

**2008 MARQUETTE COUNTY**  
**YOUTH MEAT ANIMAL PROGRAM**

**LEADERSHIP**

CHAIRPERSON: Pat Wagner

VICE-CHAIRPERSON: Keith Wohlfert

SECRETARY: Paul Zuelke

DIRECTOR #1: Greg Marzahl term ends 2009

DIRECTOR #2: Brian Donohue term ends 2008

DIRECTOR #3: Rod LaBlanc term ends 2009

DIRECTOR #4 and TREASURER: Jack Cummings term ends 2008

GENERAL PROGRAM MEETING DATES: Meetings will be announced via the 4-H Newsletter and through Ag. Instructors. (All meetings are open to all program participants and their families.)

2008 COMMITTEES: Volunteers are still needed on all committees. Call the Chairperson listed to volunteer.

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>CHAIRPERSON</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u>
Beef	Paul Zuelke	296-2141
Sheep	Brian Hendrickson	297-2126
Swine	Brian Hendrickson	297-2126
Rabbits		
Poultry	Kim Heisz	587-2315
Auction-Buyers Luncheon	Tracy Gaffney	587-2916
Auction-Buyer Plaques		
Auction-Clerk	Jack Cummings	587-2192
Photography – Buyer/Seller	Janelle Donohue	587-2072
Education	Paul Zuelke/Judy Wolniakowski/Pat Wagner/Brian Hendrickson	
Executive Board	Pat Wagner	296-2678
Sale Flier	Tom & Shannon Harvey	587-2131
Set-up/Clean-up	Brian Donohue	587-2072
Scholarship	Paul Zuelke/Brian Hendrickson/Brad Gefvert/Judy Wolniakowski/Jack Cummings	

**I. Objectives of the Youth Meat Animal Program and Auction**

1. To encourage participation in meat animal projects and appropriate record keeping.
2. To teach a greater understanding of meat animal feeding, meat animal marketing and meat animal science.
3. To develop pride and responsibility within a member's animal raising project(s).
4. To recognize members who do quality work in selecting, feeding and showing their project animals by providing a marketing opportunity.

## **II. Committee Structure and Officers**

A. The Marquette County Youth Meat Animal Program will be supervised by a general committee. This general committee will consist of the officers **and directors**, committee chairpersons and all others who volunteer to guide and direct this educational program. Membership will begin each September with the term for one year. Directors term is a 2 year term.

B. The officers of the program shall be Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and four Directors. The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected for a one-year term each fall from participating program membership. Directors shall be elected for a 2-year term. Directors #1 and #3 are elected for odd year terms and Directors #2 and #4 are elected for even year terms.

C. The committees will be named each fall by the participating program membership. Committee members will serve on terms, but can volunteer to serve as many years as they desire. Committee is to elect their own Chairperson and Secretary.

## **III. Marquette Co. Youth Meat Animal Program Rules Governing All Species**

A. All 4-H or FFA members or members of other youth organizations having adult leadership, **who are under 20 years of age as of January 1st of the current fair year, but who are at least in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade of the current fair year**, who are carrying on supervised project work in Beef, Sheep, Swine, Rabbits and Poultry, who are members in good standing belonging to one of Marquette County's youth groups, or members living in Marquette County and belonging to a youth group outside of the County may participate in the Marquette County Youth Meat Animal Program.

**B. This is a youth meat animal program; therefore, all consignments to the auction must be meat animals that have participated in the youth meat animal program.** An auction **participant** can consign up to two (2) animal units to the sale as long as they are from different species/categories. All champions must sell, including Reserve Champions. (Note: Grand Champion and/or Reserve Champion animals are your consigned animals in that species. Therefore, the only way an exhibitor can sell more than two (2) animal units is if (s)he exhibits more than two (2) champions.)

