

MARINETTE COUNTY YOUTH LIVESTOCK PERFORMANCE CONTEST AND SALE RULES

The performance contest and sale rules will be enforced by the Livestock Rules Sub-Committee. This committee will consist of three elected members, for a two-year term. Two members will be elected in even number years and one member in odd number years. The Marinette County Agricultural UW-Extension Agent will serve as a non-voting advisory member.

Rules

1. The Livestock Performance Contest and Sale will consist of three parts: rate of gain, live show, and carcass evaluation.
2. All exhibitors must belong to a recognized youth organization and be in grades 3 through high school graduation plus one year. All exhibitors must complete standard record-keeping sheets for each species they are exhibiting and turn these sheets in prior to receiving their sale proceeds.

3. EDUCATIONAL EVENTS - All exhibitors must attend Youth for the Quality Care of Animals training annually. All Exhibitors and family members are encouraged to attend other educational events designed by the Education Committee, as well as other events sponsored by other organizations.

A designated family member must attend a minimum of two Youth Livestock Committee meetings during the year. Any exhibitor grade 9 and up must attend themselves, not a designee. Failure to attend the above mentioned meetings will result in disqualification from the auction.

4. Hogs, goat kids, and lambs will be weighed 103 days before opening day of the fair. Steers must be ear-tagged and weighed 159 days before opening day of the fair.

5. Weigh-in standards:

Exhibitor or a parent must own the animal at weigh-in time. Animals must be ear-tagged at initial weigh-in time. If more than one exhibitor in family, ear-tags need not be designated to a specific exhibitor. 1 scannable RFID tag is required and may be purchased from the fair. The 2nd tag will be provided by the fair as well. Call Lisa at 715-938-4099 if any questions.

Swine - 4 animals per exhibitor

Barrows or Gilts

60# maximum weight

Detailing and castrating must be healed (Detailing not required)

Lambs - 4 animals per exhibitor

75# maximum weight

Ewe or Wether lambs

Some evidence of castration must be apparent on males

Lambs' tails must be docked such that the lamb can lift its tail.

Goat kids - 4 animals per exhibitor

Male kids must be castrated

40# maximum weight

Steers - 4 animals per exhibitor any combination of beef and/or dairy

Dehorned, castrated and healed

Born no earlier than January 1 of the previous year

Two classes of steers will be judged separately, Beef breeds and Dairy breeds. Dairy breed steers will consist of purebred or cross-bred steers of Holstein, Guernsey, Jersey, Ayrshire, and Brown Swiss lineage only. Any steer not from these five breeds shall be shown as a Beef breed steer. Unless noted, further references to 'steers' refers to both Beef and Dairy breed

animals. Exhibitors can weigh in both a beef steer and dairy steer at weigh-ins and at fair weigh-in, but must pick only one steer (either beef or dairy) to ultrasound and show at the fair. The other must be judged in a market class.

Recommended minimum weight:

Dairy Breed - 600#

Beef Breed - 700#

Maximum weight at first weigh-in 900#.

6. Each exhibitor may exhibit in any or all species, with a maximum of two entries that will be eligible for the auction. If more than 45 entries are eligible for the auction, each exhibitor will be allowed to sell only one. Immediate family members cannot get bidder sheets from the same business.

7. Animals will be weighed on fair entry day to determine show eligibility and rate of gain. Each exhibitor will get two chances to make minimum weight per animal. Once an eligible weight has been made, the animal cannot be re-weighed. Weigh-in and ultrasound schedule will be set prior to the fair, according to species.

8. Any market animal that has been sold at auction, at any other show, is ineligible to be shown again. It is not legal to retain show rights.

9. Steers, wethers, goat kids, or barrows showing masculine coarseness or evidence of late and/or incomplete castration will be discriminated against by the judge.

10. An animal that becomes wild and uncontrollable during the show may be declared ineligible by the Division Superintendent.

11. A market animal must have been shown alive to be eligible for carcass awards and premiums.

12. The show judge is authorized to eliminate unclean animals or participants from show. Animals eliminated from show are ineligible for sale.

