

**2017 Eau Claire County Livestock Project**  
**RULES & REGULATIONS** (Final 11/10/16)

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 3<sup>rd</sup> grade during the school year preceding the fair to exhibit. Member must be in at least 4<sup>th</sup> grade preceding the fair to show a steer. In 2017 participation in a showmanship classes will be **MANDATORY TO SELL**. All exhibitors are automatically entered 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. Members exhibiting more than one market animal species must notify the Livestock Committee which animal will be sold by 5:00 p.m. Friday of the Fair. All sale animals must be positively identified by 5:00 p.m. Friday.
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. MAQA is required for selling at the auction and will NOT be worth points in 2017. 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 sale to be eligible to sell.
4. Animals for the beef, swine, goats and sheep projects 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. **We will not be implanting beef animals.**
5. Rate of gain is an important part of this project. Beef will be weighed to establish beginning weights on Saturday, December 10, 2016, from **8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** at Altoona Equity Livestock Market. Sheep, goats and hogs will be weighed on Friday, April 7, 2017, from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, April 8, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Exposition Center. Weights must be verified with a member of the Eau Claire County UW-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 Monday, January 23, 2017 the fee will increase to \$30.00. A weigh-in fee of \$5.00 per animal will be collected with the initial weigh-in form. The fees are non-refundable.

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

**BEEF** Four animals may be weighed on December 10, 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 2016.

**SHEEP** Four animals may be weighed April 7 or 8 from which you may select one to be sold. Maximum weigh-in weight is 70 lbs.

**SWINE** Four animals may be weighed April 7 or 8 from which you may select one to be sold. Maximum weigh-in weight is 90 lbs. Bring your own burlap bag if you want pigs weighed in a bag. The family member will handle the bag.

**GOAT** Four animals may be weighed April 7 or 8 from which you may select one to be sold. Minimum start weight is 30 lbs. All goats should be born after December 2016.

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 Contest** to sell at the auction and participate in the carcass contest on their fair entry forms. **Animals that are NOT entered in the Carcass Contest will NOT be sold in the auction and will not participate in the carcass contest.** Exhibitors entering the carcass class must have their animal harvested at the county's designated location. Members can only have their auction animal in total performance. Members can remove their carcass only after the carcass judging has finished.

9. ALL BEEF, SHEEP, GOATS AND SWINE MUST BE ON PREMISES BY THURSDAY AT 11:00 a.m. Animals will be weighed only if they have an official ear tag. ANY ANIMAL NOT WEIGHED DURING THIS PERIOD WILL NOT BE SOLD. Beef, Sheep, Goats and Swine must be weighed in by 11:00 a.m. on Thursday of the fair. All animals must be brought to the scale 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 \$5.00 per tag collected at weigh-in. The UW-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 \$6.00.
11. COOL forms are due at 11:00 a.m. Thursday (includes premise ID number) for Goats and Sheep.
12. Feed and cost records must be kept from the beginning to completion of the project. 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 – 2½%. This commission will be assessed to cover the cost incurred in having the project and conducting this sale. Transportation of animals to slaughter facilities will be \$15.00 for beef and \$10.00 for swine, goats and sheep.
14. **All information 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 will result in another 10% commission by 10:00 a.m. Sunday.**
15. All Federal and State Health Regulations including the restriction and prohibition of the use of drugs must be followed.
16. MAQA is mandatory to sell at the auction and NOT worth points. Attend the class on Saturday, February 18 at 9:30 a.m. at Eau Claire County UW-Extension in Altoona or Monday, April 10 6:30 p.m. in Augusta or test out of the program by making arrangements with Sara Novotny **BEFORE** July 1.
17. Superintendents may disqualify any animals from the Auction and Carcass Show if they have knowledge or evidence of it being tranquilized. **Member must sign a sheet verifying withdrawal times have been followed on all animals at weigh-in time at the fair.** This includes all drugs requiring withholding periods whether included in feed or injected.
18. Eau Claire County requires Beef, Sheep, Goats and Swine 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 members, to complete the project, must attend the Meat Animal Project Banquet following the County fair. The banquet will be held on Friday, August 4 in Augusta at 7:00 p.m. Any exception to this rule must be approved by the Livestock Committee, and a written request, submitted to the species superintended **at the fair**, to consider an exception is required. The **ONLY** exception is a youth activity or family function. Unexcused absences will result in a 5% reduction in check.
20. 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 hog pens must have automatic waterers that do not leak. ALL PENS MUST BE CLEANED AND TORE DOWN with check out before leaving with the Superintendent. **Not checking out with your species Superintendent will result in a 5% deduction from exhibitor's commission check.**
21. ALL SALES ARE FINAL, NO EXCEPTIONS. Livestock Committee does NOT guarantee final sale prices will be above market.
22. 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 at West Allis.
23. ***If an animal carcass is condemned or unusable, the member is responsible for replacing the animal with a comparable animal.***

24. 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 1.75 average daily gain
  - SHEEP** Choice or prime with minimum weight of 90 lbs. except 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 .3 average daily gain.
25. All meat animals can cross the scale ONE time at the fair. They must meet the minimum weight requirement (above) at that time.
26. Proposed show times are: Swine – Thursday at 4:00 p.m., Beef – Friday at 9:00 a.m., Goats – Friday at 12:30 pm, Sheep – Friday at 3:00 p.m.
27. All beef must be dehorned, nubbins/scurs must be 1” or less.
28. Sale order will be a random draw for all species – champions will sell at 8:00 p.m. Winning showmanship class champion and reserve champion of each species will be put in a random drawing and sell first.
29. 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.
30. Animals not going to slaughter are not released from the fairgrounds until 4:00 p.m. on the closing date (Sunday) of the fair. 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.
31. The Eau Claire County Fair will be a non-terminal show for the swine project in 2017. Any extra swine will be the responsibility of the exhibitor. Exhibitors will be required to sign a contract by July 1st stating where the extra animal will be taken after the fair, whether it is a slaughter facility or back to a farm. The swine exhibitor and family will take full responsibility 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.
32. All clubs and organizations must have their barn areas cleaned by 4:00 p.m. on Monday following the fair per the directions from fair personnel.
33. 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.
34. 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.
35. Those exhibitors showing Managerial Animals must have a managerial agreement on file at the UW-Extension Office by May 1 of the exhibition year.
36. Total performance will be awarded based on points earned from the placing in the live class, rate of gain and carcass placing.

**Livestock Project Calendar: See next page!**

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**NOTE: The project will hold a minimum of 3 meetings each year. Exhibitors MUST attend at least one of the first two meetings to sell at the auction.**

**Meeting #1** – Thursday, October 6, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at Augusta High School – Rules, regulations and election of committee.

**Beef Weigh-In** – Saturday, December 10, from 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. at Equity

Letters Due for Education, Military or Work out of the area exemptions due by January 1, 2017, to Livestock Secretary.

**Meeting #2** – Monday, January 23, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at Osseo Fairchild High School – Educational Meeting

**MAQA** – Saturday, February 18, 9:30 a.m. at the UW-Extension Office in Altoona.

**Meeting #3** – Monday, April 3, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at Augusta High School – Fair Book Entry, Stalling Forms and Fair Volunteers.

**Sheep, Swine and Goat Weigh-in** – Friday, April 7, from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m., Saturday, April 8, from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the Expo Center.

**MAQA** - Monday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m. in Augusta.

**Fitting and Showing** – Month of June or July, TBD by individual species.