

**4-H MARKET ANIMAL PROJECT CONTRACT
PRICE COUNTY
2023-2024**

PURPOSE:

1. To support a first-hand experience in production agriculture with a focus on large and small meat animals, i.e., steers, hogs, lambs, goats, poultry, waterfowl, turkeys, and rabbits.
2. To further the interest and education of youth and their families in raising quality animals for market.
3. Support youth in developing life skills, i.e., record keeping, reporting, management, responsibility, etc.
4. Engage youth in reaching meat industry standards by employing effective management practices.
5. Help youth understand marketing and profitability through project work.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Any 4-H member, third grade through one year post high school, may participate.
2. Members enroll in the beef, sheep, swine, goat, poultry, waterfowl, turkey or rabbit projects and maintain in good standing in 4-H.
 - a. Note: If you are not enrolled, please go to 4H Online and enroll in the specific projects you are interested in.
3. All contracting will be done at contracting night. If members are not able to be present, a family representative must attend.
4. First time enrolling 4-H members who come into 4-H after project orientation must sign on and must arrange for an orientation with a Board Member. Members must be enrolled for this program prior to Quality Assurance Training.
5. A 4-H member may sell a maximum of one large animal and one small animal at this sale. If raising more than 1 large animal species, the highest placing animal must be sold (ie. Grand or Reserve Champions and blue-ribbon winning animals). In instances where placings are equal, the exhibitor must identify which animal is to sell immediately after the show. For small animals, a 4-H member can only sell one small animal if they are awarded more than one small animal champion. Choice from member on which animal to sell. Next highest placing/different member will be able to sell for that species.
6. Large animals must be in the exhibitor's possession by initial weigh-in or April 28, 2024. Small animals must be bred and raised by the exhibitor or be purchased and in their possession no later than June 11, 2024.
7. All large animals for this project must be castrated males or females. Animals determined to have incomplete or late castration will not be sold.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING REQUIREMENTS

1. Three general meetings will require attendance by an adult and the youth member. They are:
 - a. Orientation/Contract: November 15, 2023, 7:00 p.m., UWEX Office
 - b. Pre-Sale Planning Meeting: July 20, 2024, 7:00 p.m., UWEX Office
 - c. Post Sale/Annual Meeting: September 14, 2024, 7:00 p.m., UWEX OfficeOnly in an emergency or dire situation may you appoint another person to represent your family. Communicate your situation to the Chair prior to an absence or if that cannot be done, ask the Board's consideration to be excused.
2. Small and large animal members are also required to attend project meetings.
 - a. Small animal exhibitors must attend at least **one** of the species project meetings and complete Quality Assurance Training.
 - b. Large animal exhibitors must attend at least **two** of the species projects meetings and complete Quality Assurance Training.
 - c. If you miss a project meeting or would prefer another study topic, contact your Key Leader to get prior approval. Youth will be required to fill out the Alternate Educational Experience report form and submit it to their Key Project Leader.
3. Youth will be expected to keep management records of their project. These records consist of:
 - a. Monthly Project Records (one for each species raised)- due monthly to Key Leader by the last day of the month
 - i. Beef: December-July; Hogs, Sheep: April-July; Small Animal: June-July
 - b. Yearly Project Record (one for each species raised)- due by noon on Sunday of the fair
 - c. Records will be evaluated using a standard point form.
4. The committee, pending funds available and/or donations received will determine program incentive awards. If quality of work is not submitted, they may recommend none to be given. Incentives of \$10 may be paid for best records kept for each outstanding beginner, intermediate, and senior records for each large animal species, and to the top poultry, top turkey, top waterfowl and top rabbit records for each small animal species.
5. A \$50 check may be awarded for best carcass in each large animal species - (1) Beef & Dairy Steer; (1) Lambs; (1) Hogs; and (1) Goats.
6. Youth practice marketing by securing potential bidders for the sale. Each participant is required to secure, in writing, a minimum of 3 potential bidders per individual or 7 different potential bidders per family of 3 or more youth. Bidder packets will be sent to each family in June. Bidder cards must be turned in to the UWEX Office by Fair Entry Deadline to be eligible for sale.
7. Members must meet achievement criteria for the project year in their individual clubs or they will not be allowed to sell the following year, i.e., green 4-H record book completion, attendance at meetings, etc. Even if you do not sell you are expected to complete your financial records for each species raised to complete the project. Check with your club leader if unsure of criteria. Club leaders will be asked to confirm your compliance on a check list.

