

2018/2019 Eau Claire County Livestock Project



RULES & REGULATIONS (Revised 11/12/18)

1. Any county recognized youth organization (national, state or local) member enrolled in the beef, dairy beef, sheep, goats or swine project may participate. Member must be in at least 3rd grade during the school year preceding the fair to exhibit. Member must be in at least 4th grade preceding the fair to show a steer. In 2019 participation in showmanship classes will be MANDATORY TO SELL. All exhibitors are required to enter into showmanship.
2. A member may sell a maximum of one animal at the County Auction that has been shown in a market class and correctly entered. The exhibitor will be allowed to have that same one animal in the Ultrasound Contest. Members exhibiting more than one market animal species must positively notify the Livestock Committee which animal will be sold by 5:00 p.m. Friday of the Fair.
3. Members must have earned at least 4 points on the point system to sell at this year's auction. Eau Claire County Fair participants who are still involved in the livestock project but are unable to earn 4 points because they are away at college, technical school, military or may be out of the area because of work, must send a letter to the Livestock Committee secretary requesting a waiver for educational/work/military reasons prior to January 1. YQCA is required for selling at the auction and will NOT be worth points. Three (3) Buyer Contact Forms or Signed Contact Seller Letter with 3 names, date and business must be completed and turned in by NOON Thursday of the fair to be eligible to sell.
4. Livestock project animals may be of either sex. Males must be castrated **before** the initial weigh-in. Sheep, Goats and Beef will be checked at weigh-in to confirm they are not stag animals.
5. Rate of gain is an important part of this project. Beef will be weighed to establish beginning weights on Saturday, December 8, 2018 from 8:00-10:00 AM at Altoona Equity Livestock Market. Swine will not have a weigh-in, tag distribution will be Monday April 1st, 2019 at 7:00 PM in Augusta. Sheep & goats will be weighed on Friday, April 26th from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Exposition Center. Weights must be verified with a member of the County Extension Office or an Ag Instructor.
6. A \$25.00 family fee will be collected from all families in the project. The fee will be collected at the initial project meeting to cover banquet, buyer social costs, and the cost of the Thank You ad in the newspaper. If the family fee is not paid by January 1st, 2019, the fee will increase to \$30.00. Fees are non-refundable.

State Fair animals will be weighed on a separate date. Contact the Extension Office for information.

BEEF Four animals may be weighed on December 8, from which you may select one to sell. Suggested weight at the start of project should be between 500 and 700 lbs, 800-900 lbs. for dairy. All beef must be haltered before unloading. All animals should have been born in 2018.

SHEEP Four animals may be weighed Friday, April 26th from which you may select one to be sold. Maximum weigh-in weight is 100 lbs.

SWINE There will NOT be a weigh-in for swine. Tags for up to 4 animals will be distributed at a mandatory meeting on Monday, April 1st at 7:00 PM in Augusta. Exhibitor or Family member must be present to get tags.

GOAT Four animals may be weighed Friday, April 26th from which you may select one to be sold. Minimum start weight is 30 lb. All goats should be born after December 2018.

7. Families are encouraged to submit one weigh-in form listing all animals and family members. Substitute animals must be raised on the same premise. If more than one family has animals at the same premise, each family must still complete a weigh-in form.
8. Livestock Project members must enter the **Market Class** to show the live animal and the **Carcass/Ultrasound Contest** to sell at the auction and participate in the carcass/ultrasound contest on their fair entry forms. **Animals that are NOT entered in the Carcass/Ultrasound Contest will NOT be sold in the auction and will not participate in the carcass/ultrasound contest.** Exhibitors entering the carcass/ultrasound class must have their animal harvested at the county's designated locations. Members can only have their auction animal in the carcass/ultrasound contest & total performance.

