



2020 Dunn County 4-H / FFA Meat Animal Project (MAP) Entry Rules

The 4-H/FFA Meat Animal Project is a commitment that starts with the rules meeting in the winter, and continues through the carcass clinic and thanking the buyers the following summer. Project members need to complete the project as indicated by the following rules. It is your responsibility to understand the rules that apply to you. If you need help, contact your species committee member.

Mission Statement: *The primary objective of the Dunn County Meat Animal Project is to encourage and educate project members to improve their programs in the production, breeding and management of high-quality meat that will more adequately meet processing requirements and provide wholesome, nutritious and palatable meat as a food for the consumer.*

Eligibility: Any 4-H or FFA member who has not graduated from high school (at the time of the rules meeting), is eligible for the Dunn County Meat Animal Project. He/she must be enrolled in any of the following 4-H/FFA projects or enterprises: Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Swine and/or Goats. Cloverbuds and Explorers are not eligible to sell at the MAP auction but may participate in the project if they wish. The Committee has the right to review individual eligibility. All exhibitors must be in compliance with County, State and Federal Mandates, including but not limited to applicable IRS Regulations.

New for 2020:

- **Turn in date for the following: YQCA Certificate and Species Entry: May 15th, 2020 – NO EXCEPTIONS or you will not be eligible to sell.**
- **MAP Educational Requirements have been changed. See below for details.**
- **This document now only covers rules that apply to all MAP participants. Each species has its own guidelines which should be consulted and understood as well. Species specific guidelines are available at dunn.extension.wisc.edu, 4-H Program, 4-H Resources.**

Orientation and Rules Meeting: This meeting is not mandatory, but encouraged for all Meat Animal Project Members. The meetings will be held on **Thursday, December 5th 2019** at 6:30pm OR **Thursday, April 2, 2020** at 6:30pm at the Dunn County Community Services Building.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals certification (YQCA) is required for all members in order to sell an animal at the Meat Animal Project Auction. The 2020 WI State Fair will also be requiring YQCA for beef, sheep, swine, dairy, rabbits and poultry. YQCA training will be offered in-person by Dunn County Extension staff on **Thursday, March 26th at 6:30pm**. It may also be provided by neighboring Extension offices. Another highly encouraged option is to take the online individualized YQCA training. To sign up for a scheduled training, or to take the online training, **you must create or update your previous profile at YQCA's website**. 4-H families can sign in with their 4H Online profiles while FFA members will need to use the other option to sign in – both are available at: <https://yqca.learn-grow.io/Account/Login>.

Whether in person or online this certificate must be turned into the Extension office on or before **Friday, May 15th 2020**. No exemptions or the exhibitor will not sell.

Project Options: Members can choose to participate in either the **Market Meat Animal Project** or the **Performance Meat Animal Project** where performance projects are eligible for total performance awards. Total performance is a combination of live show rank, average daily gain (ADG) rank, and carcass rank. The initial weigh in is required to participate in Performance as ADG is a performance indicator.

1. **Ear tag Identification / Loss of Ear Tag:** Each Beef, Sheep, Goat and Swine project animal is required to have a Dunn County 982 RFID ear tag. The 982 number must be registered during the designated species weigh in or by the due date specified in your species' guide.
2. **Weigh-In dates and requirements – refer to your species project guide or talk to your species MAP committee representative.**
3. **Members may enter the following number of animals:**

Species	Individual
Beef	5 (steers or heifers)
Sheep	5 (wethers or ewes)
Swine	5 (barrows or gilts)
Goats	5 (wethers or does)

NOTE: Families can weigh in together (siblings only) and may transfer animals amongst family members. Specific ownership of the animal must be declared at final weigh in.

Meat Animal Project participants must abide by all Dunn County Fair rules and regulations. Please ensure you review these at the Dunn County Fair website. Refer to last years' fair book until the new version is available.

Animal Care and Herdsmanship: The project animal(s) must be in the care of the project member. All livestock exhibits must be properly watered, fed, cleaned and cared for at all times during the fair until check-out on Sunday. Stalls and pens will be checked at 9:00 am and periodically throughout the day and the course of the fair. Penalties will be given to members not meeting the standards of the superintendent. Standards will be posted in each barn area.

