

BUFFALO COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE RULES

The Buffalo County Fair Junior Livestock Sale takes place on Friday evening of the Fair. It is a live sale with exhibitors present. Animals will remain in their assigned stalls for the entirety of the sale.

Eligibility:

1. All animals consigned must be currently carried as a 4-H or FFA project or equivalent in other approved youth development organizations and be exhibited by the exhibitor at the Buffalo County Fair. (Refer to Junior Fair Rules).
2. All meat animal exhibitors must complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training every year to be eligible to sell their animal(s) at the Buffalo County Fair. Exhibitors must come to one scheduled YQCA training announced by 4-H or FFA in early spring or complete the training online. The committee will not be responsible for YQCA trainings separate from the scheduled dates. Exhibitors must sign up and pay ahead of time on the YQCA website. More information and directions can be found on the Extension website. The YQCA must be completed by July 1.
3. All meat animal exhibitors must attend one Second Educational Requirement session in addition to the YQCA training during the project year by the Friday before the Fair begins. Following the session, the youth must complete a Second Educational Requirement Report and attach a proof of attendance to the sheet. The Second Educational Requirement Report and proof of attendance must be provided to the Extension office by the Friday before the Fair begins. Approved educational sessions are posted online at: <https://buffalo.extension.wisc.edu/4hyd/4h/member/meatanimal/>

Livestock Regulations:

1. Each exhibitor is limited to selling only one market animal. The exhibitor must carry the livestock project in order to consign an animal for sale.
2. Failure to sell an eligible consigned animal will result in a \$20 withdrawal fee for steers and a \$10 withdrawal fee for sheep, swine, goats and chickens. The deadline for withdrawal from sale is by Thursday of the Fair. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion of each species must be sold (unless one exhibitor holds more than one grand or reserve animal); however, must meet *all* listed sale requirements.
3. All steers, sheep, and goats offered for sale must be weighed in and Buffalo County Fair or WI State Fair RF-ID tagged at initial weigh-in. Animals shown by an exhibitor must be weighed in under their name and/or family unit. Market chickens will receive leg bands when they are weighed-in at the Fair on entry day.
4. All swine must be Buffalo County Fair or WI State Fair RFID tagged by exhibitor prior to May 1st.
5. All swine are considered Terminal Exhibitions and will go directly from the fair/show to the processing facility OR to the designated slaughter only market sale.
6. An exhibitor may weigh and RF-ID tag up to **four animals** per specie. Each exhibitor must identify each individual animal intended for possible sale. (Not applicable to market chickens.)
7. If showing two or more Market Animals, please report immediately to Fair Office after judging on Friday with identification number of selected meat animal for sale.
8. Exhibitors must agree to exhibit, feed, water and care for their animals until Sunday, 4:00 p.m., the last day of the Fair. If this rule is not complied with, 5 percent of the sale price of the animal will be deducted and if the animal is determined unfit for slaughter, the sale price will be forfeited. Steers should be left tied with adequate halter or a \$5.00 fee will be deducted from the sale price. Water and feed pans should be left with swine and can be picked up at the fairgrounds on Tuesday after the swine have left.

Livestock Weigh in/Show/Sale:

1. Exhibitors must wear proper show attire during both the **show and the sale**. Animals must be presented show ready during both the show and the sale.
2. All animals must be accompanied by a responsible person to assist with weighing in at the preliminary weigh-ins and at the time of arrival at the fairgrounds. All meat animals will be weighed in at the Fair on Wednesday evening or Thursday morning at their assigned time.
3. Animals exhibited in the market animal classes must be weighed in by the Quality Meat Animal Committee at the initial weigh-in to be eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion and for the Meat Animal Sale.
4. Under extenuating circumstances, the Quality Meat Animal Committee reserves the right to accept or reject animals from the sale.

Species	Grade	Minimum Weight
Sheep	Must grade Prime or Choice	100 pounds on entry day
Steers	Must grade Choice or better	1000 pounds on entry day (Does not include Modest Frame breeds)
Swine	No Grade	230 pounds on entry day
Goats	Acceptable to Judge	40 pounds on entry day
Chickens	Acceptable to Judge	Per breed standard

5. To be eligible for sale - the judge will determine the grade at the time of the livestock show. The Quality Meat Animal Committee will determine the official rate of gain prior to the live show judging. All judges' rulings are final.
6. In order to properly recognize livestock sale buyers, exhibitors must:
 - Be present before the sale to welcome potential buyers and answer any questions they may have.
 - Be present immediately after the sale to thank buyers and answer any questions they may have.
 - Be present in the designated space at assigned time in sale order.
 - Send a written thank you note to the purchaser of the animal.
 - Maintain appropriate interaction with buyers at all times.

