

MARQUETTE COUNTY YOUTH MEAT ANIMAL PROGRAM **2017 AGREEMENT FORM WITH RULES**

I, (we), have read and agree to abide by the rules of the Youth Meat Animal Program for the 2017 Program Year. This form must be on file with the Youth Meat Animal Program Committee **prior to the auction** at the Marquette County Fair. However, **it is preferred that it be turned in to the Marquette County UW-Extension Office immediately, so that a mailing list by species could be created).**

Family Name (i.e., Jones Family)

Date

Address

Phone

E-mail Address

Parent Name

Parent Signature

All Family Members register and sign below:

Exhibitor Name

Signature

Species

Exhibitor Name

Signature

Species

Exhibitor Name

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Exhibitor Name

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Species

Mail to: Marquette County UWEX, P.O. Box 338, Montello, WI 53949.

This is page 1 of 8 of the Youth Meat Animal Program Objectives and Rules. Please read prior to signing!

IMPORTANT—READ THIS!!

Understanding these rules & requirements is your responsibility!

Items in bold are changes for the 2017 program year!

REGISTRATION REQUESTED!!

We need to know if you will be participating in the 2017 Youth Meat Animal Program. Please contact the UW-Extension Office to register and/or complete the agreement form at the beginning of these rules and return it so a mailing list can be created.

I. Objectives of the Youth Meat Animal Program and Auction

- A.** To encourage participation in meat animal projects and appropriate record keeping.
- B.** To teach a greater understanding of meat animal feeding, meat animal marketing and meat animal science.
- C.** To develop pride and responsibility within a member's animal raising project(s).
- D.** To recognize members who do quality work in selecting, feeding and showing their project animals by providing a marketing opportunity.

II. Marquette Co. Youth Meat Animal Program Rules Governing All Species

- A.** All 4-H or FFA members or members of other youth organizations having adult leadership, who are under 20 years of age as of January 1st of the current fair year, but who are at least in 3rd grade as of January 1st of the current fair year, who are carrying on supervised project work in Beef, Sheep, Swine, Meat Goats, Rabbits and Poultry, who are members in good standing belonging to one of the Marquette County Fair's recognized youth groups, OR members living in Marquette County and belonging to a youth group outside of the County may participate in the Marquette County Youth Meat Animal Program.
- B.** This is a youth meat animal program; therefore, all consignments to the auction must be meat animals that have participated in the youth meat animal program. An auction participant can consign up to two (2) animal units to the sale as long as they are from different species/categories. All champions that meet final eligibility for sale must sell, including Reserve Champions. (Note: Grand Champion and/or Reserve Champion animals are your consigned animals in that species. Therefore, the only way an exhibitor can sell more than two (2) animal units is if (s)he exhibits more than two (2) champions.)
- C.** Final Eligibility For Sale shall be determined within an hour of the last show in a meeting of the following youth meat animal program committee members: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors plus two ex-officio members -- one fair board member and the 4H Youth Development Agent (or designee). Decisions made by this group are final. This committee will review all sale requirements, including the following: signed agreement form; completed fair entry form; completed initial and final weigh-ins; exhibited sale animal in a market class and exhibited an animal in species appropriate showmanship class; attended educational session and/or completed alternate educational session form; drug history form and required health papers on file; copy of bidder invitation letter and bidders' list on file; MAQA and/or PQA certificate on file; sale information card on file; and acceptable final animal live grade. (Note: At time of final weigh-ins, all animals will be weighed one time across scale. Animals not making the minimum weight will not be eligible for the auction and should be marketed directly by the exhibitor.) Also, at time of live show, animals not making minimum live grades will not be eligible for the auction.

Final Check Release Requirements: Participants must participate in **set-up; operation; and/or clean-up** for the auction; must submit completed market animal summary sheet by noon on Sunday of fair; must be present for animal release time; and must deliver a Thank You addressed to their buyer in a **postage-paid envelope** to the youth meat animal program committee's mail box on the fair grounds or the UW-Extension office following the auction; and picture/plaque must be delivered to the buyer after the auction.

