

2020 WINNEBAGO COUNTY MEAT ANIMAL SALE RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations are reviewed on an annual basis and will be provided to exhibitors by the Meat Animal Board following the annual meeting. These rules and regulations pertain to all 4-H or FFA exhibitors selling their market animal projects and it is their responsibility to thoroughly review them.

OBJECTIVE

The objectives of the Winnebago County Meat Animal Board are:

1. To provide an educational experience that teaches youth about the selection and care of quality livestock.
2. To create a fun environment where youth will gain a sense of responsibility and confidence while raising livestock.
3. To empower youth to experience the economic conditions of agriculture by working to earn a profit from the livestock they raise.

WEIGH INS

1. Exhibitors must be present at weigh ins to designate their projects animals.
2. Only one exhibitor name is allowed per animal. An exhibitor will only be allowed to sell an animal which was identified in his/her name at the spring weigh in.
3. Sibling exhibitors, named at the spring weigh in and each weighing in only one other market animal of that species, may designate a "pool" animal. This market animal would only be eligible for the Meat Animal Sale if it is the only market animal of that species weighed in for that exhibitor on entry day of the County Fair.
4. If a meat animal project loses an ear tag the exhibitor or immediate family member must contact a Meat Animal Board member immediately to replace the tag prior to entry day of the County Fair.
5. An exhibitor will be allowed to weigh their market animals only once.
6. Steer spring weigh in will be held on the last Saturday of February, from 9a to 11a in Barn A at the Sunnyview Expo Center (snow day will be the following Saturday).
 - a. For steers to be eligible for the Meat Animal Sale they must be weighed in and identified with a Winnebago County Meat Animal Board tag at the spring weigh in.
 - b. An exhibitor will be allowed to tag no more than four (4) steers at the spring weigh in.
 - c. An exhibitor will be allowed to weigh in no more than three (3) steers on entry day at the County Fair.
 - d. All steers weighed in must be castrated and dehorned prior to the spring weigh in.
 - e. Steers showing signs of warts, ringworm, mange or any other infectious disease may be held back in the trailer or truck at the board's discretion until all other animals have been weighed in during the Spring Weigh In.
 - f. Winnebago County Meat Animal Board members are not responsible for leading steers across the scale. Every steer must have its own halter, with a lead rope, on during weigh ins.

7. Sheep/Swine spring weigh in will be held on the first Saturday in May from 9am to 11a in Barn A at the Sunnyview Expo Center.
 - a. For sheep/swine to be eligible for the Meat Animal Sale they must be weighed in and identified with a Winnebago County Meat Animal Board tag at the spring weigh in.
 - b. An exhibitor will be allowed to tag no more than four (4) sheep and four (4) swine at the spring weigh in.
 - c. An exhibitor will be allowed to weigh in no more than two (2) swine and three (3) sheep on entry day at the County Fair.
 - d. If a decision is made to enter a market ewe in a breeding class, the Winnebago County Meat Animal Board tag must be removed prior to entry day at the County Fair. No changes will be allowed once a ewe is weighed in for a market class.
 - e. All sheep, of any age, must have an official scrapie identification ear tag on entry day at the County Fair.
 - f. All wethers/barrows weighed in must be castrated prior to the spring weigh in.
 - g. Sheep/Swine showing signs of sore mouth or any other infectious disease may be held back in the trailer or truck at the Board's discretion until all other animals have been weighed in during the Spring Weigh In.
 - h. Winnebago County Meat Animal Board members are not responsible for penning swine/sheep after crossing the scale.

SALE ELIGIBILITY

1. A meat animal project exhibitor will be allowed to sell one market animal.
 - a. 2020 2nd trial year for meat animal sale. A meat animal project exhibitor will have the option to sell two different species in the Meat Animal Sale.
2. Any steer, sheep or swine projects shown in a market class are eligible for the Meat Animal Sale provided they meet the following requirements:
 - a. Beef steer – 900 lb. minimum on entry day. All steers must gain at least 2.00 lbs. per day from weigh in to entry day of County Fair. Age must be as defined in fair book: junior yearling, summer yearling, senior calf (born in previous year).
 - b. Dairy beef steer – 900 lb. minimum on entry day. All steers must gain at least 2.00 lbs. per day from weigh in to entry day of County Fair. Age must be as defined in fair book: junior yearling, summer yearling, senior calf (born in previous year).
 - c. Dairy steer – 1100 lb. minimum on entry day. All steers must gain at least 2.00 lbs. per day from weigh in to entry day of County Fair. Age must be as defined in fair book: junior yearling, summer yearling, senior calf (born in previous year).
 - d. Swine – 220 lb. minimum on entry day. All swine must gain at least 1.50 lbs. per day from weigh in to entry day of County Fair. Must be born after January 15th of the current year. Sale payout maximum of 300 lbs.
 - e. Sheep – 90 lb. minimum on entry day. All sheep must gain at least .40 lbs. per day from weigh in to entry day of County Fair. Must be born in current year. Sale payout maximum of 160 lbs.