FAIR SPECIFIC INFORMATION

1. Project animals must be entered in the Price County Fair by the Fair Entry Deadline to be eligible for sale. Entries must be made in market class, showmanship and carcass class for large animals. Entries must be made in market class and showmanship for small animals.
2. Judging of market animals will be scheduled and announced prior to fair. Members are expected to show in both market and showmanship classes. If a member is incapacitated and cannot participate in show and/or be present to sell, a request of substitution must be approved by the MAS Executive Board prior to the show or sale.
3. Any animal exhibiting unruly and/or unsafe behavior may be removed from the fairgrounds and become ineligible for sale. This decision would be at the discretion of the Fair Association and supported by the MAS Board.
4. All animals must be maintained and shown by exhibitor. Chores are expected to be done by 10 a.m. daily. All members are expected to maintain their animal exhibits daily until lights out in the barn at 10 p.m.
5. A 5% sales commission will be assessed to cover the costs incurred conducting this sale, such as promotion, transportation for animals to slaughter facilities, etc. Transportation to slaughter costs will be taken care of by the Executive Board from the assessed commission for all sale animals. A \$5.00 fee will be assessed for pictures and advertisement. Sellers of hogs, beef and lambs will be required to participate in the promotion check off. The following buyer incentives will be provided - 2 adult fair admission passes for Friday night for prospective bidders and 2 meal passes per successful buyer at the 4-H Dining Hall. Large animal buyers will incur slaughter costs. Small animal buyers will not incur slaughter costs. Small animal sellers are obligated to offer slaughter and processing to the buyer as a condition of purchase.
6. Private sale of animals not qualifying for the sale cannot be negotiated until after the sale event is concluded. Youth should report to the barn area to negotiate sales. For sale signs may be posted after the sale. Depending on trucking costs, transportation for unsold large animals to slaughter may be provided at a cost of \$5 per head pending space available.
7. Exhibitors and immediate family are entitled to ONE bid only on their animal. This is intended to be used should the animal bring less than market price on the auction block.
8. Once an animal is sold, it becomes the property of the buyer. However, the exhibitor has the responsibility of caring for said animal until it leaves the Fairgrounds. Failure of the exhibitor to comply with this rule may result in being ineligible for the next year's sale.
9. Each participant will be expected to serve barn duty time.
10. Proper withholding time must be observed for any drugs used on animals to be sold at the Fair. Release statements are necessary for feed additives and/or implants.
11. The judge has the right to determine weight division relative to weights and numbers of animals at the fair. Animals must be weighed on the designated livestock scale. An impartial appointee of the Executive Board must verify weight. Weight and ownership must be recorded on forms provided by the UWEX Office at the initial weigh-in. Youth are to be present or appoint someone to bring their animal on and off the weigh scale in an orderly fashion prescribed by the Board. An animal will be allowed only one pass over the scale.

12. The Market Animal Sale will be held at the 2024 Price County Fair on Friday evening, August 23rd or at a time agreed on by the Executive Board and Price County Fair Association. Sellers are asked to have photos taken and to post a thank you to buyers by their animal after the sale.
13. Exhibitors must prepare a thank-you card with a personalized note enclosed to the buyer(s). Thank you cards must be completed and turned in to a MAS Board member, their designee, or the UWEX office no later than the Post Sale Meeting. Please provide a stamped envelope for the card. Leave it unsealed so it can be checked by the committee. It will be read, checked off, and dropped in the mailbox. Checks will be distributed after cards and notes are approved.
14. Buyer photographs should be delivered in person as soon as they are received! Do not delay!
15. All records must be turned into a designated area by noon on Sunday.
16. If a member was first or last in the prior year sale, they cannot be first or last this year.

PARENT AND MEMBER EXPECTATIONS

All parents and youth are considered to be members of the project committee. As such, they are responsible for sharing in the following:

- Honor and respect decisions made by the Executive Board.
- Assist at weigh-ins and shows.
- Contribute to decisions made for project operation/contract.
- Share leadership in developing and carrying out project educational activities.
- Plan and carry out all aspects of the annual sale.
- Do post sale shift work in the 4-H Dining Hall.
- Make decisions relative to budget and use of funds generated.
- Assist with project record keeping and evaluation.
- Promote the livestock industry to consumers.
- Promote pride in youth, the project and their livestock.
- Support members and volunteers with good attendance at project trainings.

