

2009 La Crosse Interstate Fair Junior Livestock Project(s) Rules

Objectives of the Junior Livestock Program:

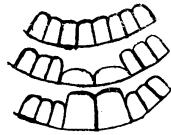
Through participation in education workshops and livestock shows, youth will:

1. Learn and apply practical livestock production, management and marketing practices.
2. Have the opportunity to evaluate his/her educational experiences as they relate to livestock production.
3. Be provided the opportunity to grow in the area of personal development, which encourages character building, including honesty, integrity, credibility, responsibility, work ethic, resourcefulness and leadership skills.
4. Be provided an opportunity to meet new people, share ideas and learn to work cooperatively with others.
5. Have an increased awareness of career opportunities in the livestock/meat industry.
6. Be in a position to acquaint the public with youth livestock programs and the livestock industry, as well as how high quality, wholesome meat animals are produced for the consumer.

General Rules for Livestock Species (Beef, Sheep, Swine)

1. In order to exhibit livestock, a youth (exhibitor) must be a member, by April 1 of the exhibit year, of a La Crosse County 4-H, FFA, FHA, Scouting program, La Crosse County junior livestock breed association or any other recognized La Crosse County youth organization under adult leadership with an educational program approved by the local fair. Exhibitor must have beef, sheep or swine as a project. If the exhibitor is showing as a 4-H member, they must be in grades 3-13 during the exhibit year. If they are showing as an FFA member, as a member of a junior livestock breed association or other recognized youth organization, they must be between the ages of 8-19 on January 1 of the exhibit year. Proof of membership will be requested.
 2. Market Animal Identification and Weighing procedures:
 - a. Market lambs, market hogs and steers will be identified with an ear tag provided by the La Crosse Interstate Fair Junior Livestock Sale Committee or by the Wisconsin State Fair.
 - b. Market animals not identified by either a La Crosse Interstate Fair or Wisconsin State Fair ear tag are not eligible to show at the fair.
 - c. All market lambs (wether or ewe) must have a Scrapie tag from the farm of origin at Spring identification/weigh-in.
 - d. All steers and market lambs will be identified and weighed during the initial Spring weigh-in date designated by the superintendents, at specified locations, on scales operated by project leaders, superintendents, or other approved personnel.
 - e. All market hogs will be identified during the initial Spring identification date designated by the superintendents at a specified place with identification taking place by project leaders, superintendents, or other approved personnel. Swine must be ear-notched prior to the Spring identification date. Swine are not weighed during Spring identification.
 - f. Designated Wisconsin State Fair identification/weigh-in dates may be substituted for the county's initial Spring identification/weigh-in for steers, market lambs and market hogs. If the youth chooses to use state fair identification/weigh-in information instead of the county identification/weigh-in, **it is the responsibility of the youth** to submit copies of the state fair paperwork to the La Crosse County extension office **within 14 calendar days** of the state fair identification/weigh-in. Failure to submit a copy of the paperwork will result in the animal(s) NOT being eligible for the Championship Drive or the Livestock Sale at the La Crosse Interstate Fair. (a) SHEEP- weigh-in forms must be complete with state fair tag number, scrapie tag number and weights for ALL lambs.
