

**2016-17 Waushara County
Market Animal Project Rules and Requirements**

Project Purpose and Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This project provides 4-H and FFA youth the opportunity to experience all aspects of raising a meat animal including selection, husbandry, promoting and selling. • To teach members to do work in breeding, selecting, feeding and showing market animals. • To provide Junior Fair market animal exhibitors an opportunity to sell quality animals at the Waushara County Fair. • To provide incentive and encourage a stronger development of meat animal projects. To recognize members who do quality work in breeding, feeding, selecting and showing their market animals. • To increase the interest in the dairy project and reward exceptional efforts. 																
Member Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any active member of a Waushara County 4-H club or FFA Chapter, who is enrolled in a livestock or dairy project, is eligible to sell two (2) lots, one (1) per species in the Youth Livestock Sale. • FFA members must show proof of active membership. • 4-H members must be in the third grade or above during the current enrollment year. • Youth will continue to be eligible to participate in the project one year following their year of high school graduation. • 4-H members must be enrolled in the respective project (beef, sheep, swine, rabbit, poultry, dairy) for which they wish to raise, promote, exhibit and sell an animal/dairy sponsorship. • Anyone selling an animal/dairy sponsorship in any other County Fair Livestock Sale will not be eligible to sell in the Waushara County Fair Livestock Sale. 																
Enrollment Deadline	<p>During the 4-H enrollment process, members enroll in the Market Animal project of the species they wish to sell. Final project enrollments are due March 1 with the exception of beef due to the December weigh-in.</p>																
Animal Selection	<p>Large Animal Species and Maximum Number that can be weighed in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beef: Steers - 2 • Swine: Barrows/Gilts – 6 • Sheep: Wethers preferred, ewes accepted – 6 <p>Age Guidelines for Selecting Meat Animals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steers – Animal must be born after January 1 of preceding year (junior or summer yearling classes) 11-19 months at fair time. • Barrows/Gilts – Animal born year of fair; 5 -5 1/2 months old at fair time. • Sheep – Animal born year of fair; 5-6 months at fair time. <p>Suggested Weight Guidelines for Initial Weigh-in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steers: Approximate weight at initial weigh-in British breeds: 500-600 lbs. Holstein, other large crossbreeds and Exotics: 600-700 lbs. • Barrows: Approximate weight at initial weigh-in: 45 lbs. • Lamb: Approximate weight at initial weigh-in: 25-65 lbs. <p>At the initial weigh-in, the breed category must be specified. All animals must be dehorned and castrated before weigh-in. There are no pre-identification requirements for dairy sponsorship, rabbits and poultry.</p>																
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Record Keeping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All participants must keep records for each project animal. These records should include medications administered and project costs. A Meat Animal Summary Sheet is required for beef, sheep, swine, poultry and rabbit. It must be completed at fair time and submitted to the Livestock Committee/Fair Superintendents on weigh-in day or the animal will not be eligible for sale. Forms will be reviewed and if they are not acceptable, they will be returned to the exhibitor for correction. A biography/resume of the dairy animal/sponsorship is to be submitted by the members to the dairy superintendents on Thursday by 5 pm. • The Meat Animal Summary Sheet will be returned to the members for their use in completing additional records required by the exhibitor’s respective organization.
Educational Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All members must participate in two educational sessions offered during the project year by August 1, with one of these sessions specific to one of the species they intend to market. Youth intending to sell a small and a large animal must attend one small and one large animal session with one being specific to one of the species being sold. All youth intending on selling a hog must have a current Market Animal Quality Assurance Certificate. These certificates are valid for one year. • Participation in all educational activities will be recorded upon submission by the member of a 50 word essay for members in grades 3&4; 100 word essay for members in grades 5 and up which will include information on the session (title, sponsor, date), what they learned and how they will apply this information to their project. The report form (can be reproduced with the same information included) is attached to these rules and also available at http://fyi.uwex.edu/wausharacounty4h/projects/livestock-projects/. These are to be sent to the UW-Extension Office, PO Box 487, Wautoma WI 54982. • Members enrolling for the first year in this project must attend a <i>Market Animal Project Orientation Meeting</i> in addition to two educational sessions. Members with more than one year in the project are welcome to attend the orientation; however this will not be counted as one of the two required educational sessions. • <u>What qualifies as an education session?</u> A minimum of forty-five (45) minutes of learning will meet one education requirement. Some examples include: 2 rabbit association meetings or workshop, 1 livestock committee meeting for youth in grade 7 and above, 1 fair board meeting as the elected youth representative, leading an educational session at an event such as Project Discovery Day or a Tri-County Livestock Workshop. Sessions at Project Discovery Day are taught at the introductory level so only members with 1-3 years project experience will receive credit for attending those sessions. Helping at an entire weigh-in; must volunteer prior to weigh-in Livestock/dairy judging practices Internet/Library (referencing 3 websites visited or books referenced) Video review (options listed at uwex.edu/ces/media—\$3 rental fee and return postage; must be ordered through UW-Extension Office.) Livestock, Dairy or breed shows – participate in the show or observe Wisconsin Livestock breeders association show camps Badger Dairy Camp State sponsored events: 4-H meats judging contest, Area Animal Science Days (must be a member of a judging team), Livestock/Dairy Quiz bowl Tours to market animal project related industry (can meet species specific