9. ALL AUCTION ENTRIES MUST BE ON PREMISES BY THURSDAY AT 11:00 a.m. Animals will be weighed and ultrasounded only if they have an official ear tag. ANY ANIMAL NOT WEIGHED/ULTRASOUNDED DURING THIS PERIOD WILL NOT BE SOLD. ALL AUCTION ENTRIES must be weighed in by 11:00 a.m. on Thursday of the fair. All animals must be brought to the scale/ultrasound area by a **family member**.
10. An official ear tag must be in the animal's ear at all times, the cost per tag will be donated in 2019 by the Cleghorn Lion's Club. The Extension Office should be notified when only one official ear tag remains in order to have the animal retagged. Each new tag for retagging will be \$5.00.
11. COOL forms for Goats & Sheep are due at 11:00 am Thursday (includes premise ID number).
12. Feed and cost records must be kept from the beginning to completion of the project on each animal weighed/tagged & exhibited at the fair for the project and turned in at the fair. This is required of all members in this project, regardless of age. All records will start at weigh-in date unless records are provided from time of birth or purchase. Records must be completed and turned in to superintendent by NOON Thursday, or penalty will be extra 5% commission. Days on feed after weigh-in for each species will be sent by email before the fair.
13. Sales Commission – 3½ %. This commission will be assessed to cover the cost incurred in having the project and conducting the sale. Transportation of animals to slaughter facilities will be \$20.00 for beef and \$15.00 for swine, goats and sheep.
14. All Exhibit Project sheets must be posted above the animal by NOON on Thursday. Failure to comply will result in 5% extra commission. Failure to add the buyer's name on the Exhibit Project sheet by 10 PM on Saturday evening will result in another 10% commission.
15. All Federal and State Health Regulations including the restriction and prohibition of the use of drugs must be followed.
16. YQCA is mandatory to sell at the auction and NOT worth points. Classes require preregistration & are \$3.00 to sign-up and based on age. *Juniors (8-11 years):* Saturday, February 2nd, 2019 8:30 am- registration 9-10am -class (UWEX Office) *Intermediate (12-14 years):* Saturday February 2nd, 2019 10am- registration 10:30-11:30am- class (UWEX Office) *Seniors (15-18 years):* Monday, April 1st, 2019 at 6 PM at Augusta High School. Those 19 years or older OR those that are unable to make the scheduled classes: Need to complete the on-line training. Online training is \$12.00. This must be completed by July 1st, 2019.
17. Superintendents may disqualify any animals from the Auction and Carcass/Ultrasound Show if they have knowledge or evidence of it being tranquilized. **Members are responsible for any drug label withdrawal.** This includes all drugs requiring withholding periods whether included in feed or injected.
18. Eau Claire County requires ALL livestock entries to have an Intrastate Health Certificate. This certificate must be shown to superintendent before unloading at the fair. Animals with warts and/or ringworm will be sent home if treatment has not been started and authenticated by a veterinarian.
19. All hog pens must have automatic waterers that do not leak.
20. All members, to complete the project, must attend the Meat Animal Project Banquet following the fair. The banquet will be held on Friday, August 2nd at the Augusta Firehall at 7:00 p.m. Any exception to this rule MUST be submitted in writing BEFORE the end of the fair and approved before the last day of the fair by the Livestock Committee. The **ONLY** exception is a youth activity or family function. Unexcused absences will result in a 5% reduction in check.
21. Once the 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 and for **assembling all slaughter animals for loading**. Beef exhibitors are to furnish the buyer of their animal with a rope halter not twine. ALL PENS MUST BE HAVE COMPLETED APPROVED CHECK OUT PROCESS with the Superintendent before leaving. **Not checking out with your species Superintendent will result in a 5% deduction from exhibitor's commission check.**
22. ALL SALES ARE FINAL, NO EXCEPTIONS. Livestock Committee does NOT guarantee final sale prices will be above market.
23. Any exhibitor selling at any other county sale in the same year that he/she sold at the Eau Claire County Sale will not be allowed to sell in the Eau Claire County Youth Livestock Sale the following year. This does not include the Wisconsin State Fair.

