

# 2024 Waupaca County Large Animal, Inc

## Activity Rules and Regulations

- Facebook : Waupaca County Large Market Animal Committee
- Webpage: Waupacacountylargemarketsale.my.canva.site
- Email: waupacamarketsale@gmail.com

BE SURE TO READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL RULES! IF REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT MET, ANIMALS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE SALE

### ELIGIBILITY

Participants must be enrolled in youth organization recognized by the Waupaca County Fair for each species they intend to enter in the Market Animal Activity. Market classes include beef/dairy steers and heifers (All beef must be dehorned and devoid any scurs); swine (barrows and gilts) and sheep (wethers and ewes). Any question will be left to the discretion of the Fair Veterinarian.

### EACH PARTICIPANT IS REQUIRED TO ABIDE BY THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS (IAFE) NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW

**RING ETHICS.** A signed statement indicating willingness to abide by the IAFE Code must be returned with fair entry forms. A copy of the show ring ethics is attached at the back of this packet.

4 Educational points are required. \*\* See the attached education sheets.

**It is required that all market (food) animal project youth (beef, sheep & swine) attend YQCA. YQCA classes will be available in person and online. In person YQCA will be held March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Manawa Elementary School at 12:45 pm following Super Saturday classes and June 29th at 8:00 am at the fairgrounds.**

### BEFORE FAIR REQUIREMENTS

#### PARTICIPATION

All participants must register for the Market Animal Activity by filling out a registration form for each species they intend to enroll. Registration forms are due at the Market Animal Mandatory Informational Meetings.

#### REQUIRED INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Each participant is **required** to attend ONE of the following meetings:

Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Weyauwega Municipal Building

Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am Weyauwega Municipal Building

Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Lebanon Town Hall

If there is a cancellation due to weather, you will be notified of the rescheduled date via Facebook page.

**If you cannot attend, a parent or guardian MUST attend as your representative.** (If participant cannot attend, this would not be considered an educational event).

Participants may enter THREE SPECIES in the Market Animal Activity. A maximum of four beef or crossbred steers or heifers, four dairy steers, four lambs and four swine can be tagged. Only three animals of each species can be brought to Fair per the Fair book guidelines.

Participants are allowed to exhibit more than one species, but no more than one large animal (beef/dairy steer, sheep or swine) can be sold in sale. (Exception: Participants who exhibit more than one CHAMPION animal, either grand or reserve, will be allowed to sell those champion animals.)

**Anyone selling any animal in any other county junior fair livestock sale will be ineligible to sell at the Waupaca County Junior Livestock Auction. Members will need to choose which fair they will support (with the exception of the Wisconsin State Fair).**

**The exhibitor must own animals at time of last tagging meeting which is April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO SELL A MINIMUM OF 5 BOOKS OF RAFFLE TICKETS OR \$25 WILL HAVE TO BE PAID BEFORE THEY RECEIVE THEIR SALES CHECK. THE TICKET STUBS MUST BE TURNED IN AT FAIR, THE CARCASS SHOW OR BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2024. YOU MUST CONTACT KATIE LOEHRKE OR BART MOERICKE IF YOU ARE GOING TO TURN TICKETS IN AFTER THE CARCASS SHOW DATE. Raffle Tickets must be picked up at the July market animal meeting. The meeting is July 18, 2024 at 6:30 pm at the fairgrounds.

**TAG IN MEETING**

All steers, sheep and swine eligible for the sale need County Fair tags. We will distribute tags and hair sample envelopes twice:

April 6<sup>th</sup> 9 am to 11 am at the Weyauwega Municipal Building

April 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30 to 7:30 pm at the Weyauwega Municipal Building

IF A PARTICIPANT IS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND MEETING, A PARENT, GUARDIAN OR OTHER PERSON MUST ATTEND AS YOUR REPRESENTATIVE. TAGS WILL NOT BE HANDED OUT AT ANY OTHER TIME. NO EXCEPTIONS.

**HAIR SAMPLES MUST BE DELIVERED TO ANN WEHRLE**

**E8283 SEEFELD ROAD**

**NEW LONDON WI 54961**

**BY MAY 10, 2024. IF HAIR SAMPLES ARE NOT POSTMARKED BY MAY 10, 2024 THE ANIMAL WILL BE INELIGIBLE FOR THE SALE.**

It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to put the tag in the animal's ear. All animals brought to fair must be tagged. If a tag is lost, please contact Mark Handrich. THERE WILL BE A \$3 TAG REPLACEMENT FEE CHARGED.

