

GUIDELINES, RULES, AND PROCEDURES

FOR

2008 POLK COUNTY FAIR QUALITY MEAT PROGRAM

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GENERAL GUIDELINES OR RULES

1. Any 4-H, FFA, FHA, Scout member, or any other organized youth group member 10 through 19 years of age as of January 1, 2008, enrolled in the beef, sheep or pork production project or enterprise may participate. All exhibitors must complete a fair entry form for quality meats animals.
2. A 4-H, FFA, FHA, Scout Member, or any other organized youth group member may sell only one animal at the auction sale.
3. A member may enter more than one species; all entries must be weighed at the fair. The animal to be sold must be selected after judging is completed or by 4:00 p.m. on Friday of the County Fair.
4. A sale commission of 4% will be charged to cover program expenses and improvements to the Polk County Fair.
5. No drugs may be administered to animals at the fair or prior to the fair that would cause meat to be condemned. All withdrawal periods must be adhered to including administered medications and medicated feed. The exhibitor will not be paid for the animal if it is condemned.
6. A maximum of eighty-five (85) animals will be sold. A maximum of thirty-five (35) steers will be allowed to sell. Twenty (20) lambs and thirty (30) hogs will be sold. If there should be a shortage in steers, hogs or lambs, it will be made up from one of the other species at the discretion of the Quality Meats Committee. The judge's rank in the show will be used to determine eligibility to sell hogs, lambs, and steers. Steers, hogs and lambs will be intermixed by drawing sale order numbers at fair weigh-in. Decision of judge is final.
7. Animals will be allowed to cross the scale only once at the fair weigh-in. All entrants must turn in feed record and information sheets at that time. These sheets will be required for

- participation in the sale. Drug withdrawal sheets must be submitted at final weigh-in.
8. **All animals must be trained to handle at fair time or will be disqualified.**
 9. Once an animal is sold, it becomes the property of the buyer. However, the exhibitor has the responsibility of caring for the animal until it leaves the fairgrounds. All animals are to remain in the barns until specified loading time (not before 4:30 p.m. Sunday).
 10. An exhibitor shall be determined ineligible to be in the Polk County Quality Meat Program if entered in a similar county fair Quality Meat Program.
 11. Any exhibitor wishing to withdraw their animal from the auction sale must inform the Quality Meats Committee by 4 p.m. on Friday. The auction sale will be on Saturday.
 12. **All exhibitors are required to help set-up and tear-down the auction ring.**
 13. All animals entering sale ring must be sold at the sale and must be slaughtered at the designated locker plant and entered in the carcass contest.
 14. All carcasses will be evaluated for quality meat by using accepted carcass contest data.
 15. All carcasses will be available for viewing at an educational meeting at the designated locker plant on Thursday following the fair. The meeting will include a carcass judging contest for any 4-H, FFA, FHA, Scout member or any other organized youth group member. The contest will include a class of 4 steer carcasses, a class of 4 lamb carcasses, and a class of 4 hog carcasses. The highest placing contestant will receive a trophy.
 16. The Polk-Burnett Bankers Association will clerk the sale.
 17. **All trophy winners must make weight, grade and be sold at the sale.**
 18. Trophies or plaques will be presented to the following Sale Animals:
 - Buyer of the Sale Grand Champion of each species
 - Exhibitor of the Sale Grand Champion of each species
 - Exhibitor of the Sale Reserve Grand Champion of each species
 - Exhibitor of the Carcass Grand Champion of each species
 - Exhibitor of the Reserve Grand Champion Carcass of each species
 - Buyer of the Carcass Grand Champion of each species
 - Carcass judging contest winner
 - Exhibitor of the ADG Champion of each species
 - Exhibitor of the ADG Reserve Champion of each species
 - Exhibitor of the Total Performance Champion of each species
 - Exhibitor of the Total Performance Reserve Champion of each species
 19. The Total Performance Champion of each species will be determined by adding the live animal placing, the carcass placing, and the average rate of daily gain placing for each animal. In case of a tie, the animal with the highest carcass placing will be the winner.
 20. **An exhibiting family must submit the names of a minimum of 2 prospective buyers that were not buyers at the previous year's sale, and obtain their signatures. The Quality Meats Committee will provide appropriate forms for these signatures. Signature forms must be submitted at the final weigh-in at the fair.**

If the forms are not completed the exhibitor will not be able to sell their animal

in the auction.