- D. All market animals must be lambs (wethers or ewes); hogs (barrows or gilts); beef (steers or heifers); meat goats (wethers or does); meat rabbits; or meat poultry. Animals determined by species chairperson to be incomplete or late castrates, will not be allowed for auction. Animals must be castrated by initial weigh-in. (Suspect animals will require veterinarian certificate within two weeks of weigh-in.) Steers and heifers must be dehorned.
- E. All animals must be fed, fitted, entered, shown, and sold by the exhibitor. During the Fair, exhibitors may be helped by immediate family members, project leaders, and/or fellow Marquette County Fair exhibitors only. Steers, heifers, barrows, gilts, ewes, wethers, meat goats (wethers or does), rabbits and poultry must be in possession of the exhibitor by the weigh in date or identification date, whichever is first.
- F. An initial weigh-in is required of any beef, sheep, meat goat, or swine animal intending to be sold in the auction. An exhibitor family may identify/weigh and then an exhibitor may show the following animal numbers per species listed. **At initial weigh-in, exhibitor or his/her representative will draw for auction sale order.**

<u>ANIMAL SPECIES</u>	<u>#TO WEIGH/IDENTIFY</u>	<u>#TO SHOW</u>
Beef (Steers/Heifers)	3 per class	1 per class
Lambs (Wethers/Ewes)	8	3
Barrows/Gilts	8	3
Meat Goats (Wethers/Does)	8	3

- G. Weighing is to be verified by the Species Committee. Entry Forms will be used for verifying beginning and ending weights as used in the Rate-Of-Gain Contest. The animals selected by the exhibitors will go through Final weigh in on entry date of the fair. **Each animal will be weighed once only on a scale at the fairgrounds for this Final weigh-in at fair.**
- H. Rate-Of-Gain –An award will be given to the individual who exhibits the animal with the greatest weight gain per day. There will be one award per species (beef, sheep, meat goat, swine). The rate-of-gain will be measured from the date of the official Marquette County Youth Meat Animal Program initial Weigh-In for that species and the final weigh-in at the county fair. Any animal not weighed-in at the official weigh-in is not eligible to be considered for the rate-of-gain contest. There is not a rate-of-gain contest for the poultry and rabbit categories.
- I. Tags provided by the Marquette County Youth Meat Animal Committee will identify steers/heifers, lambs (wethers/ewes), meat goats (wethers/ewes) and barrows/gilts. Identification will occur at the time of weigh in. The dates of initial weigh-ins and identification are listed under each species heading below.
- J. The loss of an ear tag must be made known to the Committee, the Extension Office, or the Vo-Ag Instructor immediately after the loss of the tag. Upon notification, a committee member will arrange to have another tag placed in the ear of the exhibitor's animal.