 - g. If a market animal loses a La Crosse Interstate Fair ear tag, the youth must contact the La Crosse County Extension Office immediately for a replacement.
 - h. Death of market animal: In the event that a market animal dies after it has been identified, the youth may replace the animal within 30 days of the Spring identification/weigh-in date. Replacement animal must have already been identified during the Spring identification/weigh-in. Contact the La Crosse County Extension Office immediately in the event of animal death.
 3. During Spring identification/weigh-in, animals can be entered using an individual exhibitor name or a family name for beef, sheep, and swine. Only members of the immediate family (siblings, step-siblings or legal guardianship) may be included under the family entry. All eligible exhibitors' names must be listed on identification/weigh-in sheets. **Animals cannot be cross-identified in non-immediate family members' names.** During fair weigh-in, the exhibitor of the animal must be declared at scale.
 4. Breed of market animal must be declared by the youth or by the family during Spring identification/weigh-in. Breed declared during Spring identification/weigh-in cannot be changed and will be used to determine fair livestock show classes.
 5. Purebred Breeding Livestock: At final weigh-in during the fair, exhibitor must have certificate of registration from appropriate breed association for all breeding stock (intact males and females) shown as purebred. Tattoos or ear notches will be read and checked against registration papers. Tattoos and ear notches must be legible. Check with department superintendent for time when breeding stock registrations will be reviewed.
 6. Managerial Livestock Projects (Beef Only): A managerial project is a breeding animal (intact male or female) that is under the supervision and daily care of, but not owned by, the exhibitor. An exhibitor will be limited to showing two (2) managerial breeding animals. A formal written agreement, provided by the Beef Superintendent, between the animal owner and the animal exhibitor, outlining the responsibilities/obligations of each party, is required. The completed agreement must be submitted at animal check-in during the fair.
 7. Animal Health: See Wisconsin County, District & State Fairs Animal Health Rules and Regulations and Market Animal Health Rules listed in the La Crosse Interstate Fair Exhibitor's Handbook and Premium Listing.
 8. Livestock Species Standards:
 - steers showing signs of bulliness will not be permitted to show
 - prolapsed lambs will not be permitted to show
 - barrows, wethers, or steers not properly castrated will not be permitted to show
 - any animals with warts or active ringworm will not be permitted to show.
 - market lambs or breeding sheep with sore mouth will not be permitted to show
 9. All steers are subject to age inspection and will be mouthed during fair weigh-in to meet age requirements. Steers must have all 8 temporary center incisors in place and no permanent teeth. Steers will be veterinary inspected with expenses paid by Junior Livestock Sale Committee.
- Typical mouth of calf at various ages:
- 18 months-calf has 8 temporary incisors
 - 22 months-Two temporary incisors lost and being replaced by permanent teeth

