

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

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Attention 2018 Wisconsin State Fair Junior Market Steer Exhibitors

Those who wish to exhibit in the 2018 Wisconsin State Fair Performance Steer Division must have their steers weighed at one of the following locations:

March 3 rd	Equity Livestock Contact: Neal Anderson	Richland Center 608.585.3092	9 to 10 am
March 3 rd	Tietz Livestock Contact: Diane Jarvais	New London 715.630.0811	9 to 10 am
March 10 th	Polk County Fairgrounds Contact: Dale Woods	St. Croix Falls 715.491.4778	9 to 10 am
March 10 th	Milwaukee Stockyards Contact: Brian Bolan	Reeseville 608.576.7312	9 to 10 am

Please contact a Performance site coordinator in advance to confirm participation. If you would like to participate in the performance steer division but there is not a check-in site listed within 60 miles of your residence, please contact the Wisconsin State Fair Agriculture Office via email at entryoffice@wistatefair.com or by phone at 414.266.7051 prior to March 1st.

Eligible performance division steers must have been RFID ear tag identified and have submitted DNA through the WLIC statewide identification program by February 13th.

2018 Wisconsin State Fair Performance Steer Entry Information

This program emphasizes the exhibitor's ability to select and raise steers which will be evaluated on average daily gain, ultra-sound carcass merit and visual appraisal.

QUALIFICATIONS

- 1) Steers must be entered in the Performance Steer Division on the Wisconsin State Fair Junior Entry Form. Performance steers are eligible to exhibit in the market steer show with an additional entry fee and appropriate entry on the junior entry form.
- 2) Steers must be born after January 1, 2017, weighed and DNA sampled at one of the official Wisconsin State Fair beef identification sites on March 3rd and 10th. See http://www.wistatefair.com/pdfs/competitions/entry_info/beef_performance_sites.pdf for locations and details. An unlimited number of steers per exhibitor may be weighed and identified but no more than 2 may be exhibited in the Performance Division at the Fair. Performance steers are subject to all rules for drug residue and unethical practices listed in the Junior Beef section as well as the "Junior General Rules and Regulations" section located on www.wistatefair.com.

- 3) Overall placing will be based on 40% average daily gain, 20% on live show visual appraisal and 40% ultrasound carcass evaluation.
- Rate of Gain Component:** Steers will be weighed at the Fair on Monday, August 6th. The Fair weight and beginning weight recorded at the official Wisconsin State Fair performance identification site (March 3rd or March 10th) will be used to calculate average daily gain.
- Live Show Component:** Steers will show by official Fair weight on Tuesday, August 7th at 8 am. No adhesives, paints, waxes, saddle soaps or like products can be used. The top steers in the live show will be selected from the top two placing in each class.
- Ultrasound Carcass Component:** Ultrasound data will be collected at the Fair. Steers will be evaluated on estimates of USDA yield and quality grades which determine carcass value. These grades will be estimated by using ultrasound to measure 12th rib fat thickness, rib eye area and marbling score. Value-Based Beef Carcass Evaluation favors carcasses which grade USDA Choice or higher and USDA Yield Grade 2 and lower.
- 4) **The Performance Competition is non-terminal**; therefore, performance steers must be taken home when released on Thursday, August 9th. If a market steer buyer is identified, exhibitors may have the option to sell directly to the potential buyer.

AWARDS/PREMIUMS
(Straight placing)

Grand Champion Overall	\$300 & Banner
Reserve Grand Champion Overall	\$250 & Banner
3rd Overall	\$200 & Rosette
4th Overall	\$150 & Rosette
5th Overall	\$100 & Rosette
6th – 10th Overall	\$50 & Rosette
Champion Average Daily Gain	\$200 & Plaque
Reserve Champion Average Daily Gain	\$100 & Plaque
Champion Ultrasound Carcass	\$200 & Plaque
Reserve Champion Ultrasound Carcass	\$100 & Plaque
Champion Live Show	\$200 & Plaque
Reserve Champion Live Show	\$100 & Plaque
11 th – 20 th	\$23
21 st – 30 th	\$22
31 st – 40 th	\$21
41 st and Beyond	\$20

If you have any further questions, please contact Wisconsin State Fair at entryoffice@wistatefair.com.