

LIVE MARKET ANIMAL SALE - Rules & Regulations

Where: Sauk County Fairgrounds **Date:** Saturday **Time:** 1:00 PM

- **TIME/LOCATION** - The Live Market Animal Sale is held at 1:00 PM on fair Saturday in Progress Hall. Livestock lots from the market classes in the beef, sheep, swine, goat, poultry and rabbit projects are eligible to sell. The youth is charged a 5% commission which is divided as follows: 3% to the Sauk County Agricultural Society, Inc. and 2% to the Sauk County Meat Animal Sale Committee (MASC).
- **SHOWMANSHIP** – Exhibitor must show in showmanship, for the species they are selling, to be eligible for Live Market Animal Sale
- **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 (except 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. If 100% of earnings from sale animal is donated to a charity, the check will be written to that charity, not the Individual/youth that donated the sale animal.

- **OTHER FAIRS SALES** – If animal has already been sold at a previous livestock show/fair it may not be sold at the Sauk County Meat Animal Sale or come out for champion drive. If youth are found to be in violation of the above stated, they will forfeit the ability to sell in the following year's sale. If it is the youth's last year to sell in the Meat Animal Sale, they will forfeit the monies earned at the Meat Animal Sale.
- **SWINE** - The Swine Show will not be a terminal show, if swine are not purchased outright in the auction; exhibitors are responsible for selling their animals. The exhibitor is responsible for contacting the processor with instructions for personal sales by the Tuesday after the Fair. The Sauk County Agricultural Society, Inc. Board, Meat Animal Sale Committee (MASC) and the processor **ARE NOT** responsible for animals that do not have processing instructions called in by Tuesday after the Fair.
- **CARE** - It is exhibitor's responsibility to continue to care for the animal until it is loaded on the buyer's truck. All animals going direct 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.
- **PROCESSING** – The exhibitor is responsible for contacting the processor with instructions for personal sales by the Tuesday after the Fair. The Sauk County Agricultural Society, Inc. Fair Board, Meat Animal Sale Committee (MASC) and the processor **ARE NOT** responsible for animals that do not have processing instructions called in by Tuesday after the fair.
- **ELIGIBLE SPECIES - ALL (BEEF, SHEEP, and GOAT) MARKET CLASSES NEED TO BE WEIGHED IN CENTRALLY, WITHIN SAUK COUNTY.** All beef, sheep, and goat exhibitors must have pre-weighed and correctly tagged their animals during the county-wide weigh-ins.

All **swine** exhibitors must have properly tagged and identified their animals by May 17. These animals will again be weighed on animal check-in day of the fair at time and location as posted in premium book.

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.

- **SELECTION** - Animals will be selected during their representative species show by the judge. Up to 35 steers, 35 hogs, 30 sheep, 12 goats, 12 lots of poultry and 6 lots of rabbits may be selected. Judges have the right to choose less or none if animals are inferior to current market appeal.
- **ROTATION FOR MARKET SALE - Subject to change**
 - 2024 - Swine, Sheep, Goats, Beef, Small Animals
 - 2025- Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Small Animals
 - 2026 - Goats, Beef, Swine, Sheep, Small Animals
- **GRAND CHAMPIONS & RESERVE GRAND CHAMPIONS** -All qualifying youth may sell one animal lot only. The only exception to this rule is if youth has earned multiple Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champions in same or different species, then both Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champions must sell.
- **MULTIPLE Species** -Youth with animals qualifying in different species must choose one, notify all involved superintendents as soon as possible and no later than 7:00 PM on fair Thursday or upon completion of all market animal sale selections. All qualifying youth may sell one animal lot only. The only exception to this rule is if youth has earned multiple Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champions in same or different species, then both Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champions must sell. All Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion animals from qualifying youth **MUST** sell.
- **SALE PARTICIPANT MEETING SALE PARTICIPANT MEETING** (exhibitors and their parents) are required to attend the sale participant meeting on Saturday morning at 9:30 AM in Progress Hall. Participants are responsible for assisting in the set-up on Progress Hall directly after the meeting.
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- **BUYER THANK YOU** - Each youth must turn in to their species superintendent, a hand-written thank you note to the buyer that is addressed and stamped. The thank you is due by 3:00 PM on fair Sunday. If not turned in, you will not get a check!