- K. Financial Records** (the "Market Animal Summary Sheet"*) shall begin at weigh-in and must be maintained during the entire feeding period. These records must be completed and turned into the youth meat animal program committee's mail box by noon on Sunday of the fair if the exhibitor wishes to receive his/her auction check(s). (***Sale Requirement**)
- L. Market Animal Drug History:** All Federal and State Health Regulations must be followed and certified by Exhibitor and his/her parents or guardians. This includes the use of growth stimulants, tranquilizers, and other drugs whether injected, implanted, or included in the feed. Withdrawal times for all drugs must be followed. All beef, sheep, and swine exhibitors must complete the "Market Animal Drug History" form. The completed Market Animal Drug History Form (sample attached) as well as all required health papers must be turned in prior to unloading project animals on entry day of the Marquette County Fair. Any violation of this rule will result in the forfeiture of participating in future animal sales. The Youth Meat Animal Committee has the final ruling. In the event the animal is not qualified for human consumption due to drugs and/or other causes, premiums and sale proceeds will be forfeited. (***Sale Requirement**)
- M. A 4% Commission** will be deducted from the gross sale price of each animal sold out right and a 4% commission will be deducted from the support price of each animal sold for support price. The commission is to cover costs incurred in conducting the show, sale and its promotion, and education of participants. **The support price is the difference between that day's market price per pound and the buyer's final price per pound bid at the auction.**
- N. Educational Requirements:** It is required that all youth exhibitors of meat animals attend at least one committee approved educational session* by July 1st each year. The Youth Meat Animal Program Committee has arranged four educational sessions for exhibitors this year and they are as follows:
- 1) *Saturday, July 9, 2016, during the Marquette County Fair – Master Stockman Show*
 - 2) *Saturday, July 9, 2016, during the orientation to Youth Meat Animal Program Session*
 - 3) *Sunday, July 10, 2016, during the orientation to Youth Meat Animal Program Session*
 - 4) *February, 2017 MAQA Session during Marquette Co. 4H Summit @ UWEX Office*
 - 5) *Other sessions – Dates to be announced*
- Other options include the following:**
- a) Exhibitors participating in their 3rd year or greater of the Youth Meat Animal Program may fulfill their educational requirement by presenting a pre-approved educational session. (In order to meet the pre-approval, the older youth member **MUST** have their educational session pre-approved by the committee; have a teaching outline pre-approved by a Vo Ag Instructor; have the educational session announced/advertised in advance; and have a committee member, FFA Advisor or 4H Volunteer Leader present at the session.
 - b) Alternate Educational Session--youth choosing an alternate educational session must complete the alternate educational session form found on the Marquette County 4H website and return it to the UWEX office at their earliest convenience, but no later than July 1 each year for committee approval. Note: Alternate Educational Sessions that may be approved include: MAQA or PQA sessions; neighboring county meat animal educational sessions; Extension-organized species specific sessions; breed association educational meetings; a high school **or** college course pertaining to the meat animal project they will be exhibiting in (i.e., syllabus required); FFA Career Development events (CD's) that are meat-animal related; UW-Extension's Area Animal Science Day sessions that are meat-animal related; and more.
- Remember:* Youth may attend more than one educational session to learn as much as possible and may be required to do so if they chose to participate in the Wisconsin State Fair.
- (*** Sale Requirement**--any member not fulfilling this educational session requirement will not be allowed to sell a meat animal(s) at the annual youth meat animal auction.)

O. Showmanship Requirement: To be eligible to sell an animal(s) at the auction, the exhibitor must exhibit a species appropriate animal in the showmanship class of the species he/she will be selling in (i.e., show a beef animal in beef showmanship and you are eligible to sell a beef animal).

P. Bidder/Buyer Contacts & Thank Yous:

Participants must contact their buyers. Each participant must send a minimum of 5 letters to 5 separate potential buyers unless you are part of a family group (see later in this paragraph). Two of those letters should be delivered to new potential buyers. Family groups, with multiple youth in the meat animal program, should send one letter to each potential buyer from all youth in the family; however, each family group need only send a minimum of 10 letters to 10 separate potential buyers. Then, deliver a copy of the letter and a list of the addresses of the potential buyers contacted to the UW-Extension Office prior to fair or to the Youth Meat Animal Program Committee's mailbox at the fair no later than an hour after the last meat animal show. (***Sale Requirement**) (Note: You may want to consider including a photo of yourself on or with the invitation letters for the buyers to be able to identify you.)

Following the auction, participants must deliver the following (***Sale Requirement**):

- (1) a THANK YOU note/letter addressed to their buyer in a postage-paid envelope to the youth meat animal program committee's mail box or the UW Extension office and
- (2) the buyer picture/plaque to their buyer.