13. The show judge will make the final determination for sale eligibility by weight, grade, age, and quality at time of class placing. Sale standards:

Swine: USDA Grade #1 or #2 will be sold, #3 will be disqualified

Minimum weight - 220#, maximum weight - 325#

Minimum rate-of-gain - 1.7# per day

Lambs: Low choice or better and have to meet a yield grade of a 2.0

Minimum weight - 90#, no maximum

Minimum rate-of-gain - 0.55# per day

Steers: Yield Grade #1 #2 or #3

Minimum weight - 1,000#, no maximum

Minimum rate-of-gain - 2.2# per day

Goat Kids: Good or Choice

Minimum weight - 55#

Minimum rate-of-gain - 0.25# per day

Rate of gain will be calculated and rounded to the nearest hundredth of a pound on all species as soon as possible after an animal is weighed.

14. **AUCTION SALE** - The sale will be held the Friday of the fair at 7:00 p.m.

15. In order to be eligible for the sale, exhibitors need to submit, at or before the August regular meeting, the names of two bidders on signed forms for each market animal to be shown.

16. All eligible animals must be sold. The Youth Livestock Committee will arrange for a local market outlet to purchase animals not bought at sale and will be purchased at the current market rates.

17. Sale order will be:

2013 - Dairy Breed, Goat , Beef Breed, Lamb, Swine

2014 - Goat, Beef Breed, Lamb, Swine, Dairy Breed

Balance of sale order may be adjusted to allow for even spacing of species throughout the sale. The small animal exhibits will be added to the sale order at regular intervals.

18. The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion animals of each species will lead off the sale of that species. The remaining animals' sale order will be announced based on composite scores. Lowest score will be sold first. Carcass evaluation rank will decide ties.

19. Exhibitors may buy back their own animals, but must pay all sale commissions.

20. 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 on the last day of the fair. The Youth Livestock Committee will arrange for transport of animals to a designated slaughter facility or arrange for small animal slaughter. Any buyers wishing to have their animals processed at a different facility are responsible for arranging transportation and its cost.

21. Stamped addressed, hand-written, "thank you" cards and copies of project record sheets are to be turned in to the Youth Livestock Committee Chair or their designee prior to the post-fair recognition banquet. Checks will be distributed when all requirements are met.

22. A sales commission of 7% will be charged by the Marinette County Fair Association to offset costs incidental to conducting the sale and show.

23. Wholesomeness of the meat product: All exhibitors and their parents or guardians must sign a form attesting to proper withdrawal of all additives and injections administered to the animal being shown. All animals going to slaughter may have tissue samples collected and submitted to the state laboratory by the state meat inspectors. The exhibitor will pay the sample analysis fee.

24. Carcass evaluation will occur at the fairgrounds via ultrasound scanning.

25. Pork carcasses will be ranked by the "Percent Muscle".

Beef carcasses will be ranked based on yield and quality scores.

Lamb carcasses will be ranked by carcass index.

Goat carcasses will be ranked by carcass index.

If these criteria are not able to be calculated from ultrasound data, the nearest equivalent measures will be calculated and used as carcass rank determinant, as approved by rules committee consensus.

26. Lowest sum of the rate-of-gain, live judging, and carcass judging placements will be awarded overall grand champion. Reserve grand champion will be 2nd lowest sum. Highest carcass ranking will determine tie-breaker.

27. The Youth Livestock Committee will arrange for all special ribbons and awards.

28. Poultry and Rabbit placement will be according to live judging and weight criteria, with only the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion broiler and roaster chickens and fryer rabbit exhibits being eligible for the auction.

Chicken Classes: Fryer 2.5-4.5 pounds, Broiler 4.5-7 pounds, Roaster 7.1-12 pounds

Rabbit Classes: Fryer 3-5pounds, Roaster 5-8 pounds, Stew minimum 8 pounds

29. In addition to other requirements, those members exhibiting poultry and/or rabbits must:

- Show another animal in their species.
- Compete in the Showmanship class for their species at the fair.

30. One member from the family or friend must be present for set up or take down at auction. Committee Chair will have sign up sheet at time of weigh-in at fair.

31. Committees that are needed to carry on the work of the organization shall be appointed by the officers. At least one representative of each family who has youth involved in a livestock project must actively serve on a committee if the youth is to be eligible to participate in the youth livestock auction.

32. All exhibitors will sign a waiver declaring the Marinette County Fair Association free and clear of financial responsibility for the failure of a successful bidder to pay the Association for an exhibitor's animal. In such a case, the Association will waive the exhibitor's responsibility for the 7% auction commission.

33. No animals will be wet going into ultra sound!

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