	<p>requirement if focused on specific species) Shadowing a professional in the animal industry High school or college level course in animal science</p> <p>The following qualify for the species specific requirement: MAQA, Rabbit and Poultry Association meetings, Area Animal Science Days, Shows, Fitting and Showing Clinics, Waupaca Waushara Junior Holstein Clinic</p> <p>Additional activities that are acceptable will be announced in the Clover Clipper.</p>						
Buyer Contacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each exhibitor must send a letter to a minimum of five (5) potential buyers. If a family has more than one member marketing animals/dairy sponsorship, each member must contact a minimum of five (5) different potential buyers. It is recommended that three of the buyers not be buyers at the previous year's sale. A copy of the letter with a list of names of the buyers must be submitted to the UW-Extension office no later than one week prior to the sale. If copies of your letters are not received, you will not be able to sell your animal(s)/dairy sponsorship. A personal visit to all potential buyers is an excellent practice and highly recommended. In order to continue to have a quality sale, our buyers need to know their support is wanted and appreciated. 						
Fair Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each project member is responsible for entering their market/dairy animal(s) in the fair by the deadline listed in the fair premium book. Each exhibitor is responsible for complying with the Animal Health Requirements stated in the fair premium book for the species they are exhibiting. All entries must meet the eligibility requirements of the appropriate Junior Fair Class described in the fair premium book. Animals that do not make weight, can be shown but not sold. 						
Fair Weigh-in Dates and Times	All market animals must be weighed in between 2-7 pm on Wednesday of the county fair. Not applicable to dairy.						
Family Weigh-In	At the fair weigh-in exhibitors are required to first weigh-in all of the animals they initially weighed in for consideration for this opportunity. If none of the exhibitor's animals make weight, the Livestock Executive Committee can approve transfer of an animal from an immediate family member after that family member has made their selection. Not applicable to dairy.						
Exhibitor's Meeting	A meeting may be held at a designated time and place during the fair. If such a meeting is held, it will be posted and participation will be required in order to sell your animal(s)/dairy sponsorship.						
Wholesomeness of Meat Product	All exhibitors and their parent/legal guardian must sign a form attesting to proper withdrawal of all additions and injections administered to the animal being shown. All animals going to slaughter may have tissue samples collected at the discretion of the state meat inspector. The exhibitor will be responsible for the sample analysis. Exhibitors will be responsible for reimbursing buyers for carcasses not meeting state inspection standards. Not applicable to dairy.						
