**2016 MEAT ANIMAL PROJECT RULES**

PIERCE COUNTY 4-H & FFA, JUNIOR SHOW

The main purpose of the Meat Animal project is EDUCATION. The main objective for each exhibitor is to learn about and experience the “real world” of raising and selling an animal.

1. To show at the 2016 Pierce County Fair, 4-H and FFA members must be enrolled in the beef, sheep, swine, goat, rabbit or poultry project by November 1, 2015. They must have completed a record book for the previous year (except 1st year) with financial form for Auction animals.
2. A maximum of 4 animals of each species **per exhibitor** may be weighed-in at the initial weigh-in.
A maximum of 2 animals of each species **per exhibitor** may compete in the junior fair.
**\* Immediate families with more than one sibling in the household may list all animals under the family name. At Fair entry day, each exhibitor MUST identify which animal each sibling will show and/or auction.**
3. Livestock Committee will weigh-in and double identify each animal

**BEEF: December 12** UWRF- Mann Valley Farms  **9am-11am**

**SHEEP: April 16** Pierce County Fairgrounds **10:30 am-11am**

**GOATS: April 16** Pierce County Fairgrounds  **10:30am-11am**

**SWINE: April 16** On Farm Tagging Day **TBA**

1. LOSS OF EAR TAG: If an ear tag is lost, inform Extension Office immediately and Livestock Committee members will replace ASAP. If animal loses both forms of ID then the animal is **ELIMINATED** from participation at the Pierce County Fair**.**
2. Rules concerning the Meat Animal Auction:
	1. **Selling an animal at the Pierce County Fair is a PRIVILEGE not a right.** A participant may only sell one animal at any WI county fair in 2016**.** They may only sell one animal at the 2016 Pierce County Fair Meat Animal Auction.
	2. To be eligible to sell a Meat Animal Project member:
* MUST attend a MAQA workshop or be tested out.
* **MUST attend at least ONE Livestock Committee approved workshop per each species exhibited by exhibitor**. **(Example: If you plan to possibly sell both sheep or swine at the 2016 Pierce County Fair, you must attend two workshops, one for sheep and one for swine.)** Approved workshops will be announced in the monthly newsletter and/or on the 4-H website http://pierce.uwex.edu/4h. One may contact the UW-Extension Office to volunteer for these jobs. Participation in state or national shows may qualify as a workshop.
* Each participant must fill out a Financial Form for the animal sold and include it in their record book.
	1. The Auction will begin at 6:30pm on Friday August 12, 2016.
	2. Meat Animal Auction Pricing/Selling information:
		1. Bidding will begin whenever the buyers choose.
		2. If an animal brings higher than market price, then the animal will be sold to the highest bidder. If the animal fails to sell for more than market price, the seller may choose not to sell. The seller must decide before he/she leaves the auction ring.
		3. All animals will be charged $15 per animal sold plus 5% fee of over market price with 1% of fee entering into the livestock committee scholarship fund. All small animals sold will be charged 5% of total selling amount.
		4. State mandated check-off fees will be deducted from sale checks. (beef $1 and hog .4% of sale price)
		5. All ultra-sounding fees will be deducted from sale checks.
		6. **The "Premium" selling option is a choice of the buyer only (not exhibitor).**
	3. In the event of injury to an animal at the fair after it has been judged, another qualifying animal may be substituted at the auction.
	4. Each seller (4-H/FFA member) must turn in **a stamped/addressed Thank You card** for their buyer to receive their Auction check. A picture must be included. Thank You cards will be collected and checks will be handed out at the Carcass Contest Results program (see below).
1. A Rate of Gain (ROG) award in each species will be awarded to the exhibitor whose animal gains the most from early weigh-in until fair weigh-in. All meat project animals shown at the fair are eligible. ROG Champion and Reserve Champion in each species (beef, dairy beef, and sheep) will be awarded DURING THE FAIR, at the specific species show. Animals DO NOT have to be sold at auction to be eligible for ROG. Animals DO NOT have to be entered in carcass contest to be eligible for ROG.
2. Rules concerning the Carcass Contest Class:
	1. You MUST enter Carcass Class on Fair Entry Form.
	2. Animals DO NOT have to be in Auction to be in carcass contest.
	3. Animal to be entered in carcass contest must be identified prior to ultra-sounding.
	4. The Carcass Contest Results program is Tuesday. August 16, 2016 following fair at Spring Valley High School.
	5. At exhibitors cost, a second animal may be ultra-sounded to obtain carcass data, but this animal will not be entered in the Carcass Contest Class.
3. Rules concerning the fair:
	1. All Pierce County health regulations will be enforced (see Fairbook). This includes all Federal/State regulations which includes the regulation and use of drugs.
	2. Each animal must be controlled and willing to lead.
	3. Each animal must be weighed in on Fair entry day at specified time.
	4. Each exhibitor should weigh his/her own animal.
	5. Each animal may cross the scale only once.
	6. Weights are at the discretion of scale master.
	7. Each participant must provide adequate water and feed at the fair.
	8. Each participant must move out bedding from wall at conclusion of fair.
4. If there is an issue regarding the rules/project a "Project Protest" can be initiated. The member must submit a "Project Request" to the Meat Animal Committee Chairman (Jim Geraets) or Extension office. The Chairman will then schedule a "Project Hearing" with representatives from the 4-H/FFA Meat Animal protest Committee: Andrew Kiefer, Megan Geraets, Ray Timm, Linda Steele, Bailey Sherwin, Brian Hines and Dave Capatske. *(Note: The member’s parent/guardian may NOT be included in this panel).* The member and his/her parent/guardian will be notified of the meeting place, date and time. The member and his/her parent/guardian are expected to attend this hearing. They will be given the opportunity to explain their protest to the panel presiding at the hearing, the panel will then determine the resolution of the protest. The decision of this panel is final. *(Note: If the member and/or parent/guardian fail to show for the “Protest Hearing”, no action will be taken and additional hearing s will NOT be scheduled.)*
5. Specific Rules for Beef and Dairy Market Animals:
	1. A market animal must be weighed and ear tagged, and a hair sample retained, at the Pierce County weigh-in site in order to be shown at the Pierce County Fair in the Market Animal Class.
	2. A market animal must be dehorned and castrated before initial weigh-in.to be eligible for the project.NO EXCEPTIONS will be made. Market steers must be banded or knife-cut. Horned animals or bulls will not be weighed.
	3. Each market animal must be born on January 1, 2015 or after to be eligible for the project.
	4. To qualify for the Market Animal Auction:
		1. Dairy or Beef market animals must live grade high select or better to be sold at the Auction
		2. Beef Market animals must weigh between 1100#-1500 # at the fair weigh-in.
		3. Dairy market animals (Holstein, Jersey, Guernsey, Ayrshire, and Brown Swiss) must weigh between 1150#-1550# at the fair weigh-in.
6. Specific rules for Market Wethers/Ewes:
7. A sheep must be weighed and tagged at the Pierce County site in order to show at the Pierce County Fair in the Market Animal Class.
8. Each animal must be born on or after, January 1, 2016 to be eligible for the Meat Animal Auction.
9. No maximum weigh for spring weigh-in
10. Market animals cannot be shown in a breeding class.
11. To qualify for the Meat Animal Auction:
	* 1. must weigh at least 95#.
		2. Buyers will only for 160# even if the animal weighs more.