LARGE ANIMAL EXHIBITOR GUIDELINES

BEEF AND DAIRY STEER EXHIBITORS

1. All heifers and steers must be born after January 1, 2023. The Committee suggests an initial weight of between 500# and 700# for the project. There is no maximum weight for the initial weigh-in.
2. All steer exhibitors must be at least 12 years old and/or in 7th grade OR in 6th grade with previous halter experience at 4-H fall enrollment time.
3. Any beef breed or crossbreed or straight dairy steer or heifer is eligible.
4. All steers and heifers must be weighed or taped and registered on a specified date in December 2023 established by the weigh-in team. It is the owner's responsibility to have the animal(s) halter broke for weigh-in, to lead the animal(s) on and off the scale, and assist with tagging. All steers must be properly haltered and under control when moving in and off trailers or being led to wash racks or other designated livestock areas at the fair. Work on handling a steer should be done throughout the project. If a state fair weigh-in interferes with our initial weigh-in, the state fair weigh-in weight will be accepted.
5. Three beef may be weighed and registered on this date. Two beef registered at initial weigh-in may be exhibited at the Price County Fair to be eligible for the sale.
6. All animals will be tagged at initial weigh in with official project tags provided by the weigh committee.
7. All dairy beef will be shown separately from beef and crossbred beef.
8. All beef must be graded prime or choice to be eligible for the sale. Animals will be graded via ultrasound technology. If ultrasound is not available, the live show judge will grade beef animals. There are no minimum or maximum weights. Only the highest placing steer will be sold by the exhibitor at auction.
9. The committee recommends that all beef should be periodically weighed and feeding and management practices adjusted to insure the best quality animal is raised for this sale. Use of a standard weigh tape will suffice.

SHEEP EXHIBITORS

1. All spring lambs should be born after January 1, 2023. Committee suggests that lambs weigh no more than 65 pounds at the initial weigh-in.
2. All lambs must be registered – tagged and pictures submitted to the project leader by April 28, 2023, (You are urged to locate lambs early.) The longer you wait the more difficult it will be to find stock. If a state fair weigh-in interferes with our initial weigh-in, the state fair weigh-in weight will be accepted.
3. Three lambs, either wethers or ewes, may be weighed and registered at this time. All lambs should be handled regularly to insure safe handling at weigh -in and at the fair. Two lambs registered at initial weigh-in can be exhibited at the Price County Fair to be eligible for the sale.
4. All animals will be tagged at initial weigh-in with an official project tag provided by the weigh committee.
5. Minimum weight at the time of final weigh-in will be 110 pounds. There will be no maximum weight for lambs but a typical ideal market weight usually ranges from 130# to 140# depending on the breed and frame of the animal.
6. Lambs grading prime or choice are eligible for the sale. Judges discretion is honored in determining live grade. Only the highest placing lamb may be sold by the exhibitor at auction.
7. The committee recommends lambs be periodically weighed and feeding and management practices adjusted to ensure the best quality animal is raised for this sale. Early weights can be done on a bathroom scale.
8. It is recommended that market lambs be “slick shorn” (a second shearing to within 1/8” and ¼”) as close to fair week as possible.

SWINE EXHIBITORS

1. All hogs should be born after February 1, 2024. The Committee suggests an initial weight of no more than 65# at the initial weigh-in. Barrows (castrated males) or gilts may be raised for the sale.
2. All hogs must be registered and tagged by April 28th, 2024. Swine project leaders will schedule farm visits to tag hogs that are to be registered in the swine project to provide a uniform tag system, prevent any duplicate tag numbers, and to allow for timely registration by the exhibitor(s).
3. Three hogs, barrows or gilts, may be weighed and registered at this time; only 2 hogs may be entered in the Price County Fair and only the highest placing hog may be sold at auction.
4. All animals will be tagged with official project tags provided by the weigh committee. It is the project members responsibility to ensure vaccinations for swine erysipelas are done by registration day and the animal receives a booster shot at home if needed.
5. Hogs must have a herd health check on their farm by a veterinarian within 30 days of the start of the fair.
6. Minimum weight at the time of final weigh-in will be 235 pounds. There will be no maximum weight. The Wisconsin State Health Regulations regarding pseudo rabies has been suspended for our region. Hogs that are underweight for the sale may return to the farm to be fed out and slaughtered later.
7. Only hogs meeting USDA live grades of 1 or 2 will be sold at the project sale. All hogs will be graded at the time they are judged.
8. The committee recommends hogs be periodically weighed (at least 30 days prior to sale) and feeding and management practices adjusted to ensure the best quality animal is raised for this sale.
9. Maximum payout for swine in the sale will be 325 pounds. Swine over 325 pounds are eligible for the sale, but exhibitors will only be paid for 325 pounds at the sale price.

