

REGISTRATION IS BETWEEN APRIL 10TH, 2026 AND MAY 11TH AT 11:59PM

LIVE MARKET ANIMAL SALE - RULES AND REGULATIONS

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

- **TIME/LOCATION** -The Live Market Animal Sale is held at 1:00 PM on Saturday of the fair 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 on the full bid price, or the gross bid amount per animal if not sold by weight. The commission is divided as follows: 3% to the Sauk County Agricultural Society, Inc. and 2% to the Sauk County Meat Animal Sale Committee (MASC). (updated April 2025)
- **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 the 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, Swine, Sheep and Goat) MARKET CLASSES NEED TO BE IDENTIFIED CENTRALLY, WITHIN SAUK COUNTY. BEEF MARKET CLASSES NEED TO BE WEIGHED IN CENTRALLY WITHIN SAUK COUNTY. BEEF MARKET CLASSES** must have pre-weighed and correctly tagged their animals during county-wide weigh-ins. All **Swine** exhibitors must have properly tagged and identified their animals by May 17. ALL goat exhibitors must have correctly tagged their **MARKET GOAT** animals during county-wide tagging. All **Sheep** 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.
- 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**
 - 2026 – Goats, Beef, Swine, Sheep, Small Animals
 - 2027 – Sheep, Goats, Beef, Swine, Small Animals
 - 2028 – Swine, Sheep, Goats, Beef, 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.
- **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 45 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 45 lbs., maximum weight of 120 lbs.
- Meat Doe - minimum weight of 45 lbs., maximum weight of 120 lbs.
- **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.

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.