**C. Final Eligibility For Sale** shall be determined **within an hour of the last show in a meeting of the following youth meat animal program** committee members: **Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors plus two ex-officio members-- one fair board member and the 4H Youth Development Agent (or designee). Decisions made by this group are final. This committee will review all sale requirements, including the following: signed agreement form; completed fair entry form; completed initial and final weigh-ins; attended educational session and/or completed alternate educational session form; drug history form and required health papers on file; copy of bidder invitation letter and bidders' list on file; MAQA and/or PQA certificate on file; sale information card**

**on file; and acceptable final animal live grade.** (Note: At time of final weigh-ins, all animals will be weighed one time across scale. Animals not making the minimum weight will not be eligible for the auction and should be marketed directly by the exhibitor.) **Also, at time of live show, animals not making minimum live grades will not be eligible for the auction.**

**Final Check Release Requirements: Participants must participate in set-up and/or clean-up for the auction; must submit completed market animal summary sheet by noon on Sunday of fair; must be present for animal release time; and must thank their buyer either with a written thank you and/or in some other appropriate way.**

**D.** All market animals must be wethers, ewes, barrows, gilts, steers, heifers or meat rabbits/poultry. Animals determined by species chairperson to be incomplete or late castrates, will not be allowed for **auction**. Animals must be castrated by initial weigh-in. Steers and heifers must be dehorned.

**E.** All animals must be fed, fitted, entered, shown, **and sold** by the exhibitor. During the Fair, exhibitors may be helped by immediate family members, project leaders, **and/or fellow Marquette County Fair exhibitors** only. Steers, heifers, barrows, gilts, ewes, wethers, rabbits and poultry must be in possession of the exhibitor by the weigh in date or identification date, whichever is first.

**F. An initial weigh-in is required of any beef, sheep, or swine animal intending to be sold in the auction.** An exhibitor family may identify/weigh and then an exhibitor may show the following animal numbers per species listed.

<u>ANIMAL SPECIES</u>	<u>#TO WEIGH/IDENTIFY</u>	<u>#TO SHOW</u>
Beef	3 per class	1 per class
Wethers/Ewes	8	3
Barrows/Gilts	8	3

Weighing is to be verified by the Species Committee. Entry Forms will be used for verifying beginning and ending weights as used in the Rate-Of-Gain Contest. The animals selected by the exhibitors will be weighed on entry date of the fair.

**G.** Rate-Of-Gain –An award will be given to the individual who exhibits the animal with the greatest weight gain per day. There will be one award per species (beef, sheep, swine). The rate-of-gain will be measured from the date of the official Marquette County Youth Meat Animal **Program** initial Weigh-In for that species and the **final** weigh-in at the county fair. Any animal not weighed-in at the official weigh-in is not eligible to be considered for the rate-of-gain contest. There is not a rate-of-gain contest for the poultry and rabbit categories.

**H.** Tags provided by the Marquette County Youth Meat Animal Committee will identify steers/heifers, wethers/ewes, and barrows/gilts. Identification will occur at the time of weigh in. The dates of initial weigh-ins and identification are listed under each species heading below.

**I.** The loss of an ear tag must be made known to the Committee, the Extension Office, or the Vo-Ag Instructor immediately after the loss of the tag. Upon notification, a committee member will place

another tag on the exhibitor's animal.

**J. Financial Records** (the "Market Animal Summary Sheet"\*) shall begin at weigh-in and must be maintained during the entire feeding period. Current market prices at weigh-in will be given to those youth not actually purchasing the animal and/or feed. These prices will be provided to the exhibitor. These records must be completed and turned into the **Fair Office by noon on Sunday of the fair** if the exhibitor wishes to **receive his/her auction check(s)**. (\*Sale Requirement)

**K. Market Animal Drug History:** All Federal and State Health Regulations must be followed and certified by Exhibitor and parents or guardians. This includes the use of growth stimulants, tranquilizers, and other drugs whether injected, implanted, or included in the feed. Withdrawal times for all drugs must be followed. All beef, sheep, and swine exhibitors must complete the "Market Animal Drug History" form. The completed Market Animal Drug History Form (sample attached) **as well as all required health papers** must be turned in **prior to unloading project animals** on entry day of the Marquette County Fair. Any violation of this rule will result in the forfeiture of participating in future animal sales. The Youth Meat Animal Committee has the final ruling. In the event the animal is not qualified for human consumption due to drugs and/or other causes, premiums and sale proceeds will be forfeited.

