

2019-20 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>
Initial Weigh-ins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No initial weigh-ins held for swine, sheep, rabbit, poultry and dairy. • Ear tag pickup for beef – Wednesday, November 20 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM at Demo Room – coordinator is Dawn Belfeuil.

<p>Initial Weigh-ins (Continued)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ear tag pick up for swine and sheep – Wednesday, April 1 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM at Demo Room – coordinator is Dawn Belfeuil. • Saturday, December 14 at 11:59 PM – Deadline for beef to email photo and required information. • Saturday, April 25 at 11:59 PM - Deadline for hogs to email photo and required information. • Saturday, May 16 at 11:59 PM – Deadline for sheep to email photo and required information. • COOL (Country of Origin Labeling) forms are due on Saturday, May 16 to the Extension Office for sheep.
<p>Record Keeping</p>	<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 no later than 2 hours after the show in which the animal is being shown, 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.
<p>Educational Requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Returning Members: Must obtain (3) educational points during the project year on or before August 1. • Members enrolling for the first year must attend a Market Animal Project Orientation in addition to (3) educational points on or before August 1. • Exhibitors points must come from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 point – Market Animal Project Orientation (First Year Members Only) • 1 point – YQCA certification • 2 points – 2 Hands on clinics, meetings, shows – examples listed below <p>First year enrolling in the project – 4 points Returning members in project – 3 points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following are examples of hands on – two educational points must come from hands on events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sullivan Stock Show University Beef Workshop – May 4 & 5th – location TBD – 1 Point ○ Beef Workshop – Mark Jensen – TBD – 1 Point ○ Sheep Workshop – Brian Loehrke Farm – July 23 at 6:30 - 1 Point ○ Rabbit & Poultry Association Field Trip – 1 Point ○ Project Discovery Day Educational Session related to Livestock & Small Animals – 1 Point ○ Waushara County Livestock Committee meeting (for youth in grade 7 and above) – 1 Point – only 1 meeting per year can be applied to points ○ Rabbit & Poultry Association Meeting – 1 Point – only 1 meeting per year can be applied to points ○ Livestock/Dairy Judging Practice – 1 Point ○ Livestock, Dairy or Breed Shows (must participate in the show by showing an animal or working the show) – 1 Point ○ Livestock Breeders Association Show Camp – 1 Point ○ 4-H Meats Judging Contest – 1 Point ○ Area Animal Science Days (must be a member of a judging team) – 1 Pt ○ Livestock/Dairy Quiz Bowl – 1 Point ○ Educational Events/Clinics (In Person) – 1 Point <p>Timeframe for completion: Monday After Fair – August 1st</p>

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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 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	The Family Weigh-In rule has been abolished. At fair weigh-in exhibitors can chose from one of their immediate family animals (brother or sister) that were identified by the species due date. 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.															
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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</p>																																													

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Exhibitor Presence	<p>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.</p>
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 and Wisconsin River Meats. Buyers can have their animals shipped for resale to Equity Livestock.-. Because of the limited processors, any extra hogs that do not go through the sale may need to be shipped to Equity and not a processor.
Shipping of Non-sale Animals	<p>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 animals. Animals without a designation card submitted by Sunday noon will be shipped to Equity. Not applicable to dairy.</p> <p>The processing of small animals is coordinated between the seller and buyer.</p>
Resale of Animals Shipped for Resale	<p>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.</p>
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. • The following amounts will be deducted from each beef, hog, sheep 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 - \$10.00 per animal. • If additional funds are available, any of these costs may be reduced at the discretion of the Livestock Executive Committee.
Buyer Recognition	<p>During the presale luncheon exhibitors are encouraged to welcome their potential buyers and answer any questions they may have.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 sent to the Extension office by September 3rd. You will not receive your check until this has been received and payment from your buyer has been received.
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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 Waushara County Livestock Executive Committee.