24. *If an animal carcass is condemned or unusable, the member is responsible for replacing the animal with a comparable animal or the buyer's check may be returned by the exhibitor including all commissions and costs.*
25. Transportation of animals to slaughter facilities will be \$20.00 for beef and \$15.00 for swine, goats and sheep.
26. Animals must meet BOTH grade and weight requirements to be sold in the auction as listed below:
- BEEF:** Grade of Select or better (a live grade of Select- or less will not be eligible to sell) with minimum weights. Beef 1,100 lbs, Brown Swiss and Holstein Beef 1,250 lbs, and all other Dairy Beef 1,100lbs, with 1.5 average daily gain.
- SHEEP:** Choice or prime with minimum weight of 90 lbs e(xcept Southdown) with .4 average daily gain
- SWINE:** U.S. No. 1 or 2 with minimum weight 230 lbs with 1.5 average daily gain
- GOAT:** Choice or prime with suggested weight of 80 - 100lbs with a .25 average daily gain.
27. All meat animals can cross the scale ONE time at the fair. They must meet the minimum weight requirement (above) at that time.
28. Proposed show times for MARKET Animals are: Swine – Thursday at 4:00 p.m., Beef – Friday at 9 a.m., Market Goats – Friday at 12:30 pm with Market Sheep immediately following the Market Goats. (Determined by Fair Board)
29. All beef must be dehorned, nubbins/scurs must be 1” or less.
30. Sale order will be a random draw for all species – champions will sell at 8:00 p.m.
31. Live animal classes at the Fair may or may not be split depending on the number or size of animals. Methodology will be determined by the Livestock Committee with implementation by Livestock Superintendents.
32. Animals not going to slaughter are not released from the fairgrounds until 4:00 p.m. on the closing date (Sunday) of the fair. The swine show is a terminal show for 2019 with no hog going home. Any exhibitor seeking early release for an animal for the purpose of showing in another show must make a request in writing to the Fair Committee and the Department of Ag, Trade & Consumer Protection by July 1.
33. The Eau Claire County Fair will be a terminal show for the swine project in 2019. ALL swine entered in the project (those in the auction and extra swine) will be terminal. Exhibitors will be REQUIRED to sign a contract by July 1st stating where the extra animal will be taken after the fair. Five processing facilities have been chosen by the livestock committee: Augusta Meats, Crescent Meats, Pidgeon Falls, Durand Smokehouse, and Springbrook Meats. Swine exhibitor and family will take full responsibly for deciding to exhibit at the fair. The Eau Claire County Livestock Project, Eau Claire County Fair Committee or Eau Claire County will not be responsible for any illness that may be contracted while exhibiting at the Eau Claire County Fair. Market hogs will not be allowed to enter the show ring unless it is on file which processing facility they will go to if you maintain ownership of the carcass.
34. The swine have a maximum payout based on 300 pounds. Buyers will only pay on the first 300 pounds of the animal.
36. All clubs and organizations must have their barn areas cleaned by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday following the fair per the directions from fair personnel.
37. The interpretation of these rules and any other questions shall be referred to the in the following order: 1. Livestock Superintendents/Livestock Committee, 2. 4-H or Agricultural Agent 3. Eau Claire County Fair Committee. Exhibitors requesting rule interpretation may be asked to put their request in writing.
38. Anyone who violates the rules set up by the Eau Claire County Meat Animal Project Committee will be barred from the following year's sale.
39. Those exhibitors showing Managerial Animals must have a managerial agreement on file at the Extension Office by May 1st of the exhibition year.
40. Total performance will be awarded based on points earned from the placing in the live class, rate of gain and carcass/ultrasound placing for Beef, Sheep and Goats. Swine will have live class and ultrasound points for Total Performance. Ties in Total Performance will be broke by the exhibitor's placement in Showmanship.
41. Any and all weigh-in or entry fees are NON-REFUNDABLE.