Q. Youth Meat Animal Program Set-Up, Operation, and Clean-Up Rule: At the opening of the fair and the time of final weigh-ins (Rabbits/Poultry on Wednesday and Beef/Sheep/Swine/Meat Goats on Thursday) OR at a committee meeting prior to the fair, exhibitors and their families must sign up to complete at least one task listed at the meat animal program committee's sign in table. Examples of tasks are as follows: sale ring set-up and clean-up; alley construction; photographer at auction; photo selection, order and purchase arrangements; promo/marketing pre-fair and post-fair; auction runners; purchase and preparation of buyer frames; frame assembly and distribution; buyer appreciation dinner organization; dinner set-up and clean-up, etc. (Again, please note that some of these tasks may be assigned prior to the fair in an effort to accomplish them.) The penalty for not participating and signing in may be 10% of the check of your highest selling animal. Signing in is the responsibility of each participant. (***Sale Requirement**)

R. The exhibitor must be present at the time of release. Release time for all auction/meat animals is 3:00 PM on Sunday of the fair. However, the transfer of ownership does not take place until the animal is loaded on the truck. This means the exhibitor is responsible for the well-being of the animal throughout the entire fair. Also, exhibitors/owners are to be present by 2:30 p.m. to assist in the loading of their project animal(s). If you are not present and no designated representative is present either, the penalty of holding your sale check for 60 days may be enforced. In the case of an early release of fair animals due to weather or other unforeseen special situations, special directions will be announced and/or posted about the release of meat animals. (***Sale Requirement**)

S. Only participating exhibitors will be allowed to register complaints that are in writing and signed. These must be made through appropriate committee persons by 3:00 p.m. the following day.

T. Anyone violating the rules established by the Marquette County Youth Meat Animal Committee may be barred from the program for a minimum of one year.

U. The interpretation of these rules and other questions shall be referred to the Marquette County Youth Meat Animal Committee and their decision shall be final. However, when an immediate decision must be made, the Officers and Directors of the Committee will have the final ruling. Decisions made by this group can be made either face-to-face, electronically, or by telephone and are final.

V. Sale Order for 2017 will be:

- 1. Beef**
- 2. Meat Goats**
- 3. Sheep**
- 4. Poultry**
- 5. Swine**
- 6. Rabbits**

Rotation will be as follows: Species 1,3,5 will rotate order with #1 going to #5 each year. Meanwhile, species 2,4,6 will rotate as well with #2 going to #6 each year.

III. Specific Market Hog Rules

- A.** All market hogs (barrows and gilts) must be born on or after January 1 of the exhibit year.
- B.** The Market Hog project begins on the initial weigh-in/identification date and is set for **April 8, 2017. Time and location are 9-11 a.m.** at the Marquette Co. Fairgrounds. **At initial weigh-in, all market barrows/gilts must weigh 100# or less and it is recommended not less than 50#.**
- C.** All barrows/gilts **must** grade No. 3's **a minimum average daily gain of 1.5 # per day to be eligible for sale.** Any barrow/gilt weighing under 220# will not be permitted to sell through the auction **and any barrow/gilt weighing over 280 # will sell at 280#.**
- D.** The check-off amount that is designated in the National Pork Production and Research Check-Off will be deducted from the seller's check for compliance with the mandatory pork check-off. The check-off is a percentage of the market value and is designated by the National Pork Board.
- E.** Market Hog Exhibitors may exhibit up to three (3) market barrows/gilts. The exhibitor must designate which barrow/gilt he/she will sell in the Youth Auction immediately after completion of the live show.
- F.** All market hog exhibitors must be **MAQA and/or Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) Plus** certified in order to exhibit and/or sell a market barrow/gilt. Certification must be current for returning exhibitors. A copy of the certificate must be presented at weigh-in time at the fair.

IV. Specific Market Lamb Rules

- A.** All Market Lambs (wethers or ewes) **must be born on or after January 1 of the exhibit year.**
- B.** The Market Lamb project begins on the initial weigh-in date and that is set for **April 8, 2017 from 9-11 a.m.** at the Marquette Co. Fairgrounds.
- C.** All Market Lambs must grade Choice or better and weigh a minimum of 95#.
- D.** Market Lamb Exhibitors may exhibit up to three (3) market lambs. The exhibitor must designate which lamb he/she will sell immediately upon completion of the live show.
- E.** The check-off amount that is designated in the Sheep Promotion Research and Information Act of 1994 will be deducted from the Seller's check for compliance with the Act.