- 26 months-Two permanent incisors in place. Permanent incisors are about 3 times the size of temporary incisors. This calf would not be allowed to show. If you are not positive of your calf's age, check its teeth before coming to show. See diagrams below.



- Market Animal Drug History Form:** All exhibitors exhibiting animals in any market animal class are required to complete a Market Animal Drug History form for each animal shown. Exhibitors and their parents or guardians must sign the Market Animal Drug History form attesting to proper withdrawal of all additives and injections administered to the animals being shown. Forms are available from the department superintendent. Each department superintendent will determine the deadline for submission of market animal drug history forms.
- Weigh In Times:** La Crosse Interstate Fair Weigh-in will be held as follows:
Market Lambs – Wed., 10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Market Hogs – Tue., 7-9 p.m. and Wed., 1-3 p.m., once only
Market Steers – Wed., 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Times are subject to change. Confirm time with the department superintendent. There will be no reweighs.
- Livestock exhibits must be shown by the exhibitor unless special arrangements are made with the superintendent prior to the beginning of the show. If the exhibitor has more than one animal in a class, the additional animal must be shown in the ring by an eligible exhibitor participating in the fair.
- Exhibitor Numbers:** Livestock exhibitors must wear exhibitor numbers distributed by the department superintendent of each species during the livestock show.
- During the fair, it is the individual youth exhibitor's responsibility to prepare his/her exhibit for show/exhibition. The youth exhibitor may be assisted with the preparation of his/her livestock exhibit by his/her 4-H/FFA project leader, and/or another La Crosse County youth exhibitor, and/or family members (parents, step-parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, step-siblings, legal guardian).
- Animals in showmanship classes are to be shown by the exhibitor who entered the animal. During showmanship classes, judging is based on the youth's ability to fit and show his/her animal to its best advantage, adult assistance may only be provided to secure and return a "run away" animal to the exhibitor, with this assistance preferably being provided by show personnel.
- Showmanship classes are as follows:
Junior, grades 3-6
Intermediate, grades 7-9
Senior, grades 10-13
Youth will participate in showmanship based upon the grade that they were in on January 1 of exhibit year. Showmanship order for all species begins with senior, then intermediate, and followed by junior. The superintendents may divide a showmanship class that is large into two or more approximately equal groups with each group judged as a class. Winners of divided classes will then be grouped together to compete for class champion.
- Animals deemed uncontrollable and/or unsafe to exhibit by the department superintendents will be dismissed from the fairgrounds and premiums will be forfeited.
- During the livestock show, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to be a courteous and safe showman by controlling their animal. If an animal gets away from an exhibitor two or more times during the show, the exhibitor may be asked to leave the show ring by the judge or by the department superintendent. If asked to leave the ring, the animal will be placed last in the class.
- If an exhibitor shows disrespect, either verbal or physical, to judges, superintendents, parents or livestock show personnel, he/she shall be subject to review by the department superintendent and the Junior Livestock Sale Committee officers. If behavior is found to be inappropriate, the exhibitor will forfeit all premiums and may not be eligible to show and/or sell an animal in the auction.
- Exhibitors of livestock must have their entries clean and orderly by 9:00 am each day of the fair. Livestock superintendents will periodically check barn area to ensure acceptable appearance.
- All entries are exhibited at the exhibitor's own risk. The La Crosse County Agricultural Society, the La Crosse Interstate Fair and the Junior Livestock Sale Committee will take every reasonable precaution but will not be responsible for damages, loss or theft.
- All livestock exhibitors are required to furnish feed and water for their animals. Any exhibitor who does not properly care for their livestock at the fair will have necessary costs deducted from their premiums and will be asked to remove their animal from the fairgrounds by the superintendent in cooperation with the La Crosse County Agricultural Society.
- Rate of Gain Contest:** Rate of gain will be calculated for beef and sheep using the total number of days from spring weigh-in (either county or State Fair) to final fair weigh-in. Dates used to calculate rate of gain are inclusive. Rate of gain is not calculated for swine. See special awards section for species rate of gain awards.
- Carcass Contest:** The carcass contest includes only auction animals shipped to Holmen Locker, Craig's Meats or Foss Fine Meats. On Tuesday evening following the fair, a carcass evaluation educational session will be held; all exhibitors are encouraged to attend. See special awards section for carcass awards.
- Exhibitors having stalling space assigned them will not be allowed to change to another position without first obtaining consent of the Superintendent of that department. Only those animals shown may be kept in stalls on the fairgrounds.
- Livestock exhibits, except steers shipped to market at 5:00 pm on Sunday, will not be removed before 6 pm on Sunday.
- Shipping of auction animals: Each market animal will be issued a livestock shipping document by the Junior Livestock Sale Committee. Pertinent ownership information will be included on the shipping document as the animal passes through the scale. The committee will use this document to schedule trucking of auction animals.
- Herdsmanship is encouraged through herdsmanship awards as determined by the La Crosse Interstate Fair premium list.
- All problems are to be reported to the department superintendents. Any emergency not provided by these rules shall be referred to the superintendents along with the La Crosse County Agricultural Society. Any decision made by the La Crosse County Agricultural Society shall be final.
- Liability:** All livestock shall be at the risk and responsibility of the exhibitor. See liability statement listed in the La Crosse Interstate Fair Premium List under General Regulations.

31. Ethics: See ethics statement listed in the La Crosse Interstate Fair Premium List under General Regulations.

2009 Junior Livestock Auction Rules

The Junior Livestock Sale Committee is responsible for the La Crosse Interstate Fair Junior Livestock Auction.