GUIDELINES FOR SMALL ANIMAL EXHIBITORS – POULTRY & RABBITS

1. Animals must meet health requirements, i.e. Pollorum Typhoid test. No drugs may be administered without allowing the proper withdrawal guidelines. All birds older than 4 months at time of show or housed with other birds over 4 months of age who are not certified must be Pollorum tested. When obtaining birds from a hatchery, request a certificate declaring the birds are from a Pullorum Free flock. After that it is important to request and Associate Flock letter every spring from the Wisconsin Department of Ag.
2. All small animals will be pre-registered for the current year’s fair. Rabbits will be tattooed, and poultry will be banded.
3. Verification of animal eligibility and official weigh in of animals will be conducted at the fair, at time to be announced. This recorded weight stands as the official weight for judging day.
4. Market animal classes only, as identified in the Price County Fair Premium Book, will be eligible for sale. See Rabbits, Dept. J-8 Market Class and Poultry, Dept. J-7, Market Class. Ages and qualifying weights have been established for a quality meat animal and will serve as the guide for the judge.

<u>Poultry</u>	<u>Rabbits</u>
<u>Chickens</u> * Capons (2 birds, each weighing over 7#) * Roaster Chickens (2 birds of either sex, each weighing at least 5# and not exceeding 12# each.) *Broiler Chickens (2 young birds, each weighing 2.5 to 4.5#)	* Meat Pen (to consist of 3 rabbits of the same breed and variety, under 69 days of age and all a minimum weight of 3.5# and none exceeding 5#). Born June 16, 2024, or later. Tattooed on June 13, 2024 * Single Fryer (not over 60 days or exceeding 5#). Born June 25, 2024, or later. Tattooed on June 22, 2024
<u>Waterfowl</u> * Young Duck (either sex, weighing 5# or more) * Young Goose (either sex, weighing 7# or more)	
<u>Turkey</u> * Young Turkey (either sex, over 15 weeks of age) hatched between March and May of current fair year.	* Single Roaster Rabbit (either sex, between 70-180 days of age and exceeding 5# but not going over 8#). Born between February 25, 2024 – June 17, 2024. Tattooed February 23-June 12, 2024

13. The top placing animal from Capons, Roaster Chickens and Broiler Chickens will be considered for the Poultry Chicken Grand and Reserve Champion. The top placing animal from Young Duck and Young Goose will be considered for the Grand and Reserve Waterfowl Champion. The top placing young turkeys will be considered for the Grand and Reserve Champion Turkey. The top placing from Meat Pen, Single Fryer and Single Roaster Rabbit will be considered for the Rabbit Grand and Reserve Champion. In absence of classes, it is up to the judge’s discretion for placing.
14. Those animals selected as Grand and Reserve and identified by contracted participation will be required to sell at the Market Animal Sale, Friday, August 23, 2024. All small animals will be sold as a single lot even if multiple animals (pens and pairs) are involved. They will not be offered as choice of animal.

GUIDELINES FOR SMALL ANIMAL EXHIBITORS – GOAT

1. All goats need to be born after January 1, 2024.
2. Individual members may enter up to 3 animals (wethers and does).
3. Scrapies: Goats are required to have a Scrapie ear tag from farm of origin (or a replacement tag in event of loss). The scrapies tag must be in at the time of initial registration.
4. Tag: In addition to the scrapies tag, there will be a tag provided by the committee that is required.
5. Castration: All buck goats must show obvious signs of castration by registration.
6. Goats must meet the weight requirements to be eligible to sell. Goats minimum weight 65 lbs.
7. Goats will be sold by the head.
8. The Grand and Reserve Champion goats will sell.

2023-2024
MARKET ANIMAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

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MARKET ANIMAL COMMITTEE

All 4-H members and their parents and project volunteer leaders

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

These Key Leaders will make arrangements for market animal workshops or educational events. Other youth leaders and parents are encouraged to assist whenever possible.

*** People who accept your MAS Monthly Project Reports.**

SHEEP

BEEF

SWINE

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4-H LIVESTOCK PROJECT CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT

NOTE: To be completed on contracting night

You may drop a project at any time, but you cannot contract for something else at a later date.

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Parent's Name _____

4-H Club _____

Check the project(s) you will be participating in. Be sure to enroll in the project on your annual 4-H enrollment form.

Large Animals:

_____ Beef _____ Dairy Steer _____ Sheep _____ Swine

Small Animals:

_____ Goat _____ Poultry _____ Waterfowl _____ Turkey

_____ Rabbits

If completing the project with a managerial partner, identify your partner here:

_____.

YQCA Training Preference _____ Online _____ Meeting

I have reviewed the attached contract and agree to abide the rules and fulfill my obligations as a 4-H member and 4-H parent/guardian. I understand that if I do not fulfill my obligations, I may not be eligible to sell in the 2024 Market Animal Sale.

4-H Member Signature

Date

4-H Parent/Guardian Signature