**L.** A 4% Commission will be deducted from the gross sale price of each animal to cover costs incurred in conducting the show, sale and its promotion, and education of participants.

**M. Educational Requirements:** It is required that all youth exhibitors of meat animals attend at least one committee approved educational session\* by July 1<sup>st</sup> each year. All 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year exhibitors **MUST** attend one mandatory educational session presented by the Youth Meat Animal Program Committee. There will be three committee arranged educational sessions for these 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year exhibitors and they are scheduled as follows:

- 1) Tuesday, November 13, 2007, 7:00 p.m. at Marquette County Services Center, Montello
- 2) Tuesday, January 15, 2008, 7:00 p.m. at Westfield High School Vo. Ag Classroom
- 3) Thursday, March 6, 2008, 7:00 p.m. at Marquette County Services Center, Montello

(These sessions are geared toward the beginner, but youth with more experience may attend one of these sessions.)

Exhibitors participating in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year or greater of the Youth Meat Animal Program must attend an educational session or they may present a pre-approved educational session. (In order to meet the pre-approval, the older youth member **MUST** have their educational session pre-approved by the committee; have a teaching outline pre-approved by a Vo Ag Instructor; have the educational session announced/advertised in advance; and have a committee member, FFA Advisor or 4H Volunteer Leader present at the session. Youth choosing an alternate educational session must complete the alternate educational session form and return it to the UWEX office at their earliest convenience, but no later than July 1 each year. Note: Youth may attend more than one educational session to learn as much as possible.

(\* Sale Requirement--any member not fulfilling this educational session requirement will not be allowed to sell a meat animal(s) at the annual youth meat animal auction.)

**N. Bidder/Buyer Contacts:** Participants must contact their buyers. Each sale entrant must send a minimum of five (5) letters to potential buyers. Two of those letters must be delivered to new potential buyers. Families with multiple youth in the meat animal program should send one (1) letter to an individual buyer from all youth in the family, but still send the necessary number of letters (i.e. 2

youth would send a minimum of 10 letters to 10 separate buyers.) A copy of the letter and a list of the potential buyers contacted must be **on file in the Fair Office an hour after the last meat animal show** in order for an individual to be eligible for the auction. The Committee and will be instructing youth on how to "appropriately" recruit a potential bidder/buyer **and may also be making personal contacts to buyers. Following the auction, participants must send a THANK YOU to their buyer and/or thank their buyer(s) in some appropriate manner. Copies of thank you notes may be shared with the committee and/or the 4H Office as examples. (\*Sale Expectation)**

**O. Auction Set-Up, Operation, and Clean-Up Rule:** Exhibitors and parents (at least one person per family) are required to help set-up before; clean up after; or work before, during, or after the auction (must sign-up with auction committee chair prior to day of auction). Set-up and clean-up responsibilities will rotate by species annually. Set-up crew (4:00 p.m. – day of auction) for 2008 consists of exhibitors from the following species: **Swine, Poultry and Rabbits**. Clean-up crew (immediately following auction) for 2008 consists of exhibitors from the following species: **Beef and Sheep**. The penalty for not participating and checking in will be 10% of the check of your highest selling animal. **Signing in is the responsibility of each participant. (\*Sale Requirement)**

**P.** The exhibitor must be present at the time of release. Release time for all auction/meat animals is 3:00 PM on Sunday of the fair. However, the transfer of ownership does not take place until the animal is loaded on the truck. This means the exhibitor is responsible for the well-being of the animal throughout the entire fair. Also, exhibitors/owners are to be present by 2:30 p.m. to assist in the loading of your project animal(s). If you are not present and no designated representative is present either, the penalty of holding your sale check for 60 days may be enforced. In the case of an early release of fair animals due to weather or other unforeseen special situations, special directions will be announced and/or posted about the release of meat animals.