The fair veterinarian will store the hair samples until the fair. The Grand and Reserve Champion will be DNA tested. Random samples may be taken. Exhibitor's agree to accept any and all testing system/procedures selected by the Waupaca County Large Animal, Inc to verify rule compliance. If the DNA test is not a match the exhibitor will be prohibited to sell animals in the Waupaca County Market Animal Sale for the following two years.

A protest must be submitted to the superintendent in writing. The written protest must include the specific concern and justification for the protest. The superintendent may discuss verbally with the protesting party but must respond in writing, explaining the rationale for any decision rendered. Official protests must be accompanied by a \$100 cash deposit; deposit will be returned if protest is sustained but retained if the protest is not sustained as a cost recovery mechanism to offset any costs incurred.

**SUGGESTED BEGINNING WEIGHTS**

Dairy Steers 800-850 pounds in March

Beef Steers 650-700 pounds in March

Swine 60-70 pounds End of April

Sheep 60-70 pounds End of April

**CLASS FAIR ENTRIES**

All market animals must be entered as exhibits on the FAIR ENTRY FORM and meeting the eligibility requirements on the Junior Fair classes according to the 2024 Waupaca County Fair Premium List. Carefully read and follow instructions from the Waupaca County Fair Premium Book when filling out the entry form. FAIR ENTRIES ARE DUE JULY 1, 2024 online at [Waupacacountyfair.com](http://Waupacacountyfair.com)

In the event an animal is placed in an incorrect class, it is at the discretion of the superintendent to place the animal in the correct class if the fair board allows for the change. If the animal is shown in a market class it will be eligible for the sale as long as it meets all other sale requirements. Each exhibitor will automatically be entered in both carcass and showmanship classes, regardless of whether it has been written on the fair entry form. PLEASE CONFIRM SHOWMANSHIP AT THE SCALE ON ENTRY DAY.

## **WEIGHT CLASSES**

Steers greater than 1650 pounds or less than 900 pounds are not eligible for the sale. Steers must grade choice or better to be eligible for sale as determined by the market show judge.

Sheep greater than 160 pounds or less than 100 pounds are not eligible for the sale. Sheep must grade choice or better to be eligible for sale as determined by the market show judge.

Hogs greater than 300 pounds or less than 230 pounds are not eligible for the sale. Hogs must grade USDA 1's and 2's to be eligible for sale as determined by the market show judge.

Weight classes are determined by superintendents. If two animals are in same weight class, one will be bumped up to the higher weight class. Exhibitor must show their own animal per the Waupaca County Fair book. See fair book for exception requirement.

## **BUYER CONTACT**

Each participant must contact three local businesses to help promote this Show and Sale. Three promotional brochures will be issued to each participant. The "receipt" portion of this brochure must be signed by each business and returned to the Market Animal Committee at the County Fair weigh-in (Entry Day). We suggest that each member contact at least one new buyer. A "Sale Procedure" form will be included for first time buyers.

## **AT THE FAIR RULES & REGULATIONS**

All animals must be weighed, without blankets. RIGHT OFF THE TRUCK on entry day between 6:00 am and 12:00 pm. All animal tags must be clean! County Fair animal ID & Vet check form and Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection (swine only) must accompany animals to the fair before animals will be permitted to be unloaded. Only one weighing per animal is allowed. Exhibitor's, whose animals absolutely cannot be weighed by noon, must call a committee member before entry day. Telephone numbers are on the last page of these rules. Exhibitors must declare which animal they are selling at the scale.

ALL LAMBS MUST HAVE ENTIRE FARM ORIGIN SCRAPIE NUMBER ON THE CHECK-IN FORM.

There will be an informational meeting at 5:30 pm on Entry day for all animal exhibitors in the multi purpose building.

## **ANIMALS AGE:**

Steers: Not older than January 1, 2023. Any animal in question of age, deemed by the fair veterinarian to be older, will be disqualified. Steers may be mouthed at the scale on Entry Day. Exhibitors or representatives must be present.

Swine and Sheep: Must be born during 2024.

#### **EXHIBITORS I.D.**

Exhibitors will wear back tags with their exhibitor's number on them. These will be provided.

#### **SHOW RING**

Only exhibitors, animals, clerks and superintendents are allowed in the Show Ring with the judge as stated in the Waupaca County Fair Premium Book. This includes holding area. Refer to Junior Fair book for rules and procedures. *It is the exhibitors responsibility to get their animal to the showing.*

All market animal classes will be judged as stated in the Waupaca County Fair Premium List with both ribbons and premiums awarded. Professional fitters may not fit an animal for the Junior Show, as stated in the Waupaca County Fair Book. Fitters will be asked to leave the premises.