Rate of Gain Awards	Rate of gain awards will be awarded to a sale eligible steer, lamb and hog with the highest rate of gain. Market animals not eligible for sale due to weight or grade will not be considered for the rate of gain award. Rate of gain will not have an impact on the final placing of any class in competition. Rate of gain winners will be sold after the reserve champion of their species.						
Sale Eligibility Standards	<p>Animals not meeting the following eligibility standards for the species and breed indicated will not be eligible for the sale.</p> <table> <thead> <tr> <th><i>Species/Age</i></th> <th><i>Minimum Weight</i></th> <th><i>Grade</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Steers: (born after January 1 of preceding year, 11-19 months at fair)</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<i>Species/Age</i>	<i>Minimum Weight</i>	<i>Grade</i>	Steers: (born after January 1 of preceding year, 11-19 months at fair)		
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English Breeds or English Crossbreeds (Angus, Hereford, Shorthorn)	1000 lbs.	Select+ or Better
Exotic Breeds or Exotic Crossbreeds	1100 lbs.	Select+ or Better
Dairy Beef Crosses (Steers with any dairy in them, regardless of percent, is considered a dairy/beef cross).	1050 lbs.	Select+ or Better
Dairy Steer..	1050 lbs.	Select+ or Better
Barrows/Gilts (born year of fair)	220 lbs. USDA 1 & 2 230-250 lbs. is market desirable wt.	
Sheep (born year of fair)	90 lbs.	Choice or Better
Rabbit:		
Single Fryer (not over 69 days)	3 to 5 lbs.	Market quality per judge
Roaster (either sex; 70-180 days)	>5 lbs to 8 lbs..	Market quality per judge
Meat Pen of 3 (same breed/variety; None over 69 days)	3 to 5 lbs. each	Market quality per judge
Poultry:		
Roaster (2 birds, same sex)	±5 lbs. each	Market quality per judge
Broilers (2 birds)	2.5 to 5 lbs. each	Market quality per judge
Young duck (either sex)	±5lbs.	Market quality per judge
Young goose (either sex)	±7 lbs.	Market quality per judge
Turkey (either sex, over 15 weeks old)		Market quality per judge
Dairy Sponsorships:		
Top two exhibitors placing in junior, intermediate and senior showmanship are eligible to sell a dairy sponsorship. If an exhibitor has not met the project requirements or decides not to sell their dairy sponsorship, the replacement shall be designated by the dairy judge.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Livestock Committee has the right to accept or reject any animals/dairy sponsorships. • Quality grading standards will be strictly adhered to at the fair. Acceptable grades will be announced and each animal's grade will be announced. Animal not making acceptable grade will not be sold in the sale. Does not apply to dairy. • Each animal will only have one chance to weigh-in. If the animal does not make weight, it will not be sold in the sale. Only animals being shown at the fair can be weighed-in. • All animals entered for the Livestock Sale meeting the eligibility requirements must be sold unless the exhibitor has more than two animals (small and large species) eligible for sale or requests permission from the Livestock Committee to withhold the animal for future showing or sale at a District show. Large animals selected as Champion and Reserve Champion are not eligible for these 		

