

# DODGE COUNTY JUNIOR MEAT ANIMAL SALE RULES

1. Only animals properly identified by the Dodge County committee and tagged and entered in the name of the exhibitor's IMMEDIATE family (exhibitor/s name/s must be listed at tagging) on the official entry blank at the beginning or a normal feeding period will be eligible to sell in the Junior Meat Animal Sale and participate in carcass show.

Families may have up to 5 feeder calves, 5 feeder lambs, and 5 feeder pigs per project member and identified under the Family name. Families must identify project member names. Each project member may only ENTER and EXHIBIT up to two head per specie (*one animal per class*) at the County Fair. Project members must be present at fair weigh-in and are expected to bring project animal(s) to the scale.

State Fair RFID Tags will be accepted for specie identification. Pictures may be required.

After specie weigh-in at fair, each specie will schedule a fair exhibitor meeting to be held in their area to update exhibitors at a posted time. ALL exhibitors need to be present.

All male animals MUST BE castrated before the first official committee tagging.

The Meat Animal Specie Committee on a majority vote has the privilege to correct class entry. Failure to comply with the committee's decision may result in disqualification.

2. Members/exhibitors who wish to sell livestock at the Dodge County Fair must complete a Livestock Project Member Activity Card containing the 2 county/state level meetings and 2 other level educational meetings that they attended during this project year. Attendance is required at the Pre-Sale or Post-Sale membership meeting and YQCA (Youth Quality Care of Animals) for all market exhibitors. BQA (Beef Quality Assurance) counts as an educational point but does NOT replace the YQCA requirement.
3. We limit the number of animals eligible for the Dodge County Meat Animal Sale. An exhibitor who has chosen to sell a livestock (beef, sheep, swine, goat) exhibit at any other county or district, state-funded fair (excluding State Fair and the four State District Livestock Shows) during the calendar year is INELIGIBLE to sell at the Dodge County Fair. Members/exhibitors acknowledge their eligibility when they sign the Livestock Project Activity Card. Participants who misrepresent their eligibility are subject to, but not limited to, sale premium forfeiture and future sales participation restrictions for up to three (3) years.
4. Market animals must be shown by project member and not by an adult. In an emergency, the specie Chairman may permit another Dodge County project member to show the animal.
5. Any documented physical tampering of an animal or carcass, or a practice that causes unnecessary suffering to the animal, or illegal drug use that alters an otherwise normal carcass is grounds for exhibitor discipline. **The Specie Committee will determine unethical treatment.**
  - A. *Discipline may include loss of premiums, return or forfeiture of sale proceeds, restriction of further county fair exhibition and possible criminal prosecution.*
6. "Project member is limited to sell only one animal in the sale. If an exhibitor has more than one qualifying sale entry, he must make the selection of which one to sell and notify the Sale Order Committee within one hour following his last market class or by 9:00 p.m. Wednesday evening. Failure to notify committee of animal selected for sale will then become the discretion of Sale Order Committee. The typed sale order is final." Alternates may be selected to fill sale quota.
  - a. Swine Auction: All exhibitors need to inform a Swine MAS Committee Member by 4pm Wednesday which animal they would like to sell or the highest placing hog will be sold.  
All choice hogs will be sold in the market show order.  
After 4pm Wednesday the MAS Committee will decide for you, if no notification is given.  
Animals sold in the sale must meet state slaughter inspection standards at sale time or sale is void. Any medical treatment after the sale should be agreed upon between buyer & exhibitor.
7. All qualifying animals will be automatically placed on the sale order unless withdrawn by the project member by notifying the Sale Order Committee **prior to 9pm Wednesday evening.**
8. When an exhibitor has 2 show champions he must choose which animal to sell; the other may be replaced by a sale champion.

9. All market animals are to remain on exhibit and the responsibility of the project member until release time 6 p.m. *(including feeding and care of his animals for the entire period)*. **Meat animals sold in the auction may be released earlier than general exhibits on Sunday.** Exhibitors are still responsible to see that the exhibit is loaded onto the proper vehicle. Failure to comply may result in premium removal. Sale Committee is responsible for the market value of the project animal only during the period of time the committee is handling the project animal.
10. Each auction participant **MUST** give a pre-stamped buyer 'Thank you' to the specie committee before end of fair or NO auction check will be given.
11. A sales commission of 4% will be deducted from the selling price of the sale animals to be used for sale promotion and buyer recognition and other expenditures authorized by the Meat Animal Sale general membership, plus the appropriate Beef and Swine mandatory national marketing check off values.
12. Any animal donated back for resale will be sold at close of the regular sale and the usual sales commission will be deducted.
13. The Member must present the livestock exhibit for sale. Failure to do so without notification may result in sale elimination & an alternate animal sold. *In an emergency* Specie Committee may allow another Dodge County project member to sell the animal.
14. The Sale Committee will assist project members to move out non-saleable animals if overcrowding is a concern at the fair.
15. All grievances must be presented in writing to the Specie Committee within 24 hours after the Show, who in turn will present the same to the Sale Committee and return its decision in writing to the interested party, at the Committee's earliest convenience. *Discipline may include loss of premiums, return or forfeiture of sale proceeds, restriction of further county fair exhibition and possible criminal prosecution.*
16. Only one member per family may serve at any one time on the Meat Animal Sale Committee.
17. Sale Committee's rule interpretation is final. Failure to abide by rules may subject a member to disqualification in future sales.

