

**RULES**  
2009 MARKET ANIMAL SHOW AND SALE PROGRAM  
Market Animal Show & Sale of Marathon County, Inc.  
Wisconsin Valley Fair - - Junior Fair

The following rules have been adopted by the Market Animal Show and Sale of Marathons County, Inc. committee. All **changes** have been indicated in **CAPITAL LETTERS AND BOLD - FACE PRINTING**.

**A. PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

1. The sale is limited to those persons eligible to exhibit in the junior fair of the Wisconsin Valley Fair. Exhibitors who belong to youth groups of other counties and who weigh-in animals for other county sales will be ineligible for the Marathon County Market Animal Show & Sale.
2. Only exhibitors who are in GRADES 3-13 as of **JANUARY 1, of current year**, will be eligible for the M.A.S.S. Program.
3. Only animals entered and shown in the Junior Fair will be eligible for the show and sale.
4. The final entry deadline for the Market Animal Show & Sale registration is **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6th 2008**
5. Evidence of lack of cooperation by participants or parents/guardians will be forwarded to the Market Animal Show & Sale general committee for appropriate action. Discrepancies identified may result in disqualification from the show and sale. All participants must abide by the Jr. Fair exhibitor's Code of Conduct (Attached).
6. All participants are required to fulfill the 10-point educational requirement system (Instructions attached).
7. By **SEPTEMBER 1, of current year**, all participants are required to submit a financial summary with the copy of the thank you letter to be sent to the M.A.S.S. Treasurer to receive your check and be eligible to participate in next year's program.
8. *Anyone caught falsifying documents will be suspended for the current year and the following year.*

**B. INITIAL WEIGH-IN**

1. General:
  - a. May weigh-in four (4) animals TOTAL.
  - b. Must weigh-in at designated sites.
  - c. Must own and care for the animal (s) as an exhibitor or parent/legal guardian.
  - d. "Good Faith" clause – participant has the right to accept/reject scale weight. If weight is rejected, animal will not be allowed in the sale.
  - e. **ANY TAG THAT IS LOST MUST BE REPORTED TO THE WEIGHT-IN CHAIRMAN AS SOON AS IT'S NOTICED. ANY ANIMALS THAT HAVE UPREPORTED MISSING TAGS WILL BE INELIGALE TO SELL.**

2. Beef:
  - a. Animal (s) must be castrated (testicles removed) and dehorned **BEFORE JANUARY 1, of current year**. Final decision regarding this rule will be made by the weigh-in chairman or his designee.
  - b. Animal (s) must be manageable, halter broken, and led to the scale on a halter at both weigh-ins.
  - c. Any breed or crossbreed steer or heifer are eligible.
  - d. Only senior calves, summer yearlings, and junior yearlings are eligible (animals in question will be mouthed).
  - e. Beef will be divided into weight classes at final weigh-in.
3. Hogs:
  - a. Any breed or crossbred barrows or gilts are eligible.
  - b. Animal (s) must be castrated (testicles removed) **BEFORE APRIL 1, of current year**.
  - c. There will not be a maximum weight at the initial weigh-in for hogs, but the M.A.S.S. Committee would recommend that you do not exceed 55 pounds.
4. Sheep:
  - a. Any breed or crossbred wethers or ewe lambs are eligible.
  - b. Animal (s) must be castrated (testicles removed) **BEFORE May 1, of current year**.
  - c. Animal must be born after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the show year.

#### C. FINAL WEIGH-IN

1. Animals will be weighed by 3:00 p.m. on livestock entry day.
2. "Good Faith" clause – participant has the right to accept/reject scale weight. If weight is rejected, animal will not be allowed in the sale.
3. Participant must be able to identify the appropriate Wisconsin Valley Fair class of their animal as listed in the premium book by final weigh-in.
4. Prior to the final weigh-in, all market animal show and sale sheep must be slick sheered.
5. All animals shall be weighed in at the Wisconsin Valley Fair clean and dry on the outside.
6. M.A.S.S. drug history sheets will be collected at the time of weigh in, by weight in personnel, at the weigh-in site. They are not collected by Superintendents.

#### D. MARKET ANIMAL SHOW

1. The judge will make the final determination of sale eligibility at the time of class placing by weight, grade, age, and quality during the market animal show.
2. Only first place animals will be eligible for the championship. The second place animal in the champion class will then become eligible for the reserve champion with other first place winners.
3. In market animal show, grand and reserve champion animals will receive Market Animal Show & Sale Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons, respectively in each species. In market animal sale, grand and reserve

champion animals that are sold will each receive appropriate trophy in each species. If grand and reserve champion animals are not sold, an alternate will move up in sequence (refer to rule D-1).