#### **CONDUCT IN THE SHOWRING**

Exhibitors are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is respectful to the judge, superintendent and animal. No aggressive behavior towards animals will be tolerated in the showing. If the superintendent deems a behavior too aggressive the exhibitor may be warned. If the behavior warrants it, the exhibitor will be dismissed from the showing and be deemed ineligible for the auction sale and forfeits all prize money and awards won.

All Champion and Reserve Champion market animals will be tested for performance drugs per the Waupaca County Fair Book. Exhibitors agree to accept all testing systems/procedures selected by the Waupaca County Fair to verify rule compliance. Any animal may be tested at any time by the Waupaca County Fair per the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics. Violations are subject to the disciplinary provisions of Show Management. Sanctions may include any one or a combination of the following:

Forfeiture or return of awards, prizes, prize money and sale proceeds

Written letter of reprimand to the owner, exhibitor, fitter or responsible person  
Disqualification of the exhibition livestock from an exhibition

Disqualification of the exhibitor from the show

Publication of offense (as these actions may be subject to open records review)

Disqualification may include any or all shows/classes for an indefinite number of years.

If an animal was given a drug before fair, the fair veterinarian must be notified prior to the show. The fair veterinarian will evaluate the situation and has the right to allow the animal to be shown or not shown depending on whether or not they feels the meat quality has been compromised.

A protest must be submitted to the superintendent in writing. The written protest must include the specific concern and justification for the protest. The superintendent may discuss verbally with the protesting party but must respond in writing, explaining the rationale for any decision rendered. Official protests must be accompanied by a \$150 cash deposit; deposit will be returned if protest is sustained but retained if the protest is not sustained as a cost recovery mechanism to offset any costs incurred.

## **TROPHIES**

Trophies will be presented to the Grand and Reserve Champion in each of the market classes of beef/dairy steers, sheep and swine. This does not pertain to the market sale champions.

GRAND and RESERVE Champions sponsored by First State Bank  
SHOWMANSHIP Champions sponsored by First State Bank

## **AUCTION SALE**

Sale order will be posted by 9 am Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The sale will be held Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 pm at the Waupaca County Fairgrounds. All animals meeting minimum requirements (including minimum weight and quality) will be eligible for the sale. All eligible Grand and Reserve Animals must be sold. Sale order will be GC, RC Swine (Top Senior Showman, Top Intermediate Showman, Top Beginner Showman); GC RC Steers (GC Beef steer, GC Dairy steer, RC Beef Steer, RC Dairy Steer, Top Senior Showman, Top Intermediate Showman, Top Beginner Showman; GC Sheep, RC Sheep; (Top Senior Showman, Top Intermediate Showman, Top Beginner Showman). Remaining animals will be sold according to designated number. All small animals will be sold at the end. Order to be determined by the Small Market Animal Committee.

**The sales order will be posted on the show ring office on the day of the sale. It is the EXHIBITORS responsibility to make sure their name is on the list. Exhibitors must report to superintendent any changes by 10 am Friday.**

**ONLY EXHIBITOR AND ONE OTHER EXHIBITOR ALLOWED IN THE SALE RING DURING THE AUCTION.**

**NO ALCOHOL CARRY-INS DURING AUCTION/SALE. This could jeopardize your child's future participation in the sale or our ability to hold future sales.**

Once an animal is sold, it becomes the property of the Buyer however the exhibitor has the responsibility for caring for the animal until it leaves the Fairgrounds on Sunday afternoon after 4:00 pm. If animals are not properly cared for at the fair (in the opinion of the market animal committee or barn superintendents) exhibitor will not be allowed to participate again the following year.

### **BUYING BACK**

All eligible animals must be sold. The Waupaca County Fair is no longer allowing animal buy backs. All sale animals are terminal per the 2024 Waupaca County Fair book.

### **SALES COMMISSION**

A 4.5% sales commission will be taken on each animal sold. Sales commission will be withheld by the Sale Committee to offset costs incidental to conducting the sale, making improvements and maintaining the livestock sale.

### **DEDUCTIONS**

Deductions will be withheld for the Nationally Mandated Beef Promotion and Research Order, American Lamb Board Check-Off and/or the Pork Check-Off.

### **BARN AWARDS**

Steer, Sheep and Swine awards for clean barns, animals and exhibitor's interest and cooperation. Weigh-In cards must also be completed.

### **SUPREME EXHIBITOR**

A supreme exhibitor will be awarded on Sunday at the exhibitors meeting. This award is for exhibitors age 12 and over (Junior show exhibitors only). The criteria is:

- Showmanship
- Skillathon
- All species Showmanship

Premier exhibitor of each species will receive a premier exhibitor banner and travel cup. Overall Supreme Exhibitor will receive a banner with their photo on it that will be displayed at the following year's fair.

A Junior Supreme Exhibitor contest will be offered for exhibitors under 12.