V. Specific Market Meat Goat Rules

- A. All meat goats (wethers or does) **must be born on or after January 1 of the exhibit year.**
- B. **The meat goat project begins on the initial weigh-in date and that is set for April 8, 2017 from 9 – 11 a.m.** at the Marquette County Fairgrounds.
- C. All Market Meat Goats must grade Choice or better and weigh a minimum of **50#**.
- D. Market meat goat exhibitors may exhibit up to three (3) meat goats. The exhibitor must designate which meat goat he/she will sell immediately upon completion of the live show.

VI. Specific Market Beef Rules

- A. **All market beef (steers and heifers) must be born on or after January 1 of the year previous to the exhibit year.** NO Beef can be sold - regardless of birthdate - that does not have all of its milk teeth in place and no permanent teeth showing. The decision of the person doing the mouthing is final.



18 months -
calf has 8 temporary
incisors. Eligible to
show.



22 months - 2 temporary
incisors lost, being
replaced by permanent
teeth. Would be disqualified.



26 months – 2 permanent
teeth in place that are
3 times the size of the
temps. Disqualified.

- B. Any breed of Beef, Beef Crossbred, Dairy Beef, Crossbred and Dairy Steer or Heifer is eligible.
- C. **The Market Beef project begins on the initial weigh-in date and that is set for December 10, 2016 from 9–11 a.m. at the Marquette County fairgrounds, Westfield. Snow date inclement weather) is December 17, 2016.**
- D. Market Beef may be divided into equal lots using final weigh-in weights if class size warrants.
- E. All Market Beef must grade select or better and weigh a minimum of 1000# for beef type steers, 1150# for dairy steers, 950# for beef type market heifers, and 1100# for dairy market heifers. **Any Other Breed (AOB) animals to show and sell under the minimum weights (stated here in VII., E.) must be registered and may be required to be DNA tested to prove parentage.**
- F. The mandatory check-off amount that is designated by the National Beef Promotion and Research Check-off will be deducted from the seller's check for compliance with the rules.
- G. Market Beef Exhibitors may exhibit one Market Beef per class. The exhibitor must designate which steer he/she will sell immediately upon completion of the live show.

VII. Rabbit and Poultry Rules

- A. Grand Champion/Best of Show & Reserve Champion/Reserve Best of Show will be selected and required to sell for both the meat animal rabbit category & the meat animal poultry category. (In other words, there will be two champions from meat animal rabbits & two champions from meat animal poultry and no more.)
- B. **The Market Rabbit project begins at day of birth for all meat type rabbits. Meat type rabbits must be identified/registered by tattoo on June 22, 2017 at 6 pm at the fairgrounds.** (Note: Rabbit birth weight will be “0” pounds.) **Tattoo is required!**
- C. **The Market Poultry project begins at day of hatch for all meat type poultry animals.** (Note: Poultry hatch weight will be “0” pounds and must be verified with dated sales receipt. In lieu of a dated sales receipt, owners of self-hatched birds must provide their hatch log for their self-hatched, meat-type birds.) **Due to avian health rules and requirements, the registration/identification and blood testing process for meat type poultry animals (ducks, turkeys, geese, and chickens) is as follows:**

Meat type poultry must be registered; leg-banded; and fulfill any health requirements. “Registered” poultry project members will make arrangements with Poultry Project Leaders to have their animals registered, leg-banded, and tested. Watch for correspondence via the 4H Newsletter, e-mail, or other mailings. A fee may assessed by the identification team for testing supplies and transportation. Project members may identify up to 5 birds per category-- duck, turkey, and goose and up to 10 birds for chickens. This registration/leg banding of meat type poultry animals must be completed between June 1st and July 1st each year.

- D. Market Rabbits and Poultry will be exhibited by age and/or weight based on fair premium list entry lots. Poultry animals must meet all health test requirements (i.e. Pullorum Typhoid Test).
- E. **The exhibitor must designate which meat rabbit unit or poultry unit that he/she will sell immediately upon completion of that species’ live show.**

Approved 11/10/2016 by Youth Meat Animal Program Committee