Notifications for Violations:

1. The management reserves the right to withhold the premiums awarded in any case in which it shall appear that regulations have not been complied with, or that fraud or deception has been practiced or attempted. Payment for beef, swine, lambs, goats and market chickens sold in the auction to local packing plants will not be made until carcasses have been inspected in the coolers. Any carcass showing evidence of ante mortem tampering, testicles, or drug residue will be paid for in accordance with their market worth, regardless of the auction price of the live animal. Full price paid by buyer will be returned.
2. All exhibitors and their parents or guardians must sign a Meat Animal Drug History Form attesting to proper withdrawal of all additives and injections administered to the animals being shown. A random sampling of each market animal species going to slaughter will have tissue samples collected and submitted to the State Laboratory by the State Meat Inspectors. The cost of the sample analysis will be taken from the revenue of the Meat Animal Auction.
3. Any violation of sales rules should be reported to the Quality Meat Animal Committee prior to the beginning of the sale. All complaints will be held in confidence. In the event the exhibitor is found in violation of the rules of sale, they will forfeit all sale money in excess of market value and will not be able to participate in the Meat Animal Show for the following two years.
4. If problems occur during weigh-in with the steers, the exhibitor will show the animal in the show arena at 8:00 a.m. the day of the show in view of the Quality Meat Animal Committee. If exhibitor cannot control the animal, the animal will not be shown or sold. If the exhibitor cannot control an animal in the ring, the animal will be eliminated from the show and sale.
5. The Buffalo County Fair Association will retain 4 percent of the sale price of each animal to cover sale costs. Up to an additional 5 percent of the selling price may be retained by the Fair Association to reimburse a purchaser in the event of death or injury of animal or animals.

The Quality Meat Animal Committee of the Buffalo County Fair Association will interpret the above rules if the need arises.

2021 Quality Meat Animal Committee

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Rates of Gain Program – a trophy will be awarded for the first and second highest rate of

gain in each of the beef/sheep/goat animal species. Rate of Gain winners must be animals that are eligible for sale. To be eligible for the Rate of Gain Program, an expense sheet must be completed and turned in at the final weigh-in at the Fair.

Carcass Evaluation Contest – buyers, if agreeable, will have an opportunity to send their purchased animals (with the exception of chickens) to the Gunderson Locker Plant. Buyers and exhibitors will be notified of date and time of the evaluation session. **Animals may be purchased back from the buyer, if mutually agreeable, and can then be entered in the carcass show**

****Carcass Judging/Slaughter Schedule****

Monday: Slaughter beef, sheep, and goats

Tuesday: Slaughter swine (Market swine exhibitors should leave feed pans. The pans can be picked up on Tuesday.)

Wednesday 9:00am: Carcass judging at Gunderson's (Open to all exhibitors)

Thursday 7:00pm: Carcass awards show, Gunderson's, Mondovi WI

TERMS OF SALE

1. Animals will be sold to highest bidder at auction.
2. Animals shall be paid for by cash **at the time of sale** or by prior approval of the organization clerking the sale.
3. All sale animals will be weighed by a committee official on scale prior to sale.
4. Movement of animals from the fairgrounds will be the responsibility of the buyer. Assistance will be provided by the Quality Meat Animal Sale Committee.
5. Truckers must be in possession of weigh-slips before animals will be released. Animals may be moved any time after the sale by contacting Quality Meat Animal Sale Committee members.
6. Settlement shall be made to the exhibitor once payment from buyer has been processed.
7. In the event of the death of an animal between time of sale and trucking, an animal of a similar weight and grade will be made available to the buyer or the buyer **will be** reimbursed the current market price at the discretion of the Fair Board.
8. Sale order will be determined by the Livestock Committee.
9. Meat Animal Exhibitors whose animals qualify for the Quality Meat Animal Sale will have the option to pre-sell the animal carcass. This means the exhibitor can make arrangements prior to the beginning of the Fair to sell the carcass to a 3rd party. Exhibitors will explain to the pre-sale buyer that the sale is pending, the wishes of the auction buyer and they may not end up getting the animal. When the animal enters the sale ring a colored card will be displayed indicating if the carcass has been pre-sold. The auction buyer then has the **choice** to buy the animal and keep the carcass, buy the animal and ship to market or only pay the premium over market price (listed on the sale order). Meat animal exhibitors are encouraged to explore this option.
10. **The final market destination for all market animals must be determined prior to Saturday at 5:00 p.m.** No changes allowed after that time.