

2024 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 on entry day/Fair Weigh in.
6. Steer spring weigh in will be held on the last Saturday of February, from 9a to 11a at the Sunnyview Expo Center Barn A (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.

*Animals are allowed to go to a show on the day of weigh-in and use that weigh-in weight rather than coming to the county weigh-in. The animal must be tagged prior to the weigh-in and verification pictures of the animal (showing ear tag #) and its weight must be sent to the Meat Animal Board email the same day as the county 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 spring weigh-in will be held on the first Saturday in May from 9am to 11a in Barn A at the Sunny View Expo Center.
- a. For sheep 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.
 - *Animals are allowed to go to a show on the day of weigh-in and use that weigh-in weight rather than coming to the county weigh-in. The animal must be tagged prior to the weigh-in and verification pictures of the animal (showing ear tag #) and its weight must be sent to the Meat Animal Board email the same day as the county weigh-in.
 - b. An exhibitor will be allowed to tag no more than four (4) sheep at the spring weigh in.
 - c. An exhibitor will be allowed to weigh in no more than 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 male sheep weighed in must be castrated prior to the spring weigh in.
 - g. Sheep 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 sheep after crossing the scale.
8. Swine spring weigh in will not be held again this year due to being a terminal Swine show on the suggestion from the State Vet. We will once again be handing out ear tags, on April 12, 2023 from 7:00 to 7:30 at the JPCC
- a. For swine to be eligible for the Meat Animal Sale they must be identified with a Winnebago County Meat Animal Board tag
 - b. An exhibitor will be allowed to tag no more than four (4) swine at the spring weigh in.
 - c. An exhibitor will be allowed to weigh in no more than two (2) swine on entry day at the County Fair.
 - d. All barrows weighed in must be castrated prior to the spring weigh in.
 - e. 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.
 - f. Winnebago County Meat Animal Board members are not responsible for penning swine after crossing the scale.

SALE ELIGIBILITY

1. A meat animal project exhibitor will be allowed 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 the County Fair. Age must be as defined in the 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 the 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 the County Fair. Age must be as defined in the 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 the 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 the County Fair. Must be born in the 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. An exhibitor can choose to sell 1 animal of two species. If an exhibitor has Grand/Reserve overall champions of more than 1 species, the exhibitor can choose to sell all Grand/Reserve champions. The only time an exhibitor can sell more than 2 animals is if they are all Grand or Reserve Animals
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 2024 Meat Animal Sale. Exhibitors are required to complete 4 out of 7 options below. If requirements are not met, the exhibitor will not be eligible to sell. Everything can be emailed to winnctymab@gmail.com OR The parents of the exhibitor may hand any requirement in during the pen setup.

- o Show Take Down **August 6, 2023 (Sign In)**
- o Attend October Annual Meeting **October 11, 2023 (Sign In)**
- o Attend 2 Meat Animal Board Meetings **Second Wednesday of the month (Sign In)**
- o Participate at a Cattle Show or Educational Clinic (If not held by Winnebago County then the exhibitor must come and make a short presentation to the MAB)
Completed by July MAB meeting
- o 2 Buyer Letters Signed by potential Buyers and handed in on pen setup day
July 30, 2023
- o Complete YQCA(Database) online or attend another county's session. Need certification for proof of completion by **July 30, 2023**
- o Pen setup **July 30, 2023 (Sign In)**

10. Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting **July 30, 2023 Time TBD (Sign In) (You will no longer receive 1 point for this as it will just be mandatory)**

FEES AND PENALTIES

1. A sale 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. The sale order will rotate between species, and all animals including champions will be sold in the order the exhibitor picked. Each year the order will rotate between each species.
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.

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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