

The Eau Claire County Livestock Project is open to youth exhibiting at the Eau Claire County Fair and enrolled in a youth project that includes a livestock education program. (4-H, FFA, Boy Scouts, Eau Claire County Livestock Group or approved Junior Fair Youth Group).

The project is given mentorship and educational direction through an adult committee consisting of five adults. Two active, exhibiting youth members will be elected each year to act as liaisons between the board and the project. The Committee gives guidance and support to the youth enrolled in the project by holding educational meetings throughout the year.

Purpose and Committee Structure

PURPOSE

1. Provide an educational experience for all participants that will enhance personal growth and expand their knowledge of the livestock industry.
2. Provide an educational “learn by doing” activity that allows the participant to take a livestock project from an infant animal to the final marketable product.
3. Provide an economic understanding of the costs involved in raising livestock including purchasing the animal, housing, feed, and other costs to raise the animal.
4. Understanding promotion and marketing of the project and agriculture from purchase through the time of the sale.

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND OFFICERS

1. A general Committee of adults consisting of a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Directors supervise the Project.
2. The Committee will have two youth members elected from the participating membership each year to act as liaisons between the project members and the adult committee. The youth will attend General committee meetings and will have voting privileges at these meetings.
3. From time to time Special meetings may need to be held to determine enforcement of rules and regulations involving members of the project, which will be attended by the adult General Committee to take any necessary disciplinary action.
4. The election of the Committee will take place at the Kick-Off Meeting held in October/November. A Committee member will be elected for a two-year term, with a split election with 2 committee members then/3 committee members every other year. (To start this rotation, the secretary and treasurer on the 2016-17 committee will hold their office for a 3 year term and the other committee members will hold office for a 2 year term.). Youth Liaisons will be elected for a one-year term. If a committee member wishes to come off the committee during there term, they will be replaced by vote of the Livestock Project members at the next regular meeting.

2017-2018 Committee Members and Support Staff

Chair – Danyelle Steinke

Vice Chair – Devin Hadorn-Papke

Secretary – Natalie Sandberg

Corresponding Secretary – Miranda Nelson

Director 1 (Buyer Lunch & Banquet) – Natalie Sandberg

Director 2 (Carcass Contest/Auction & Extra Swine)– John Norby

Director 3 (Awards/Photography/Fitting & Showing Clinics) – Kayla Martinson & Kevin Kitchen

Animal Health – Dr Meg Mueller

Extension Staff – Mark Hagedorn

Advisor – Lisa Vetsch

COMMITTEE RULES:

1. Any exhibitor challenges to the rules, awards, checks or any other concerns regarding the project must be put in writing within 30 days of the incident (or within 30 days of the Livestock Banquet at which time the current livestock project year will be considered closed) and presented to the Livestock Chair.
2. The Livestock Chair will call a Special Meeting of the Committee to resolve any issues.
3. All decisions made by the Committee are final.

PROJECT RESPECT FOR JUDGES AND BUYERS:

Judges and project supporters/auction participants (potential buyers) are an integral part of the livestock project and are to be treated with the utmost respect by participants and their families. There will be zero tolerance of any badgering, harassment, etc of judges or project supporters/auction participants by either project participants or their families (including parents, siblings, grandparents and step family members.). This includes and is not limited to face-to-face, phone calls, texting, email, Facebook postings or any other forms of social media. The Eau Claire County Livestock Project will determine punishment, which may lead up to, and including, termination of participation in the Eau Claire County Livestock Project for life. Eau Claire County Fair Committee will be notified of any incident and the action taken.

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY FAIR – FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY:

The Eau Claire County Fair Committee enacted Exhibitor and Family Fiscal Responsibility for the fair. If an exhibitor or the exhibitor's family owes for ANY financial obligations that are fair related, that exhibitor will not be allowed to participate in the fair until said fiscal obligations are met including any penalty charges.

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