3. First time market animal exhibitors may sell a market animal that does not meet the above requirements, provided they have no other eligible market animals to sell.
4. Steers tagged in a previous year are NOT eligible for the Winnebago County Meat Animal Sale.
5. An overall reserve sale champion will be chosen by the judge in the event the overall grand or reserve champion is unable to sell.
6. If an exhibitor has two or more overall grand or reserve sale champion market animals, he/she will be allowed to sell those champions.
7. Project members must inform the Winnebago County Meat Animal Board which market animal they will be selling in the Meat Animal Sale no later than 12p the day prior to the sale.
8. Livestock will be graded for educational purposes. Grade does not influence sale eligibility.
9. Mandatory Requirements to sell in the 2020 Meat Animal Sale. Exhibitor is required to complete 5 out of 10 options below. If requirements are not met, exhibitor will not be eligible to sell.
 - a. Pen Take Down **August 4, 2019 (Sign In)**
 - b. Set Up **August 2, 2020 (Sign In)**
 - c. Mandatory Meeting **August 2, 2020 (Sign In)**
 - d. 2 Buyer Letters Signed by potential Buyers and handed in on final Weigh-In **August 2, 2020**
 - e. Complete YQCA(Database) online or attend another county's session. Need certification for proof of completion by **August 2, 2020**
 - f. Attend 2 Meat Animal Board Meetings **(Sign In)**
 - g. Attend October Annual Meeting **October 9, 2019 (Sign In)**.
 - h. Attend carcass judging **August 2019 (sign in)**
 - i. Attend Carcass show results **August 2019 (sign in)**
 - j. Cattle show or educational clinic (if not held by Winnebago County then member must come and make a short presentation to MAB) **completed by July meeting**

FEES AND PENALTIES

1. A sales commission not to exceed 5% of gross sales plus \$10/head will be deducted from all market animals sold in the Winnebago County Meat Animal Sale to cover expenses and mandatory promotion check-offs. The commission fee will be determined by the Winnebago County Meat Animal Board following the sale.
2. A \$50 penalty fee will be deducted from an exhibitor's sale check if a market animal is not fed, watered and/or their bedding is changed by someone appointed by the Meat Animal Board after a warning has been given to the exhibitor.
3. Steers that have been sold must be left in the barn with adequate rope halters after animal release on Sunday. If not, a \$10 penalty fee will be deducted from the exhibitor's sale check.
4. Exhibitors with a market animal found to have had any illegal substance resulting in the condemnation of the meat will forfeit all sale proceeds.

GENERAL SALE RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All exhibitors must attend the mandatory meeting the Sunday prior to entry day of the County Fair.
2. Sale order numbers will be drawn the Sunday prior to entry day of the County Fair.
3. Sale order will alternate sheep and swine first and last. Beef will always sell second.
4. Exhibitors must display an individual buyer thank you sign on their sale projects decorations no later than 2p the day of the Winnebago County Meat Animal Sale.
5. Exhibitors must write "Thank You" letters to the buyers of their market animals.
6. The Winnebago County Meat Animal Board reserves the right to hold checks until all buyers have paid for their animals.
7. The Winnebago County Meat Animal Board is only responsible for loading out those animals sold through the Meat Animal Sale.

CARCASS EVALUATION

A carcass evaluation placing market animals on meat quality will be conducted. Only those market animals sold through the auction are eligible for placing at the carcass evaluation. All overall sale champions, grand and reserve, sold through the auction must be evaluated at the carcass evaluation.

DISCLAIMER: This rule establishes penalties for rule violations outside of those rules and penalties previously mentioned. Examples of violations include but are not limited to drenching, tampering with market animals, misrepresenting the animal's age or ownership, causing unnecessary suffering of a market animal and illegal drug use. Exhibitors found breaking Winnebago County Meat Animal Sale Rules and Regulations will not be eligible to sell in the current and following year's sales. Violations must be witnessed by a Meat Animal Board member, barn superintendent and/or documented by photograph. If any questions arise and/or clarifications are needed the Winnebago County Meat Animal Board reserves the right to interpret these rules and regulations. All decisions will be made by no fewer than 51% of the board's members. The County Fair rules, regulations and state animal health requirements will supersede all rules contained herein.

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