4. The judge is authorized to eliminate unclean animals and participants from the show and sale.
5. Clipping and grooming on exhibits while on the fairgrounds is to be done by the exhibitor, his or her immediate family, and or other participating Wisconsin Valley Junior Fair exhibitors.
6. Animals deemed uncontrollable and unsafe to exhibit by the Market Animal Show and Sale Committee and/or species superintendent will be dismissed from the show and the sale.
7. On show day, no animals will be allowed to leave the building, except to go to the designated wash rack or show ring. No exceptions.
8. No drugs are to be administered to an animal while on the fair grounds unless under the supervision of a veterinarian and must be acknowledged to the species superintendent.
9. Code of Ethics: Any product administered internally or used externally to alter the conformation of an animal for exhibition is prohibited while on the fairgrounds. This includes altering natural hair color or the use of false hair, graphite, powders, Hemp or other similar substances externally and/or artificially filling internally. However, false tail heads or tails are permitted on beef. Failure to adhere to this rule will lead to removal from the sale.
10. While on the fairgrounds market animals may be subject to re-weighing. At this time the weights of the animals must be within plus or minus 7% of the first weight at the fair. Animals who do not meet these criteria will only receive sale price minus the difference after the plus or minus 7% has been factored.

#### E. MARKET ANIMAL SALE

1. To qualify for the sale, exhibitors need to submit, by July 1, of current year:
  - a. At least two signed bidder forms. **FOR EXAMPLE; IF YOU HAVE ONE EXIBITOR IN YOUR FAMILY YOU NEED TWO DIFFERENT BIDDERS; TWO EXIBITORS, FOUR DIFFERENT BIDDERS AND SO ON.**
  - b. Ten educational points of which must include at least one MASS sponsored meeting.
  - c. **Send forms to Barb Wirkus, 1163 W. 23<sup>rd</sup> St., Athens WI, 54411. It is the participant's responsibility to check on their arrival. Deadlines will be adhered to. If the exhibitor wants confirmation that forms have reached their destination, they may send a self addressed stamped envelope to be returned.**
2. Participants must show in a beef, swine, or sheep showmanship class. It does not have to be the species they are selling.
3. Not meeting the above requirements will disqualify participant from selling the animal in the sale. Participant will be able to still show in the Junior Fair.
4. Within one hour after hog judging is completed, ALL EXHIBITORS

must turn into the Locker Room the following forms:

- a. Animal to be sold form.
- b. Destination form for extra animal(s) going to slaughter.
- c. Failure to turn in these forms will:
  - i. Authorize the Sale Chairman or designee to enter the top placing (ribbon) animal at the end of the sale order.
  - ii. Require 20 educational points the following year.
4. Where an exhibitor qualifies more than one animal for the sale, for example, one beef and one sheep, or two hogs (one heavy and one medium weight), the participant must select one entry for sale. The participant is encouraged to sell the higher placed animal, to maintain the high standards of quality. Rate of Gain Champions do not need to sell animal but must meet same criteria for the sale.
5. All eligible exhibitors must sell one eligible animal
6. Sale Standards are:
  - a. Beef: Graded USDA Low Choice or better by the Judge, weigh at least 1000 lbs. USDA yield grade of "4" or less, and 2.0 pound minimum daily rate of gain.
  - b. Hogs: USDA Grade #1 or #2, 1.50 pound minimum daily rate, and minimum weight of 225 pounds, and maximum weight of 280 pounds.
  - c. Lambs: Maximum weight of 150 pounds. Minimum weight of 110 pounds. USDA grade choice or prime, and .45 pounds minimum daily rate of gain.
  - d. Any animal sold in the Wausau-Marathon County Market Animal Show and Sale must go to slaughter.
7. An eight-percent (8%) sales commission will be charged by the sale committee to offset costs incidental to conducting the show and sale. An additional charge will be made for two color photographs (buyer and participant).
8. Market Alternative: If the buyer does not want to retain the meat, M.A.S.S. will make transportation available for the animal to slaughter under the buyers name and the buyer will be paid on FAIR MARKET VALUE minus any fees incurred.
9. Exhibitors may not buy back their own animal.
10. **BY SEPTEMBER 1, OF THE SHOW YEAR**, the sale exhibitors shall send a thank you letter to the buyer (or be declared ineligible for the following year). In addition, a copy of the thank you letter must be sent to **BARB WIRKUS, 1163 W. 23<sup>RD</sup> ST. ATHENS, WI** to receive your check.
11. There will be a fee for having checks replaced, which will be taken out of the new check being issued.

#### F.CARCASS

If an animal carcass is condemned at slaughter by a state inspector, it is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor and he/she will receive no payment for the animal.