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- **SPECIES SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

Each superintendent with proper notification in fair book posting may add additional requirements for youth to meet sale eligibility. These may include mandatory meetings, animal weight limitations, un-horned animals, etc. It is the youth's responsibility to understand and fulfill those additional items. Superintendents have the final say as to youth's meeting those extra eligibility items.

NOTE: Animals weighing over the maximum weight (listed below per species) will still be eligible for the sale but the buyer of the animal will only pay up to maximum weight.

BEEF

- Market heifers and steers will be weighed on entry day
- Market beef - minimum weight of 1,025 lbs., maximum weight of 1,375 lbs.
- Dairy steers - minimum weight of 1,025 lbs., maximum weight of 1,500 lbs.

MARKET HOGS

Market hogs will be weighed on entry day. Minimum weight of 235 lbs., maximum weight of 285 lbs. The hog show will not be a terminal show.

MARKET LAMBS

Market Lambs will be weighed entry day. Minimum weight of 100 lbs., maximum weight of 150 lbs.

MARKET GOATS

- Market goats will be weighed on entry day
- Market Meat goat is one born after January 1 of the exhibit year
- Dairy Wether goat is one born after August 1 of the previous exhibit year
- Market goats may be shown in market or breed class, not both
- Dairy Buck & Meat Buck - minimum weight of 30 lbs., maximum weight of 75 lbs.
*** meat buck weighting over 83 ½ lbs. will be disqualified and not eligible for show. and may be sent home ***
- Dairy Wether & Meat Wether - minimum weight of 35 lbs., maximum weight of 120 lbs.
- Meat Doe - minimum weight of 35 lbs., maximum weight of 120 lbs.

• 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, Inc. Board of Directors will make final rulings.
- **OTHER**
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 the same as show day.
 - Youth should assist with set-up and tear-down of auction area in Progress Hall. Please report to Progress Hall at 9:30 AM on the day of the sale. Remember, you profit from the sale, so please help!
 - Posting of buyer's name and sale price by animal stall is MANDATORY. Signs are available from each superintendent.
 - Youth should send invitations to new prospective buyers 2-4 weeks prior to the fair.

SAUK COUNTY FAIR MASTER SHOWMAN CONTEST RULES

Sunday of the fair week at 10:00 am Progress Hall

1. Departments: The following departments will participate in the Master Showman Contest: Dairy, Beef, Swine, Sheep and Goats.
2. Participants: The top two winners of Senior Showmanship in each of these species will participate in the Master Showmanship Contest.
 - If a winner from one of the above stated classes chooses not to participate in the Master Showman Contest, the option to participate will default to the third place winner in that class.
 - If a member is eligible to participate in the Master Showman Contest in more than one species, he/she must choose the species in which he/she will participate by Friday afternoon at 4:00 pm. The participant must inform BOTH species Superintendents and the Master Showman Contest Organizer of his/her decision. The third place winner in their non-chosen species will have the option to participate.

3. Master showmanship participants will meet Saturday morning at 9:00 am in Progress Hall for a short meeting about expectations/rules.
4. Each participant will show an animal from the project in which they won Senior Showmanship first, then an animal from each of the other four species through the rotation. The Superintendent of each species will be in charge of selecting two animals to be used for the Master Showman contest, with the approval of the owner of the animals selected.
5. There will be five judges, one representing each species. The superintendent of each participating species will assist the Master Showman Organizer with selection of needed judges.
6. Each judge will use a 1-10 scale to evaluate each participant in categories such as showing the animal, species knowledge and appearance/attitude.
7. Five minutes will be allowed for the participants to show each species. The time keeper will notify the participants and the judges when one minute is left for each round. Please note - all species will be shown simultaneously in the same showing. The rotation of species shown will be discussed at the pre-contest meeting.
8. If items such as a brush, show stick, comb, etc. are necessary to show your species, please bring them with you to the Master Showman contest. These items will be passed to the next participant who will show that species.
9. A final rotation will involve public speaking. Each participant will be asked to answer four questions. Each participant will speak to the same questions.
10. Results will be determined by totaling all rotations scores.
11. Non-cash awards will be given for Grand Champion Senior Showman and Reserve Champion Senior Showman.
12. In the case of a tie, the participant with the top public speaking score will be deemed the Champion. If in the event a tie is still not broken, a random question will be drawn from a hat in which the participant will answer. Audience applause will be asked for in order to determine the winner of the final tie breaker.
13. The decision of the judges and the Master Showman Contest Organizer are final.