**Q.** Only participating exhibitors will be allowed to register complaints that are in writing and signed. These must be made through appropriate committee persons by 3:00 p.m. the following day.

**R.** Anyone violating the rules established by the Marquette County Youth Meat Animal Committee may be barred from the program for a minimum of one year.

**S.** The interpretation of these rules and other questions shall be referred to the Marquette County Youth Meat Animal Committee and their decision shall be final. However, when an immediate decision must be made, the Officers **and Directors** of the Committee will have the final ruling. **Decisions made by this group are final.**

**T. Sale Order for 2008 will be:**

- 1. Beef**
- 2. Rabbits**
- 3. Sheep**
- 4. Poultry**
- 5. Swine**

(Rotation for the future will be as follows: Species 1, 3, & 5 will rotate order (with #1 going to #5) each year, while species 2 & 4 will alternate annually.)

#### **IV. Specific Market Hog Rules**

A. All market hogs (barrows and gilts) must be born on or after January 1 of the exhibit year.

**B. The Market Hog project begins on the initial weigh-in date and that is set for April 12, 2008 from 9-11 a.m.** at the Marquette Co. Fairgrounds To be eligible for the youth meat animal auction, all market barrows/gilts must weigh 80# or less at initial weigh-in. (*Recommended minimum weight is 50 #.*)

C. All barrows/gilts must grade No. 3's or better and weigh a minimum of 220# at final weigh-in for the show. Any barrow/gilt weighing under 220# will not be permitted to sell through the auction and must be shipped directly to a packing house from the show. Barrows/gilts eligible for the auction weighing more the 280# will sell at 280#.

D. The check-off amount that is designated in the National Pork Production and Research Check-Off will be deducted from the seller's check for compliance with the mandatory pork check-off. The check-off is a percentage of the market value and is designated by the National Pork Board.

E. Market Hog Exhibitors may exhibit up to three (3) market barrows/gilts. The exhibitor must designate which barrow/gilt he/she will sell in the Youth Auction immediately after completion of the live show.

F. All market hog exhibitors must be Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) Level III **and/or MAQA** certified in order to exhibit and/or sell a market barrow/gilt. Certification must be current for returning exhibitors. A copy of the certificate must be presented at weigh-in time at the fair.

#### **V. Specific Market Lamb Rules**

A. All Market Lambs (wethers or ewes) must be born on or after January 1 of the exhibit year.

**B. The Market Lamb project begins on the initial weigh-in date and that is set for April 12, 2008 from 9-11 a.m.** at the Marquette Co. fair grounds.

C. All Market Lambs must grade Choice or better and weigh a minimum of 95#. Market Lambs weighing more than 140# will sell at 140#.

D. Market Lamb Exhibitors may exhibit up to three (3) market lambs. The exhibitor must designate which lamb he/she will sell immediately upon completion of the live show.

E. The check-off amount that is designated in the Sheep Promotion Research and Information Act of 1994 will be deducted from the Seller's check for compliance with the Act.

#### **VI. Specific Market Beef Rules**

A. NO Beef can be sold - regardless of birthdate - that does not have all of its milk teeth in place and no permanent teeth showing. The decision of the person doing the mousing is final.



18 months -  
calf has 8 temporary  
incisors. Eligible to  
show.

22 months - 2 temporary  
incisors lost, being  
replaced by permanent  
teeth. Would be disqualified.

26 months – 2  
permanent in place,  
3 times the size of  
temps. Disqualified.