	<p>two non-sale options. In the case of having more than two animals they wish to sell, exhibitors requesting permission to withhold an animal for reasons previously stated must pay \$10 per steer and \$2 per lamb. These animals must be withdrawn immediately after judging. Barrows cannot be withdrawn and must go directly to slaughter at the end of the fair.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If one exhibitor in a species receive grand and reserve will have the option to sell both animals of the same species. No additional animals may be sold as they may only sell two (2) lots in the sale.
Sale Order	The sale order for 2017 is poultry, swine, rabbits, sheep, dairy sponsorships, beef
Champion and Reserve Champion	<p>A Champion and Reserve Champion in the market classes will be selected for beef, sheep, swine, poultry and rabbit. Selection of the Champion shall be made from the first place blues of each market class. Reserve champion shall be selected from the balance of the first place blues and the second place blue of the class from which the grand champion was selected. If for any reason a champion or reserve champion that has been selected is not eligible for sale, a champion or reserve champion will be selected from those animals eligible for sale, for sale purposes only.</p> <p>In the instance an exhibitor has animals chosen as both the grand and reserve grand market animal within one specie, the individual can sell both the grand champion and the reserve champion animal. They will not be eligible to sell any other animals or a dairy sponsorship if they chose to sell both champion animals.</p>
Exhibitor Presence	The Waushara County Fair Association requires that “animals must be shown by the exhibitor in order to receive a premium and placing.” Market animal and dairy sponsorship project members are also required to present their animal in the sale ring during the auction. If an extreme circumstance arises (ie- funeral), the executive committee can make a determination if the individual’s animal can be sold without the member being present during the auction.
Animal Management & Care/Exhibitor Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animals must be easily managed by the exhibitor in the show ring otherwise they will be disqualified from the show and sale. • After the sale, care of the animal continues to be the responsibility of the exhibitor until release time on Sunday. This includes full responsibility for cleaning stalls or cages and feeding animals. • Project members and animals must respect proper show attire during both the show and sale. Animals must be presented show ready during both the show and sale. • Stall/neck straps must be used on all beef animals when penned.
Terminal Show and Processors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All beef, sheep and swine going through the auction must be shipped to one of the processors listed below or to Equity Livestock. • Approved processors for large animal species include Beck’s Meat Processing, Niemuth’s Steak and Chop Shop, Wisconsin River Meats and Pine River Processing. Buyers can have their animals shipped for resale at Equity Livestock. • Approved small animal processors include Pine River Processing, the buyer and the seller.
Shipping of Non-sale Animals	Exhibitors of market animals brought to the fair but not included in the sale must turn in their processor designation card to the superintendents by noon on Sunday. Only approved processors can be used for non-sale animal. Animals without a designation card submitted by Sunday noon will be shipped to Equity. Not applicable to dairy.
Resale of Animals Shipped for Resale	If an individual is interested in purchasing an animal that is being shipped for resale, the auction buyer’s consent must be given for the resale prior to the animal being resold.
Sale Commission & Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Livestock Committee will withhold a 4.5% sale commission for beef, sheep, swine and a 7% commission for dairy sponsorship, rabbit and poultry to offset costs of conducting the project and sale.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fee of up to \$5 may be assessed each individual on their sale check for buyer pictures. • The following amounts will be deducted from each beef or hog check per the National Check off Rules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beef - \$1/animal Swine - \$0.40/ \$100 of gross market value. Sheep - \$0.42/animal and \$0.007/pound • A set fee per animal sold will be deducted from the exhibitors check for the presale luncheon. • If additional funds are available, any of these costs may be reduced at the discretion of the Livestock Executive Committee.
Buyer Recognition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the presale luncheon exhibitors are encouraged to welcome their potential buyers and answer any questions they may have. • Exhibitors must be present for picture taking with buyers immediately after the sale. • Exhibitors must send a written thank you to the purchaser of each animal/dairy sponsorship. Use of note cards is encouraged. Use of notebook type paper is not acceptable. A copy of the thank you must be to the UW-Extension office by the Friday of the week following the fair. You will not receive your check until this has been received and payment from your buyer has been received.

Violations of any of the rules above are subject to sanctions, such as non-issuance of sale money and non-participation in the project for a designated number of years, as determined by the Livestock Executive Committee.

Waushara County Market Animal Project Education Report

Name _____ Date of event _____

Session Topic _____

Date & Location/ Sources of information (3 for internet searches): _____

We ask that members in grade 3-4 share responses to the following questions in approximately 50 words. Members in grades 5 and up, should include approximately 100 words in their responses to the following questions. Information can be included on the back of this page or on additional pages.

Please share 1-3 things you learned from this educational opportunity.

Please share how you will apply the 1 to 3 things you learned to your market animal project.

Please return to the UW-Extension, PO Box 487, Wautoma, WI 54982 by August 1.