1. Specific rules for Market Barrows/Gilts:
	1. A swine must be weighed and tagged at the Pierce County site in order to show at the Pierce County Fair in the Market Animal Class.
	2. To qualify for the Meat Animal Auction, a pig must weigh at least 230#
	3. Must live grade U.S. #1 or #2 to be sold at Auction.
	4. There is an Auction ceiling of 315#. Buyers will only pay for 300 # even if animal weighs more.
	5. **An Intrastate Health Certificate are required for each pig to show at the Pierce County Fair.**
	6. There shall be no body clipping of swine on the Pierce County Fairgrounds
2. Specific rules for market Goats
3. Each market goat must be born on December 1, 2015 or after to be eligible for the project
4. A goat must be weighed and tagged at the Pierce County site in order to show at the Pierce County Fair in the Market Animal Class.
5. To qualify for the Auction Sale, a goat must weigh at minimum of 70#.

**Pierce County Auction Purchase Options**

Please be sure that exhibitor and parents understand these options before the Auction. If you have questions contact Extension office or a member of the Livestock Committee.

The following formulas determine auction checks:

 (A) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Weight at Fair weigh-in

 (B) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Auction Price/lb.

 (C) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Auction Sale Amount (A x B)

 (D) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Quoted market price for your species

 (E) $15.00 Minimum Sale Charge

 (F) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Auction Overmarket Price. (B-D)

 (G) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Overmarket Sale Amount (A x F)

 (H) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Livestock committee deduction (5% of G)

 (I) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Check off deduction (Beef = 1$, Swine =Cx.004)

 (J) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Ultrasound deduction\*

 (K) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ total deductions (E+H+I+J)

 (L) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Auction Check (C –K)

 (M) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Premium Sale Check (G-K)

Small animals use the following formula determines auction check:

 (A) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Weight of animal at Fair weigh-in

 (B) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Auction Price/lb.

 (C) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Auction Sale Amount (A x B)

 (D) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ livestock committee deduction (5% of C )

 (E) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Auction Check (C – D)

*\* Ultrasound deduction is by total dollars spent on carcass scanning/auction animal participants.*

If you have any questions, be sure to get the answers before the Fair! Check with any current member of the Livestock Committee or any of the following:

 Frank Ginther, 4-H Youth Agent 715-273-6781 Andrew Kiefer, Vice Chair 715-928-1264

 Amy VanDeBrake, 4-H Program Advisor 715-273-6781 Raymond Timm, Treasurer 715-778-4315

 Jim Geraets, Chair 715-495-5046 Megan Geraets, Secretary 715-495-5046

**PIERCE COUNTY 4-H/FFA FINANCIAL FORM**

**INITIAL VALUE:**

(A) $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Purchase price or market value: Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

(If the animal was raised personally, use the first of the month) prior to the weigh-in date as the starting date.)

**EXPENSES FROM ABOVE DATE UNTIL FAIR:**

(B) $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Feed

 (C) $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Hay

 (D) $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Medical bills or supplies (Vet)

 (E) $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Transportation

 (F) $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Bedding

 (G) $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grooming supplies

(H) $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Miscellaneous

 (I) $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Total (B+C+D+E+F+G+H)**

 (J) $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL EXPENSES (A + I)**

**INCOME:**

(K) $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **INCOME (AUCTION CHECK)**

**SUMMARY:**

 $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **PROFIT (IF K > J, THEN K - J)**

$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **LOSS (IF J > K, THEN J - K)**