

2015 WINNEBAGO COUNTY MEAT ANIMAL PROJECT AND SALE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Rules and regulations 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 regulations. Whether you are showing and/or selling Beef, Goat, Sheep or Swine, all rules may pertain to your 4-H, FFA or youth group projects.

2014 Project and Sale Rules and Regulations will be provided to individuals by the Meat Animal Board.

OBJECTIVE

The objectives of the Winnebago County Meat Animal Project and Sale are:

1. To provide an educational experience that teaches youth about the care of quality livestock.
2. To create a fun environment where youth will gain a sense of responsibility and confidence while raising livestock.
3. To empower youth to experience the economic conditions of agriculture by working to earn a profit from the livestock they raise.

GENERAL RULES

1. Any 4-H, FFA or youth group project member enrolled in the BEEF STEER, DAIRY-STEER, DAIRY-BEEF STEER, GOAT, 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 preliminary market identification will be weighed for market classes. No changes will be allowed once a 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.
4. A special carcass evaluation to place market hogs, steers, and lambs on meat quality will be conducted. Only those hogs, steers and lambs sold through the auction are eligible for placing at the carcass evaluation. **All Sale Champions, Grand and Reserve, sold through the auction will be evaluated at the Carcass Show (6 champions total will be sold: 2 steers, 2 sheep and 2 pigs).** Goats will NOT be evaluated for carcass. The Meat Animal Project committee will announce details at the Meat Animal Sale. An Honorable Mention will be chosen by the judge for steers, sheep, and swine for the circumstance the Show Ring Grand or Reserve Champion is unable to sell. The honorable mention animal will be bumped up to the Sale Reserve Champion and the Reserve Champion will become the Sale Grand Champion if the Show Champion is unable to sell. There are no additional awards or trophies for the Sale Grand and Reserve Champions.
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 but will only be able to weigh in up to three (3) animals per species at the County Fair. Market steers tagged in a previous year's County Fair are NOT eligible for the show and sale.
 - 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 am or later. Meat Animal Committee Board Members are not responsible for leading steers across the scale.
 - 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. 7. All market lambs, goats 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 am to 12:00 noon at the Winnebago County Expo Center-Barn A.

a. Goat, sheep, and swine project members will be allowed to ear tag no more than four (4) market goats, hogs and/or lambs per exhibitor. Market goat and swine exhibitors will only be allowed to unload two (2) market goats and/or hogs per exhibitor to be weighed for sale.

b. Market wethers and barrows must be castrated before weigh-in. Market goats must be castrated and dehorned.

8. Project members must select their animals to be entered into the Meat Animal Sale immediately following the judging.

9. All members must follow present fair regulations concerning entries and classes for the Beef, Goat, Sheep and Swine departments.

10. A sales commission not to exceed 5% 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. 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 exhibitors sale check.

11. All market steers, goats, 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:

	ANIMAL MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM WEIGHT (Maximum where applied) At fair weigh-in:	AGE
STEERS BEEF BREEDS	900 lb minimum. All steers must gain at least 2 lbs per day from weigh-in to day prior to entry day of fair.	As in Fair Book: Junior Yearling, Summer Yearling Senior Calf (born in previous year)
DAIRY BEEF CROSS	900 lb minimum. All steers must gain at least 2 lbs per day from weigh-in to day prior to entry day of fair.	As in Fair Book: Junior Yearling, Summer Yearling Senior Calf (born in previous year)
STRAIGHT DAIRY	1100 lb minimum. All steers must gain at least 2 lbs per day from weigh-in to day prior to entry day of fair.	As in Fair Book: Junior Yearling, Summer Yearling Senior Calf (born in previous year)
MARKET HOGS	220 lb minimum. Market hogs must gain at least 1.5 lbs per day from weigh-in to day prior to entry day at fair. Sale payout is up to 300 lbs.	Born after January 15
MARKET LAMBS	90 lb minimum. Market lambs must gain at least .4 lbs per day from weigh-in to day prior to entry day at fair. Sale payout is up to 160 lbs.	Born in Current Year

GOATS

60 lb minimum and a maximum of 130 lbs, however, if the top rate of gain goat exceeds 130 lbs, it may be sold at the 130 lb maximum weight. Market goats must gain at least 0.25 lb per day from weigh-in to day prior to entry day at fair. Born in Current Year