## 18. **MARKET BEEF SHOW and SALE GUIDELINES**

- A champion will be selected from the top blues of the regular weight classes. Class champions (*Market Beef Animals and Dairy Beef steers*) will be determined by regular judging.
- Champions sell in the following order:
  - Champion Market Beef Animal,
  - Reserve Champion Market Beef Animal,
  - Champion Dairy Steer,
  - Reserve Champion Dairy Steer,
  - Champion Dairy Crossbred Steer,
  - Reserve Champion Dairy Crossbred Steer.
- (The sale champion is the animal that replaces a show champion when one exhibitor has two show champions or has sold at a prior county sale and must select only one to sell in the sale).*
- Maximum of 50 steers for the sale will be determined by ribbon placings. *(Selection will begin with the top Blues for each class-including champions--followed by second Blues, until all Blues have been selected; then top Red, etc. will be placed. If it is necessary to select within the same ribbon placing (i.e. 2nd Red) all eligible entries will be drawn by lottery until all positions are filled.)*
- Market Beef Steer entries in Class A and Market Beef Heifers from Class C must weigh in at more than 950 pounds and be graded U.S. Select Plus (+) or better by the official judge to sell in the auction.
- Entries in Class B (*Dairy & Crossbred steers*) must weigh a minimum of 1050 lbs. and also be graded U.S. Select plus (+) or better.
- A suitable rope halter must be left on all beef animals until loaded on the truck.
- The Sale Committee **REQUIRES** that all beef animals be double tied while at the Fair.
- Market Beef and Dairy Beef Animals sold in the auction will be loaded out Sunday at 4 p.m.

## 19. **MARKET BEEF CARCASS SHOW GUIDELINES**

- The Carcass Show may be held on Thursday following the fair. ***Facility to be announced and posted.***
- The Market Beef which had been weighed and identified by the Official Committee and placed in the live Show will be eligible for the Carcass Show.

- Limit of one animal per project member in the Carcass Show, with sale animals first.
- *\*Youth who do NOT sell in sale will be allowed to sign up from 10am-1pm on Saturday...after 1pm it will be opened up to all beef exhibitors for Carcass Show.*

### **Carcass Show Priority**

1. Animals sold at Auction that buyers want custom processed at the same facility (*buyer permission required*).
2. Animals of exhibitors not having sold in the Auction, whose exhibits meet live show weight and grade requirements. *If the facility is limited to purchasing animals, entry is on a first-come, first-entered basis.*
3. Persons having a second entry meeting weight and grade requirements wishing to sell their carcass (*if numbers warrant*) or retaining ownership if the selling allotment is filled.

- Beef carcass entries are usually loaded out at 2:00 p.m. Sunday. The exhibitor or a person permitted to act as agent for the exhibitor is expected to load the animal.
- All entries must have the same weight required of that Class for the Meat Animal Sale.
- Carcass room depends on buyer's custom slaughter requests.
- Trophy and cash awards will be presented for Champion and Reserve Champion carcasses.
- All carcass participants will receive fair premium monies.
- All carcasses are judged within the same division shown live.

## 20. **MARKET HOG SHOW/SALE GUIDELINES**

- **The Dodge County Market Hog Shows are terminal shows.**
- **All entries MUST be sent DIRECTLY to slaughter.** Entries not permitted to be taken home; self hauls are not permitted.
- Classes are divided by ending weigh-in weights and the sex of the animal.
- Class are divided into equal size groups and shown in a group class.
- Market Hogs will be placed by the judge.
- Champion and Reserve Champion Market Barrow & Gilt will be selected by the judge from class winners.
- Market Hogs must weigh-in at 220 or more pounds. Maximum of 50 Market Hogs will be sold in Auction Sale.
- All swine members must be Meat Animal Quality Assurance certified annually.
- **All swine exhibited at County Fair must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection that has been issued by an accredited veterinarian.**

## 21. **MARKET LAMB SHOW/SALE GUIDELINES**

- There is 95 lb. minimum weight at Fair for Market Lambs. Lambs less than the minimum are unable to sell.
- If a lamb does not make minimum weight requirements, 1 re-weigh is allowed.
- Lambs compete in Market Classes based on Fair weight. Class placing is determined by live placing. The judge will select the champions from class winners. A Grand and Reserve Champion will be chosen from each Class B and C and will sell at auction.
- Sale Order will be determined by: judge's points assigned during the live show (1-50), ribbon, and then live placing. Must have 30 or more judge's points to sell.
- Market Lambs must weigh-in at 95 lbs. minimum and must have 30 or more judge's points **to sell**. A maximum of top 36 individually owned lambs of the Show will sell in the Sale.
- Each year at sale, Grand Champion sheep will rotate home bred & raised and market in the sale.

### **MARKET LAMB**

Sale Order will be determined by: judge's points assigned during the live show (1-50); ribbon; and then live placing.

Must have 30 or more judge's points **to sell**.

If necessary, a sale champion will be chosen by the judge.