT ENTRY RULES *COMMITMENT FORM (One per family)*

I / We have read and completely understand the 2017 Dunn County 4-H/FFA Meat Animal Project Entry Rules. I understand all of the requirements that I, as the exhibitor, need to complete to be eligible for the 2017 Dunn County Meat Animal Auction. They are as follows:

1. My animal must meet weight and rule requirements at the initial and final weigh-ins.
2. I must attend 3 approved meat animal project related educational workshops, and submit an educational form to the Extension Office for each one by July 1, 2017.
3. I must contact 2 potential buyers, one of which is a new business that hasn't purchased at the fair before (the meat animal committee can give you a copy of last year's buyer list if you need it).
4. I must attend the Carcass Clinic on Sunday, July 30, 2017 at 2:30pm, unless pre-approved by the Meat Animal Committee.
5. I will send a thank you note to the buyer who purchases my animal.
6. My parents and I must have this Commitment Form signed and returned to the Extension Office (3001 US Hwy 12 E, Suite 102, Menomonie, WI 54751) by February 11, 2017 for Beef Project Members or April 22, 2017 for Swine, Goat, and Sheep Project Members.

My parent(s)/guardian(s) and I / We understand that the rules and requirements established by the Dunn County Meat Animal Project Committee are a means of providing a positive educational experience for all project exhibitors:

Print Name	4-H/FFA Exhibitor Signature	Date
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Print Name	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date