### **TRUCKING OF SALE ANIMALS**

A person will be in charge of each of the three market animal areas to assist buyers in checking out and loading their market animals. Animals must have ear tags. Check with a superintendent to have it replaced if lost at fair.

### **PRIOR TO LEAVING FAIR**

All sheep/swine pens must be taken down and put away prior to leaving premises. All beef stalls must be cleaned with bedding pushed back at least 4 feet from the wall (so that the skidsteer can remove it before leaving premises).

If this is not done, a \$100 cleaning fee will be charged to the exhibitor. We will hold your check until the payment is received and it will jeopardize future ability to show per the 2024 Waupaca County Fair book.

### **AFTER THE FAIR**

#### **THANK YOU LETTERS**

The project member is required to send a Thank You note to the buyer. The member should bring the Thank You note to the committee secretary at or before the carcass contest, stamped, addressed and ready to mail – BUT NOT SEALED. The notes will be checked off, banquet tickets added and dropped in the mailbox. There will be Thank You notes available Sunday morning of fair in the swine showing if you want to complete it at Fair. If the member fails to send a Thank You note to the committee secretary for the buyer by September 6, 2024 he/she will not be eligible to sell the following year. NO EXCEPTIONS! Thank you notes are to be given to market animal secretary, Ann Wehrle E8283 Seefeld Road, New London WI 54961

#### **CARCASS SHOW**

Carcass quality is very important part of the market animal activity. A carcass show will be held Tuesday night, August 27, 2024 at 6 pm at Niemuth's Steak & Chop Shop. In the event the carcass contest determines an animal has not been properly castrated or carcass is condemned, youth shall compensate Buyer with dollars to market value or compensate with pounds of like meat to buyers satisfaction.



## **BUYERS RECOGNITION DINNER**

All exhibitors are encouraged to attend the Buyer's Recognition Dinner. Those with animals in the sale are REQUESTED to attend to present pictures to the buyer of their animal(s). The Banquet will be held September 28, 2024 at the Waupaca County Fairgrounds.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE MEMBERS AND/OR PARENTS TO HARASS BUYERS OR POTENTIAL BUYERS. VIOLATIONS COULD JEOPARDIZE FUTURE SELLING. THE STATE OF WISCONSIN PREMISES ID PROGRAM IS MANDATORY. CALL EXTENSION OFFICE FOR INFORMATION.

## **COMMITTEES**

### **Executive Committee**

Chairman: Larry Shofner 715-281-0650

Vice Chairman: Craig R. Fietzer 920-359-0974

Secretary: Ann Wehrle 920-279-5857

Treasurer: Mark Handrich 715-281-6275

Education: Jen Erb 715-347-2711 Bobbi Jo Montgomery 715-281-4625

Show Administrator: Katie Loehrke 715-281-0168

Director at Large: Mikayla Wehrle 920-279-2766

Director at Large: Bart Moericke 715-250-2354

## **SPRING CHECK-IN**

- Mark Handrich 715-281-6275
- Ann Wehrle 920-279-5857
- Larry Shofner 715-281-0650

## **PHOTOGRAPHER COMMITTEE**

- Bobbi Jo Montgomery 715-281-4625
- Larry Shofner 715-281-0650
- Sylvia Ramirez
- Carolynn Backus

## **Banquet Committee**

- Mark & Lisa Handrich
- Mikayla Wehrle

## **Sales Committee/Buyers Promotion/Publicity**

Becky Loehrke

## **Hospitality Committee**

Mark & Lisa Handrich

## **Organizing Trophies for Fair**

Jen Erb

## **Fair Veterinarian**

Dr. Larry Shofner

## **Education Committee**

- Bobbi Jo Montgomery
- Jen Erb

## **Raffle Committee**

- Bart Moericke
- Erin Montgomery
- Katie Loehrke

Waupaca County Fair book Website

[www.waupacacountyfair.com](http://www.waupacacountyfair.com)

## **2024 VOTING MEMBERS**

Becky Loehrke Ann Wehrle Katie Loehrke Larry Shofner Lacy Raisler Mark Handrich  
Mallex Raisler Craig Backes MaKieyela Raisler Vincent Backes Lisa Handrich Rudy  
Drozd Erin Montgomery Evy Drozd PJ Loehrke Jim Drozd  
Grant Fietzer Carolynn Backes Craig Fietzer Eric Duch Rick Wehrle Jill Duch Mikayla  
Wehrle Violet Horton Joe Starr Betsy Horton Sylvia Ramirez Janet Olson Amy Starr  
Michael Much Elizabeth Murphy LuAnne Njzdowski Bobbi Jo Montgomery Bart  
Moericke Kimberly Murphy  
Dylan Spaulding