2009 Junior Livestock Sale Committee Officers
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In order to participate in the La Crosse Interstate Fair Junior Livestock Auction, participants must comply with the following rules:

1. In order to sell an animal in the auction, a youth must be a member, by April 1 of the exhibit year, of a La Crosse County 4-H, FFA, FHA, Scouting program, La Crosse County junior livestock breed association or any other recognized La Crosse County youth organization under adult leadership with an education program approved by the local fair. Exhibitor must have beef, sheep or swine as a project. If the exhibitor is showing as a 4-H member, they must be in grades 3-13 during the exhibit year. If they are showing as an FFA member, as a member of a junior livestock breed association or other recognized youth organization, they must be between the ages of 8-19 on January 1 of the exhibit year. Proof of membership will be requested.
2. Educational Sessions: All livestock project members must have attended at least two educational sessions (animal selection, judging, grooming and fitting, etc.) sponsored by, or approved by, the Junior Livestock Sale Committee and La Crosse County Extension in order to participate in the auction. At least one (1) educational session will be in the species exhibited by the youth. FFA members will be allowed to use livestock functions to count as educational sessions towards meeting their educational requirement for selling. The livestock functions should be approved by the Junior Livestock Sale Committee and La Crosse County Extension. **Meat Animal Quality Assurance (MAQA) is required of all swine project members who sell an animal in the auction and is recommended for beef and sheep exhibitors.**
3. Junior Livestock Sale Committee Recommendation: Market animal exhibitors should participate in showmanship in all species that they show to ensure eligibility for the auction. **However, it is required to participate in showmanship in the species that is to be sold.**
4. All auction animals must comply with all La Crosse Interstate Fair junior livestock show and project rules. **Animals must be eligible to show in order to be eligible to sell in the auction.**
5. The Junior Livestock Sale Committee determines the maximum number of animals to be auctioned. The auction species maximums of 35 steers, 40 market hogs, and 30 market lambs will not be exceeded. Maximums may not be filled due to judge's discretion; no substitutions across species.
6. The Junior Livestock Sale Committee determines the order in which each species is sold during the auction. An annual rotation of beef, market hogs, and market lambs is observed.
7. To be eligible for the auction, animals must meet the following requirements:
Steers
 - beef and beef-cross animals must weigh a minimum of 1050 pounds

- dairy and dairy-beef cross animals must weigh a minimum of 1150 lbs
- 35 head is the maximum number of steers that can be sold
- beef animals must grade select or better with quality preference until quota is filled.
- those showing staginess will be disqualified.

Market hogs-any breed or crossbred

- gilts are eligible
- must weigh a minimum of 230 pounds, maximum 300
- auction sale will pay up to 280 pounds
- 40 head is the maximum number of market hogs that can be sold

Market lambs-any breed or crossbred

- ewe lambs are eligible
- must weigh a minimum of 110 pounds
- no maximum weight limit
- prolapsed lambs will not be allowed to sell
- 30 head is the maximum number of market lambs that can be sold

8. Livestock judges will select individual animals within each species for the auction. Judges' decision is final in determining eligibility of each market animal in the livestock auction. Judges of beef and sheep species will determine the order in which steers and lambs will sell. Swine superintendents will select market hogs randomly for auction selection groups. The swine judge will then select market hogs that are eligible to sell. Eligible market hogs, as determined by the judge, are then randomly selected to determine the order in which they will sell.
9. The supreme champion and reserve supreme champion market animal of each department (beef, sheep and swine) must sell at auction. The supreme champions and the reserve supreme champions of each species will sell first.
10. Exhibitors may sell only one animal in the auction. Exception: an exhibitor may sell more than one animal if the animal is the supreme or reserve supreme champion of beef, sheep or swine.
11. If the exhibitor has more than one species selected for the auction, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to contact the Junior Livestock Sale Committee no later than 5:00 pm on Friday to indicate which species will sell.
12. All exhibitors selling an animal in the auction must be present to sell his/her own animal. If the exhibitor cannot be present, they must submit a written excuse to the Junior Livestock Sale Committee officers by noon on the day of the auction.
13. During the Junior Livestock auction, junior exhibitors selling an animal will not be allowed to wear farm logos inside or outside of the auction ring.
14. Once an animal is sold, it becomes the property of the buyer. However, the exhibitor must adequately feed and water the animal until it is shipped to market following the auction. If an exhibitor abandons an auction animal, the Junior Livestock Sale Committee will care for the animal and will deduct all money over market price from the exhibitor's auction check. The Junior Livestock Sale Committee will retain all money deducted from the exhibitor's auction check. Fair premiums will also be withheld and exhibitor will not be permitted to participate in their next eligible auction.
15. If the animal is loaded for market on Sunday evening, the exhibitor or a member of the exhibitor's family is expected to be present to assist.
16. An adequate halter must be left on steers until shipped to market. Halters will be returned to exhibitor if labeled with exhibitor's name.

