



# 2020 PIERCE COUNTY 4-H & FFA LIVESTOCK PROJECT RULES

2020 Pierce County Fair  
August 13-16th

47th Annual 4-H/FFA Meat Animal  
Auction  
August 14, 2020

Theme:

“What Goes Around, Comes  
Around—100 years of the Round  
Barn”

Our Mission:

*The primary objective of the Pierce County Meat Animal project is to educate members and to provide them with a “real world”, hands on experience that will not only teach them life skills but will also teach them proper herd management, animal health & feeding techniques so they may learn the necessary skill set to produce quality meat for the consumer.*

All workshop verification forms & buyer signature sheets are due back  
**NO LATER than July 22, 2020**

Cards and sheets may be turned in at one of the following places

- ◆ At the Extension Office
- ◆ At a workshop

## GENERAL RULES FOR ALL PROJECT MEMBERS:

To be eligible to show at the 2020 Pierce County Fair, 4-H and FFA members must be enrolled in the beef, sheep, swine or goat project & the sale (if you wish to sell) by November 1, 2019.

### WORKSHOPS:

To be eligible to **SHOW** an animal at the fair, **EVERY** livestock Project member planning to show beef, goats, sheep or swine **MUST**:

- Attend a **MANDATORY** rules meeting. We will offer 4 different dates
- Take the annual Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training - training may be completed online (yqca.org) OR as a workshop & can be completed in any county in Wisconsin.
- ALL exhibitors must attend at least **ONE** Livestock Committee approved workshop for **EACH** species you are showing, in addition to the YQCA.
- Workshops will be listed in the Pierce County 4-H Informant & on our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/PierceCountyLivestock/>
- Participation in a state or national shows may qualify as a workshop. Contact the Livestock committee by email for preapproval.
- Workshops will be documented on the workshop verification sheet (attached) & are due to UW-EX no later than July 22, 2020. Sheets may be turned in as soon as you have workshops completed either in person or via email to: [piercecountylivestockcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:piercecountylivestockcommittee@gmail.com)

### WEIGH IN & TAGGING:

**For market animals:** At the initial tagging or weigh in, A maximum of 4 animals of each species, per exhibitor may be tagged. All animals will be weighed in &/or tagged by a Livestock committee at the sites specified below. **See Chart with specific rules for each species.**

- Immediate families with more than one sibling in the household may list all animals under the family name.
- At fair time, a maximum of 2 animals per species per exhibitor may be weighed and exhibited at the fair. Animals weighed in under the family name **MUST** be identified upon arrival as to who will be exhibiting each animal.

**BEEF exhibitors:** At the initial weigh in , All market beef animals will be tagged with official Pierce County tags &/or have a hair sample collected as a second form of ID

- Please try to have ALL of your animals tagged with an official ear tag upon arrival at the fair. For example: DHIA, Veterinarian or RFID tags.

### Market Animal Weigh in/ Tagging Dates

Beef: December 7, 2019	9-11am	UWRF-Lab Farm 2
Sheep & Goats: April 18, 2020	9-11am	Pierce County Fair Grounds
Swine will be not be weighed in & will be tagged on the farm between April 15-May 1, 2020		

**LOSS OF AN EAR TAG:** If your animal loses an ear tag inform the Livestock Committee immediately by emailing us at: piercecountylivestockcommittee@gmail.com so a livestock member can come out and retag the animal. If it loses both forms of ID, the animal could potentially be eliminated from participation at the Pierce County Fair.

**ANIMAL REQUIREMENTS:** All market animals of every species, may not be shown in any breeding classes and all male market animals must be castrated.

- All other specific animal rules are listed in the chart on the last page. **Also please see fair book with any other additional requirements.**

**PROJECT PROTESTS:** If there is an issue regarding any part of the project or it's rules a "Project Protest" can be initiated at any time. The steps will be as follows:

1. Such request must be submitted in writing by **THE EXHIBITOR** to the Committee Chairperson or to the Pierce County Extension Office
2. The Chairman will schedule a "Project Hearing" with protest representatives from the Pierce County Livestock Committee

**NOTE:** The protest committee will consist of the Committee Chair (non voting), Vice Chair, Treasurer & Secretary plus one member at large from each project area—beef, goat, sheep & swine. The exhibitors parent/guardian may not be on the protest committee. In this event, a replacement from the P.C. Livestock Committee will be asked to step in so there are still the same amount of representatives

3. The EXHIBITOR & at least one parent are expected to attend this hearing. Should the exhibitor &/or parent not attend this hearing, no action will be taken and NO additional hearing will be scheduled.
4. Decision of the protest committee is FINAL
5. Once the meeting is done - It's all done! Any further discussion by the exhibitor and/or his/her parents is prohibited and may result in disciplinary action which could include a loss of fair premiums &/or the right to show the following year

**BADGERING/HARASSMENT:** There will be a ZERO tolerance policy for any type badgering, harassment, etc. of buyers, judges, UW-Extension Personnel, 4-H Leaders, FFA Advisors, volunteers of the meat animal program, the Pierce County Livestock committee, the Protest committee, Fair Personnel, or Fair Board Members by either participants or their families (including, but not limited to, parents, siblings, grandparents, step family members & friends).

- Communications between exhibitors/parents & all persons named above need to be appropriate.
- The Pierce County Livestock committee reserves the right to determine a suitable punishment which may lead to & include immediate termination of participation in the Pierce County Meat Animal Project or livestock programs of any type for that year, the following year or possibly even permanently.

