



Fond du Lac County

Market Livestock Committee

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TO: 4-H Market Lamb and Meat Goat Project Leaders and Members
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FROM: Fond du Lac County Market Livestock Committee

RE: **Market Lamb and Meat Goat Project Initial Weigh-In**

*** **NOTE TO FFA ADVISORS:** PLEASE MAKE COPIES FOR YOUR PROJECT MEMBERS AS NEEDED. ***

All market lambs and market goats for the 2019 County Fair will be identified and weighed in **at the Fairgrounds on Monday, April 15, between 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

There is no maximum weight limit for lambs or goats at the initial weigh-in. A maximum of five lambs and five goats can be weighed-in per exhibitor, however only up to one meat goat and two market lambs (one market ewe and one market wether) can be exhibited in the Market Show.

All market lambs and market goats will be tagged at weigh-in. Scrapie tag will be used as a secondary form of identification. If an animal loses one tag, the MLC needs to be contacted to re-tag the animal. If an animal loses both tags, the animal will be disqualified from the competition.

Market **lambs** must weigh a minimum of **100 pounds (no maximum)** at the time of final weigh-in to qualify for the Market Sale. Market **goats** must weigh a minimum of **55 pounds (no maximum)** to sell at the time of final weigh-in to qualify for the Market Sale.

Upon the time of initial weigh-in, all male animals must be castrated by excisional or banding methods. Animals must be healed and no physical sign of viable testicles at the initial weigh-in. All goats must be disbudded or dehorned. If a scur occurs, it must be kept to two inches or less with a blunt end.

Be sure to obtain a receipt of sale for any lambs/goats that you purchase. The receipt must indicate the date of sale, the seller's name, and any attainable identification information about the goat/lamb(s).

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) Castrated males being brought to the fair DO NOT need to be scrapie identified.
- 2) Any female or ram being brought to the fair must be scrapie identified. This includes any ewe shown in the market classes.
- 3) If you purchase a female or ram from a flock that is already scrapie identified (ear tag or tattoo), you DO NOT have to re-identify the animal even if it is moved to your farm. However, a record of sale must be maintained.

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FORMS TO COMPLETE:

The initial weigh-in form will be available at the initial weigh-in and will be a triplicate form which will serve as an original copy for the Market Livestock Committee and as a copy/receipt for your records.

HOME BRED & RAISED:

Once again, the Fond du Lac County Fair will be hosting a home bred & raised contest. Home bred and raised will be a ribbon only class, one champion per species. To qualify for home bred and raised, the exhibitor or immediate family must have owned the dam (cow, sow, ewe, or doe) of the animal entered at the time of breeding. The immediate family is defined as a brother, sister, parent/guardian or grandparent. The home bred and raised animals will be designated on the initial identification form.

LIVESTOCK SHOW & SALE RULES:

For all rules regarding the Fond du Lac County Fair Market Livestock Sale, please visit <http://www.fonddulacountyfair.com/> to view the rules within the fair premium book.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For more general information regarding educational opportunities and resources, please visit <http://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/fdlmeat/>. You can subscribe to get the latest information on updates to the webpage. Just go to the website and hit subscribe on the left side.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact a Market Livestock Committee member.