**B.** Any breed of Beef, Beef Crossbred, Dairy Beef, Crossbred and Dairy Steer or Heifer is eligible.

**C.** The Market Beef project begins on the initial weigh-in date and that is set for **December 15, 2007 from 9–11:30 a.m. at the Marquette County fair grounds, Westfield. Snow date (inclement weather) is January 12, 2008.**

**D.** Market Beef may be divided into equal lots using final weigh-in weights if class size warrants.

**E.** All Market Beef must grade select or better and weigh a minimum of 1000# for beef type steers, 1150# for dairy steers, 950# for beef type market heifers, and 1100# for dairy market heifers.

**F.** One dollar per animal will be deducted from the seller for compliance with the mandatory National Beef Promotion and Research Check-off.

**G.** Market Beef Exhibitors may exhibit one Market Beef per class. The exhibitor must designate which steer he/she will sell immediately upon completion of the live show.

**H.** Market Beef will be weighed one time only on a scale at the fairgrounds for the final weigh-in at fair.

## **VII. Rabbit and Poultry Rules**

**A.** Grand Champion/Best of Show & Reserve Champion/Reserve Best of Show will be selected & required to sell for both the meat animal rabbits category & the meat animal poultry category. (In other words, there will be two champions from meat animal rabbits & two champions from meat animal poultry and no more.)

**B.** **The Market Rabbit project begins at day of birth for all meat type rabbits.** Meat type rabbits must be identified/registered by tattoo at the end of June. (Note: Rabbit birth weight will be “0” pounds.) Also, all rabbit project members will be informed of date of identification/registration event (usually in June) via mailing in the spring.

**C.** **The Market Poultry project begins at day of birth for all meat type poultry animals. Due to avian health rules and requirements, the registration/identification process for meat type poultry animals (ducks, turkeys, geese, and chickens) is as follows. Meat type poultry must be registered and leg banded and fulfill any health requirements. To do this, poultry project members must contact the UW-Extension Office by April 1<sup>st</sup> and register their intent to participate with meat - type poultry animals. Then, the Poultry Committee chair will follow-up with project members and arrange identification and leg banding. Project members may identify up to 5 birds per category-- duck, turkey, and goose and up to 10 birds for chickens. This registration/leg banding of meat type poultry animals must be completed by July 1<sup>st</sup> each year. (Note: Poultry birth weight will be “0” pounds and may be verified with dated sales receipt.)**

**D.** Market Rabbits and Poultry will be exhibited by age and/or weight based on fair premium list entry lots. Poultry animals must meet all health test requirements (i.e. Pullorum Typhoid Test).

**MARQUETTE COUNTY YOUTH MEAT ANIMAL PROGRAM  
AGREEMENT FORM**

I have read and agree to abide by the above rules of the Youth Meat Animal Program for the 2008 Program Year. This form must be on file at **the Fair Office prior to the auction at the** Marquette County Fair. However, it may be turned in to the Marquette County UW-Extension Office anytime prior to that date. (This would be preferred).

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Exhibitor Signature

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Parent Signature

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Date

# MARKET ANIMAL DRUG HISTORY

## DESCRIPTION OF ANIMAL

SPECIES: \_\_\_\_\_SWINE      AGE \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER IDENTIFICATION \_\_\_\_\_  
                  \_\_\_\_\_SHEEP      WT. \_\_\_\_\_  
                  \_\_\_\_\_BOVINE      SEX \_\_\_\_\_ ID. \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR \_\_\_\_\_

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS ANIMAL HAS NOT RECEIVED, OR BEEN TREATED WITH DRUGS, TRANQUILIZERS, DIURETICS, STEROIDS, ANTIBIOTICS OR OTHER SUBSTANCES WITHOUT FOLLOWING CURRENT WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES.

PRODUCTS AND DATES ADMINISTERED TO THIS ANIMAL \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE OF EXHIBITOR \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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                  \_\_\_\_\_SHEEP      WT. \_\_\_\_\_  
                  \_\_\_\_\_BOVINE      SEX \_\_\_\_\_ ID. \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE OF EXHIBITOR \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_