**BEHAVIOR:** Exhibitors & all family members are expected to show proper behavior at all times. At no time will any misbehavior be tolerated. Including but not limited to:

- Any type of improper behavior
- Poor sportsmanship
- Disrespect
- Harassment

Any type of bullying towards one another will be NOT tolerated

This will also include theft or any kind of destruction to property

- Communications between all exhibitors, parents, family members and friends need to be appropriate.
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### **UPON ARRIVAL THE FAIR:**

An animal ID form, an auction drug sheet (If you are showing a meat animal) and any additional health papers (If required for your species) will be required for your each animal before animals are unloaded and allowed in to the barn. Animal ID forms will be available in the fair book and on the Pierce County Fair website. Drug sheets will be emailed out to all exhibitors eligible to sell. Forms will NOT be mailed out.

### **SPECIFIC RULES FOR THE FAIR:**

- All Pierce County health regulations will be enforced (See fair book). This includes all Federal & State regulations including those regarding the use of drugs and how they are administered to the animal
- Every animal MUST be controlled and willing to lead
- Animals that need to weigh in, MUST be weighed by the exhibitor or an immediate family member
- Weights are discretion of the scale master
- Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their animals throughout the fair. The three strike rule will be enforced for all the days the animal is housed at the fair
- All animals MUST have adequate water throughout the day
- All animals MUST be fed by 10am and 6pm daily

**ANIMAL CHECKS:** Periodic checks will be made by barn superintendents & Livestock committee members

- Violations of animal welfare guidelines (3 Strike Rule) will be completed as follows:
- The 1st strike will be a verbal warning will be given by the project superintendent & an incident report will be started
- If a 2nd strike occurs, a written report will be given noting both occurrences and the result of what will happen upon should you received a 3rd strike.
- After the 3rd strike, the incident report will be turned over to the Fair Manager &/or Veterinarian. The exhibitors fair premium will be forfeited and you will not be allowed to show this animal species for the following year.

### **CHECKOUT: SUNDAY 4:30PM**

**Absolutely nothing is to be removed before 4:30pm!! This means ALL animals, penning materials, drinkers, feeders, barn decorations are to remain in tact until 4:30PM. An exhibitor found removing items early will forfeit their fair premium. ONLY animals going directly to slaughter may leave early if arrangements have been made ahead of time with the Livestock Committee.**

***\*Load out times for animals being released to locker plant trucks will be conveyed to the superintendents on Saturday of the Fair. They will NOT be published before the fair.***

Each exhibitor MUST move their animals bedding at least 2 feet out from all walls and fully clean their area before leaving the fair making sure all garbage, tack or anything other than bedding is removed.

### **SPECIFIC RULES FOR THE CARCASS CONTEST:**

- You MUST enter the carcass contest class on your fair entry form & be enrolled in the meat animal project for the species you wish to enter.
- If you are taking more than one species, you need to sign up for each species separately
- Animals DO NOT have to be sold on the auction to be in the carcass contest.
- Animals that will be entered in the carcass contest must be identified at weigh in and prior to ultra-sounding. No changes will be made once the animal has been weighed and ultra sounded.

NOTE: A second animal of each species may be ultrasounded to obtain carcass data at the cost of the exhibitor.

## **SPECIFIC RULES/INFO FOR MEAT ANIMAL PARTICIPANTS:**

### ***Selling an animal at the Pierce County Fair is a PRIVILEGE not a right!!!***

*Exhibitors: Please keep in mind that you will get out of this project what you put into it. As a committee we strive to continually improve our auction but we need you to do your part as well. Please be diligent about contacting potential buyers in a timely matter and take the time to educate them about the options they have when purchasing an animal. The more bidders we have the better our auction will be!*

Participants may only sell one animal at the Pierce County Fair & only one per year in any Wisconsin County Fair

**BUYER SIGNATURES:** To be eligible to sell an animal each Meat Animal Project exhibitor will be required to invite and get a minimum of TWO signatures from TWO DIFFERENT potential buyers.

- *Buyers that have more than one business &/or have multiple locations will only count as one signature.*
- If the Pierce County Livestock Committee suspects a “false” signature, we will contact the business to confirm it.
- Falsifying a signature will result in a loss of privilege to sell at the auction
- Siblings **may not** have duplicate signatures from the same buyer even if that buyer bought animals from multiple family members last year.
- ***Exhibitors may not have signatures from any sort of direct relative such as a parent, sibling, grandparent, aunt, uncle, etc. even if they are a business owner.***
- Auction packets will be sent to each exhibitor in JUNE. Buyer signature sheets will be included in that packet.
- ***Buyer signature papers are also due no later than July 22, 2020 but may be turned in as soon as they are completed.*** Any exhibitor that does not turn their buyer contact and workshop verification paperwork by JULY 22, 2020 will not be allowed to sell on the auction! NO EXCEPTIONS!
- If the Committee questions any buyer signatures due to any of the circumstances listed above, you will be contacted and have 5 days to turn in a new or corrected signature sheet.

**THANK YOU CARDS:** Each exhibitor that sells an animal must turn in a stamped & addressed THANK YOU card for their buyer in order to receive the auction check.

- Include a photo if possible.
- Thank you cards will be collected at the Carcass Contest Evaluation.  
**No Thank you=No check**
- **If you plan to take your buyer a personal thank you, you MUST still turn one for us to mail in to be able to collect your auction check.**

**COMMISSION:** The livestock committee will deduct the following from sale checks to support the meat animal project.

- Ultrasounding fees for all carcass contest participants
- \$15 dollar base fee
- 6 percent of any amount received over market price