Each exhibitor will be provided with a list of names of all exhibitors in the project. These listings can be distributed to potential buyers. No coercion is to be used. A congenial relationship should be developed.

21. **All exhibitors selling an animal should use appropriate means to express appreciation to the buyer regardless of price received. The committee strongly recommends a thank you letter or an ad in the newspaper. All exhibitors should add the buyers' name to their exhibitor's stall card.**
22. The scale and all equipment owned by this program group can only be used for the Polk County Quality Meats Program.
23. Families with more than one member in the project may weigh in a designated family plan animal provided no member has weighed in more than one animal per species. Each family plan animal must be assigned to an individual exhibitor by the end of the weigh-in on entry day of the county fair.
24. **Exhibitors are required to attend one educational event pertaining to each species of animal that they weigh-in sometime during the calendar year before the auction. (If exhibiting beef, event has to pertain to beef, if exhibiting beef and swine, two events, one pertaining to each species must be attended, etc.)**

STEERS

1. Steers are weighed and tagged the first Saturday in December at the fairgrounds in St. Croix Falls from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
2. **Steers should be reasonably halter-broken at the December weigh-in.**
3. **All steers must be dehorned (including scurrs) and castrated by the December weigh-in. This rule will be strictly enforced.**
4. Only steers born after January 1, 2007 are eligible. Steers may be mouthed at weigh-in time at the fair to determine age.
5. **Exhibitor will be allowed to weigh and tag two steers in December. If tag is lost, contact the Polk County Extension Office IMMEDIATELY for tag replacement.**
6. All steers will be weighed in at the county fair on entry at the designated time.
7. Steers must grade choice or prime to be eligible to be sold.
8. Steers must be the following weights to be sold:
 - Beef breeds and beef-dairy crosses; 900 pounds and over
 - Dairy steers (both parents are dairy breeds); 900 pounds and over
9. The order for loading steers for transportation to the locker plant will be in reverse of the sale order. (Last steer sold is first steer to be loaded.) This order will be announced at the sale. This order will be followed to prevent injury to animals, exhibitors or bystanders during the loading process.
10. All market steers will be ranked by a judge for total performance points.

HOGS (barrow or gilt)

1. Barrows and gilts are to be weighed and identified by tag (provided by the Quality Meats Committee) in April at the Polk County Fairgrounds. Date to be announced. No more than two hogs are to be tagged per exhibitor at the April weigh-in. If the tag is lost, contact the Polk County Extension Office immediately. April weigh-in will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
2. Maximum weight for hogs at the April weigh-in is 100 pounds.
3. Hogs must grade No. 1 or No. 2 to be eligible to be sold.
4. Hogs must weigh 225 pounds to be eligible to be sold.
5. All market hogs will be ranked by a judge for total performance points.
6. All hogs will be weighed in at the county fair.
7. Barrows and gilts must be born after January 1, 2008.

LAMBS (wether or ewe)

1. Lambs can be a wether or ewe and must be born after January 1, 2008.
2. Lambs are to be weighed and identified by tag (provided by the Quality Meats Committee) in April at the Polk County Fairgrounds. Date to be announced. No more than two lambs are to be tagged per exhibitor at the April weigh-in. If the tag is lost, contact the Polk County Extension Office immediately. April weigh-in will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
3. Maximum weight for lambs at the April weigh-in is 80 pounds.
4. These market lambs must be shorn before the fair.
5. Lambs must weigh 100 pounds to be eligible to be sold.
6. Lambs must grade choice or prime to be eligible to be sold.
7. Judge will rank all lambs for total performance points.
8. All lambs will be weighed in at the county fair.

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