17. Shipping of auction animals: Each market animal will be issued a livestock shipping document by the Junior Livestock Sale Committee. Pertinent ownership information will be included on the shipping document as the animal passes through the scale. The committee will use this document to schedule trucking of auction animals.
18. All beef, swine and lambs sold in the auction are inspected for evidence of tampering upon slaughter. Any animals not clearing inspection will forfeit auction payment, ribbons, prizes, and premiums and exhibitor will not be permitted to participate in their next eligible auction.
19. All exhibitors participating in the auction and their parents/guardians are expected to assist with assembling and/or dismantling of the auction area. Assembly of the auction area will take place early Saturday afternoon and will be announced via the public address system. Dismantling of the auction area will take place immediately following the auction.
20. Exhibitors are eligible to sell an animal in only one (1) county junior livestock auction. Selling one animal at the La Crosse Interstate Fair Junior Livestock Auction and one animal at another county junior livestock auction will result in the exhibitor being barred from future auctions at the La Crosse Interstate Fair.
21. Auction Commission: Five percent (5%) of each animal's auction price will be deducted by the Junior Livestock Committee to offset auction-related costs such as trucking, advertising, insurance, youth education and donor/buyer recognition.
22. All auction workers, auctioneers, clerks of sale, and Junior Livestock Sale Committee members are volunteers and receive no compensation of any kind for their services.
23. Any questions not provided for by the auction rules, or the interpretation of the auction rules, will be referred to the Junior Livestock Sale Committee Officers and their interpretation and/or decision will be final.
24. Reimbursement Rule: Any livestock superintendent or individual seeking reimbursement for expenditures from the Junior Livestock Sales Committee needs prior approval before expenditures will be reimbursed.
25. Buyers Option: The buyer can pay the premium (Sale Price minus Market Price times the weight of the animal) to the sales clerk. The exhibitor then retains ownership of the animal. A selling fee of 5% of the gross, on the amount of the sale, will be taken.
26. Trucking Rule: **ONLY** animals sold at the Jr. Livestock Auction will be eligible for trucking. It will **ONLY** be sale animals going to Holmen Locker, Craig Meats, Foss Locker Plant and Equity that the Junior Livestock Sale Committee will truck. **Trucking of ALL OTHER ANIMALS WILL BE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ANIMAL'S OWNER.** Animals sold on Premium will not be eligible for trucking.
27. Harassment Rule: Any person or persons who are reported to the Junior Livestock Sale Committee for harassing any buyer for not purchasing their animal at the sale will be subjected to a one (1) year suspension from selling in the Junior Livestock Sale. This will include all immediate family members defined as such: parents, step-parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, step-siblings, legal guardian or any other relative per discretion of the Junior Livestock Sale Committee. The youth(s) involved may still show for exhibit but are ineligible for the sale. All Junior Livestock Sale Committee decisions are final.
28. Meal: The meal before the auction will only be served to the buyers, their guests, and the volunteers who help with the actual sale.