

2008 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, marketing 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 top 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.
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 project, is eligible to sell two (2) animals, 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) including Exploring members, for which they wish to raise and sell an animal. • Anyone selling an animal in any other County Fair Livestock Sale will not be eligible to sell in the Waushara County Fair Livestock Sale.
Enrollment Deadline	<p>Beef Market Animal Project Members must turn in their Project Enrollment and Agreement Form at the Beef Weigh-in. 4-H and FFA members interested in swine, sheep, rabbits and poultry must return the Project Enrollment and Agreement Form to the UW-Extension office no later than February 1.</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 – 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 – 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 should be 500-600 lbs. for British breeds and 600-700 lbs. for Holstein and other large crossbreeds and Exotics. • Barrows: Approximate weight at initial weight in should be 45 lbs. • Lamb: Approximate weight at initial weigh-in should be 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.</p>

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Record Keeping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All participants must keep record for each project animal. These records should include medications administered and project costs. A Meat Animal Summary Sheet 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. • The Summary Sheet will be returned to the members at the Buyer Appreciation for use by members in completing additional records required by the exhibitor's respective organization. 																
Educational Requirements	<p>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.</p> <p>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. If members are not able to attend one of the sessions listed below, the individual must contact the UW-Extension office to plan for an alternative exercise or comparable educational session. Information on the following approved educational activities is available from the UW-Extension office or an FFA Advisor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market Animal Sessions at 4-H Project Discovery Day – January 28 • Tri-County Livestock Meetings – sponsored by Portage, Waushara, and Waupaca counties. Waushara County will host a hog session. • Area Animal Science Days – youth can participate in livestock judging events – June 27, Manitowoc County • State Meats Judging Workshop – February 2, UW-Madison. • State Meats Judging Contest – February 16, UW-Madison • State FFA Livestock and Meats Judging Contest, Madison • WLBA Show Camp -State Fair Park – June 13-15 • World Beef Expo – Sept. 26-28, State Fair Park • Wisconsin Sheep Industry Conference • Market Animal Quality Assurance Sessions <p>Additional activities that are acceptable will be announced in the Clover Clipper. Sessions that are not sponsored by Waushara County 4-H, one of the FFA Chapters or the Tri-County Livestock Committee require submission of a one to two paragraph report on what was learned and how they will use this in their project.</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, 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. Copies of the letters 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). • 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 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. 									
Fair Weigh-in Dates And Times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swine, Wednesday 5:30-8 pm • Beef, Wednesday 7-8 pm • Sheep, Friday Noon-1 pm • Rabbits/Poultry, Wednesday 5-6 pm 									
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.									
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)									
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.									
Rate of Gain Awards	Rate of gain awards will be awarded to a sale eligible steer, lamb, 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.									
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 border="0"> <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> <tr> <td>English Breeds or English Crossbreeds (Angus, Hereford, Shorthorn)</td> <td>1000 lbs.</td> <td>Select+ or Better</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)			English Breeds or English Crossbreeds (Angus, Hereford, Shorthorn)	1000 lbs.	Select+ or Better
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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
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Barrows (born year of fair)	220 lbs. 230-250 lbs. is market desirable wt.	USDA 1 & 2
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)	over 5 lbs. & up 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Livestock Committee has the right to accept or reject any animals. • Quality grading standards will be strictly adhered to at the fair. Acceptable grade will be announced and each animal's grade will be announced. Animal not making acceptable grade will not be sold in the sale. • 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 for show 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 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 		

	<p>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>
Sale Order	<p>The order for sale for 2008 is champion rabbits, swine, champion poultry, sheep, rabbits, beef, poultry. Sale order by species rotates annually. Sale order within the species is determined by exhibitors drawing numbers during weigh-in.</p>
Champion and Reserve Champion	<p>A Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected in each species. 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>
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.
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. Animals without a designation card submitted will be shipped to Equity.</p>
Sale Commission & Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Livestock Committee will withhold a four and one-half (4 ½) percent sale commission for beef, sheep, swine and a seven (7) percent commission for rabbit and poultry to offset costs of conducting the project and sale. • 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 per animal Hogs - \$.45 of one percent (.0045) of gross market value at first point of sale. • The cost of two tickets per buyer will be deducted from each exhibitors check. • 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. Use of note cards is encouraged. Use of notebook type paper is not acceptable. A copy of the thank you must be mailed to the UW-Extension office as soon as possible after the sale. You will not receive

	<p>your check until this has been received and payment from your buyer has been received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exhibitors and their families are expected to attend a post sale buyer's recognition event typically held the Tuesday evening after the fair. Details about the banquet will be sent to project members in July.
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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, determined by the Livestock Executive Committee.

**2008 WAUSHARA COUNTY
MARKET ANIMAL PROJECT ENROLLMENT AND AGREEMENT FORM**

Project members must submit this form by February 1 to: UW-Extension, PO Box 487, Wautoma, WI 54982. Beef project members must submit their form at the beef weigh-in.

Please indicate how you would like the name of the parent(s)/guardian(s) to appear on the stall card(s) used during the fair:

Parent/Guardian Approval – I hereby support the enrollment of my child(ren) in the Waushara County Market Animal Project.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Member Information

I have read and understand the Market Animal Project Rules and Requirements and will strictly adhere to them or I will not be able to sell my market animal(s).

Member Name: _____

Please check which Youth Organization you are entering as a member of:

____ 4-H ____ FFA

Please check which animal specie(s) you intend to sell: Beef____ Sheep____ Swine ____
Poultry ____ Rabbit ____

If this is your first year in the Market Animal Project, please put a check on the line: _____

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