MEAT ANIMAL SALE
PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS & GUIDELINES
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It is the goal of the Sauk County Livestock Committee and the Sauk County Agricultural Society to promote and support youth livestock projects at the fair by providing an auction-type venue of outstanding youth livestock projects to be sold to businesses and individuals also wishing to support Sauk County youth. As such, the following guidelines have been established and approved by both groups to maintain the level of quality that the Sauk County Meat Animal Sale is known for.

TIME/LOCATION
The Live Animal Meat Sale is held at 1:00 p.m. on fair Saturday in Progress Hall. Livestock lots from the market classes in the beef, sheep, swine, goat, poultry and rabbits projects are eligible to sell. The youth is charged a 5% commission which is divided as follows: 3% to the Sauk County Agricultural Society and 2% to the Sauk County Meat Animal Sale Committee.

PURCHASES
All animal lots are eligible to be purchased as the animal or on buyer-support. Buyer-support means that the buyer pays only the difference between final bid and current market price. It is then the youth’s responsibility to market the animal. All species (with the exception of poultry and rabbits) are sold by the pound. Poultry and rabbits are sold by the lot.

Arrangements may be made between exhibitors and buyers to exhibit the animal at another show.

It is exhibitor’s responsibility to continue to care for the animal until it is loaded on the buyer’s truck. All animals going directly to market may be loaded onto buyer’s truck no earlier than 2:00 pm on fair Sunday. No other animals, market or breed, may do this!!! This arrangement is for buyer/market convenience.

ELIGIBLE SPECIES
All beef, sheep, swine and goat exhibitors must have pre-weighed and correctly tagged their animals during the county-wide weigh-ins. These animals will again be weighed on animal check-in day of the fair at time and location as posted in premium book and/or Clover Comments. Exhibitors must assist with the weighing of their animals or have made prior arrangements for it to be done by others. NO WEIGH-BACKS AT ANY TIME.

Animals will be selected during their representative species show by the judge. Up to 30 steers, 30 hogs and 18 sheep and eight goats may be selected. Poultry and rabbits must have earned a blue ribbon in their class (based on Danish judging) to be eligible. Judges have the right to choose less or none if animals are inferior to current market appeal.

All qualifying youth may sell one animal lot only. The only exception to this rule is if youth has earned multiple champions in same or different species, then both champions must sell. Youth with animals qualifying in different species must choose one and notify all involved superintendents as soon as possible and no later than 7:00 p.m. on fair Thursday. All Champion and Reserve Champion animals from qualifying youth MUST sell.
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Youth should be present to sell their own animal. Notify superintendent as early as possible if other arrangements need to be made.
- Youth attire and animal cleanliness and fitting should be same as show day.
- Youth should assist with set-up and tear-down of auction area in Progress Hall.
- Posting of buyer’s name and sale price by animal stall is highly recommended. Signs are available from each superintendent.
- Youth should send invitations to new prospective buyers 2-4 weeks prior to the fair.
- Youth are asked to continue to fill-out and turn in “Verifications Forms” for all points earned – even after required points are earned, as this allows county to track and relate event details for future use.

YOUTH REQUIREMENTS

Any youth wishing to participate in the annual Sauk County Fair Meat Animal Sale must meet the following criteria:

CREDITS

Each youth wishing to be eligible for the meat animal sale must earn two (2) credits between June 16 of the previous year and June 15 of the current year. All “Verification Forms” must be on file in 4-H office by June 15. The following is a partial list of items that may earn credits:

- Attendance at three (3) Livestock Meetings = 1 Credit. (Sign-in on attendance sheet for verification.)
- Attendance at three (3) Livestock or Meat Judging Practices = 1 Credit. (Sign-in on attendance sheet for verification.)
- Livestock-related Educational Workshop = 1 Credit. (Youth must turn in completed “Verification Form” to 4-H office.)
- Give a presentation at a county, regional or state Livestock Workshop = 1 Credit. (Youth must turn in completed “Verification Form” along with written overview of presentation or presentation materials to 4-H office.) Group presentations limited to three (3) youth or less.
- Participation at a regional, state or national judging contest. = 1 Credit Maximum - can’t earn multiple credits by judging at more than one event. (Youth must turn in completed “Verification Form”)
- College-age and high school youth may turn in completed “Verification Form” for any animal science, vet science, or meat-type class = 1 Credit Maximum – can’t earn multiple credits for taking additional classes.
- Fitting or showing workshops = 1 Credit. (Youth must turn in completed “Verification Form”)
- County-sponsored Twilight Meeting = 1 Credit. (Youth must turn in completed “Verification Form”)
- Super Saturday Livestock Workshop(s) = 1 Credit per workshop. (Youth must turn in completed “Verification Form”)


Other types of livestock education venues will be considered if 4-H office is notified in a timely-enough manner to communicate with species superintendent on event details and relevance, the “Verification Form” is submitted if event found to be acceptable, and event occurs before June 15 deadline.

The following is a list of items that are NOT eligible for credits:

- Club, organization or project meetings.
- Exhibiting at any shows.
- Livestock budget sheets.
- Bidder Forms/Promote Buyers Form.

BUYER THANK YOU
Each youth must turn in to the 4-H fair office a hand-written thank you note to the buyer that is addressed and stamped. The thank you is due by 4:00 pm on fair Sunday. If not turned in, you will not get a check!

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

SPECIES SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS
Each superintendent with proper posting (premium book and Clover Comments and Livestock Committee approval) may add additional requirements for youth to meet sale eligibility. These may include mandatory meetings, animal weight limitations, un-horned animals, participation in showmanship, etc. It is the youth’s responsibility to understand and fulfill those additional items. Superintendents have final say as to youth’s meeting those extra eligibility items.

ANIMAL DRUG VIOLATIONS
If you want to protest any animal violations you must submit in writing to the fair office your name, contact information, $50.00 and a summary of the alleged possible list of drugs misused on animal. A sample from the animal(s) in question will be drawn within 12 hours of the filing. If the sample reveals a problem (unapproved drugs for market animals) the deposit will be returned. If the carcass of an animal is deemed not to be marketable or saleable, all sale proceeds will be refunded to the buyer. If a sample is positive the youth exhibitor will not be eligible for exhibition at State Fair of current or following year or County Fair of following year.

DISPUTES
In the event of rule infractions and/or disputes between buyer and seller or rule interpretation, the Sauk County Agricultural Society Board of Directors will make final rulings.
MEAT ANIMAL CREDIT VERIFICATION FORM
To be used for all livestock workshop, college and high school classes, and demonstration credit verifications. Must be on file in 4-H office no later than June 15.
Only complete mailed, faxed and hand-delivered forms will be accepted.

Name ___________________________________________ Age __________________

Club/Organization ___________________________________________________________

Event Attended ______________________________________________________________

Event Date & Length (in Hours) ________________________________________________

Species & Topics Covered ______________________________________________________

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Please rate event on scale of 1 to 5 (5 being GREAT and 1 being POOR)

_____ Helpful to Me _____ Recommend to Others _____ Youth Appropriate _____ Hands-On

How did you learn about this event? _____________________________________________

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Instructor/Organizer __________________________________ Date ______________________

Address _______________________________________________________________________

Phone ___________________________ Email ________________________________

Instructor’s Signature ______________________________

(If using this form for a demonstration credit, please staple required material to back of form)

FOR STAFF USE ONLY - Staff Initials _____

_____ Approved _____ Not Approved (If not approved, please explain why and mark date/how youth was notified)

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