13. Livestock will be graded for educational purposes. Grade does not influence sale eligibility.

14. **EDUCATION AND MEETING REQUIREMENTS: The board will access a penalty of 3% of the sale proceeds on one animal which will be deducted from that exhibitor's sale check if the exhibitor does not meet or exceed 12 points and attend the mandatory meeting the Sunday prior to the fair. This includes 4-H, FFA or Youth Group project members. All participants are required to stay for the entire meeting or clinic to receive credit. The youth must complete the attendance form provided by the Meat Animal Board.**

15. 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 Sunday prior to drawing for any sale order numbers. All sale order numbers will be drawn on Sunday.

16. Project members are encouraged to write "Thank You" letters to buyers of their project animals.

17. 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. Donations will be accepted.

18. The Meat Animal Project Committee reserves the right to hold checks, until all buyers have paid for their animals.

19. An exhibitor will be allowed to weigh-in his or her animal only once.

20. The Meat Animal Project Committee will only be responsible for loading out those animals sold through the meat animal sale.

21. If a meat animal loses an ear tag, the project member or family member must notify a Meat Animal Board member as soon as possible so the animal can be retagged prior to the fair entry day.

22. Drenching of animals, the act of forcing fluids into an animal to make the animal appear better filled out, is not permitted.

23. This rule establishes penalties for rules violations outside of those rules and penalties previous mentioned. Exhibitors found breaking Winnebago County Meat Animal Project and Sale Rules will not be eligible to sell in the current year and following year sales. Examples of violations include but are not limited to drenching, tampering with exhibited animals, misrepresenting the animal's age or ownership, causing unnecessary suffering of an animal, and illegal drug use. Violations must be witnessed by a Meat Animal Board Member, Barn Superintendent, or documented with photograph evidence.

24. A \$50 penalty will be deducted from an exhibitors sale check if a Meat Animal Projects bedding is changed by someone appointed by the Meat Animal Board after a warning by a member of the Meat Animal Board has been given to the exhibitor.

25. Following the Winnebago County Meat Animal Sale exhibitors will be required to display a buyer thank you sign on their sale projects decorations by 2:00 PM the day of the sale.

IMPORTANT DECISIONS CONCERNING LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS:

A. All market hogs, goats, 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 superintendents 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
800-900 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 0.7-1.0 lb gain per day, depending on breed. To be eligible for sale, market lambs must gain a minimum of 0.4 lbs per day.

HOGS on May ID

85 lbs recommended weight for the early May identification. Plan on 1.6-1.9 lbs. per day. To be eligible for the sale, market hogs must gain a minimum of 1.5 lbs per day.

GOATS on May ID

40 lbs recommended weight for the early May identification. Plan on 0.25 lbs to 0.40 lbs per day. To be eligible for the sale, market goats must gain a minimum of 0.25 lbs per day. It is recommended practice to dehorn (disbud) meat goats at 3 to 7 days old with an electric disbudding iron.

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 superintendent 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.

Goat and swine project members will be allowed to unload up to two (2) market animals per species to be weighed for the County Fair show and sale.

G. Any animal show in a Junior Fair class is not eligible for open class.

H. Animals exhibited at the County Fair are the exhibitor's responsibility to be fed and cleaned until release time on Sunday afternoon.

I. Any exhibitor, whose animal is found to have had any illegal substance resulting in the condemnation of meat, shall forfeit all sale proceeds.

J. Health requirements will be strictly adhered to. Sick animals will be reported to the fair veterinarian.

K. 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.

L. For the overall Champion Market and Reserve Market Hog show, there will be 5 separate weight divisions. The top 2 animals from each group will go for overall champion and reserve.

M. If an exhibitor exhibits more than one champion in the beef classes only the highest ranking champion may be sold.

N. First time exhibitor in the meat animal project may sell one animal if he/she does not have any other animal to sell. Market animals must meet minimum weight requirements for the sale.

O. Judging order for all meat animal species is market classes followed by breeding classes and showmanship.

P. The County Fair Rules, Regulations & State Animal Health Requirements will supersede all rules not contained herein.

Q. **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.

R. 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.

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