Sale/Auction/Fair Weigh-In: ALL animals for each species (Beef, Swine, Sheep and Goats up to **110 Exhibitors**) meeting the sale criteria are eligible to sell.

- If there are under 110 exhibitors and your animal makes minimum weight you will be eligible to sell. If there are over 110 exhibitors we will use the available data, scanned and/or live carcass grading to make cuts. (Note weight requirements per species).

The Scan Technician and Judge's (Live and Carcass) decision is FINAL in all cases. NOTE: In the event that carcass ultrasound scan data is not available, the committee will utilize judge's live grading to establish eligibility for the auction. Scan Data will also be utilized for the Carcass Clinic Rankings.

1. Fair Weigh-In date and requirements: Refer to your species project rules/guide or talk to your species MAP committee representative.
2. **Animals can only be weighed ONCE during Fair Weigh In.**
3. **The maximum number of animals to sell in the auction is 110:** Guaranteed sale numbers are 35 beef, 50 hogs, 10 goats, and 15 sheep. With substitutions between species allowed until the maximum sale number is reached.
 - a. **What if sale numbers exceed quota?** In order to meet maximum quotas, it may be necessary to eliminate animals meeting minimum weights and grade. Under that circumstance, elimination will begin with the last-place carcass ranking (based on scan data or live grading) and continue upward until the quota has been met. Judge's decision is final in all cases.
 - b. **How are substitutions handled?** In the event that one or more species have not met their quota for sale numbers and others have exceeded their quota, substitution may be allowed. Allocation of open sale spots will be based on a proportion of excess animals. Once the number of animals to substitute has been determined, allocation within a species will be based on scan data carcass ranking where the next eligible animal will be substituted first. In the event scan data carcass ranking is not available, live grade carcass ranking will be used.

4. **Carcass Ultrasound Scan Data:** Scan data will be released an hour after each species show if carcass data is available for that species.
5. **Carcass Ultrasound Scan:** Each exhibitor has one free of charge carcass scan for their species of choice. This animal must be determined by Wednesday at the conclusion of each species weigh in. Any additional carcass scans must be paid by the exhibitor at the time of initial weigh in. The cost is \$5.00, exact cash is required.
6. **Percent Fat-Free Lean (%FFL):** Information to calculate %FFL is collected during the ultrasound scan and determined by the Scan Technician or Carcass Judge. The Scan Technician and Judge's (Live and Carcass) decision is final in all cases.
7. **Fit for Consumption:** All market animals must be fit for human consumption at fair weigh-in and remain so up until slaughter. Any animals sold that have an unacceptable odor or taste due to masculine characteristics (or that are found to be over the age listed in your species rules) will be subject to an adjustment between the buyer and the seller under the guidance of the Meat Animal Project Committee.
8. **One animal per member is eligible to be sold in the auction:** Only animals sold in the auction are eligible for the Carcass Clinic and awards.
9. **Identifying sale animal:** Exhibitors must identify their sale animal no later than one hour after carcass results are posted by notifying their respective superintendent in each barn area.
10. **WI State Fair Exhibitors:** In the event of a conflict with the Wisconsin State Fair, those exhibitors showing animals at the Wisconsin State Fair must follow the County Fair Rules for entry. Additional State Fair Waiver rules apply. (Project member is responsible to obtain these rules.)
11. **WI State Fair Waiver:** If a state fair waiver is going to be requested, the respective species superintendent should be notified within one hour after the respective show.
12. **Project Poster:** Each member must complete and place the project poster above their animal by 9:00 pm on Wednesday of the fair. The poster must be updated immediately after the Meat Animal Sale by adding the buyer's name and sale price by the 30-minute post sale deadline.
13. **Expense Records:** Expense records will begin at initial weigh-in and must be maintained during the entire feeding period. Suggested prices will be given to those not actually purchasing the animal and/or feed and will also be posted in a convenient location.
14. **Sale Attendance:** In the event a project member is unable to sell his/her animal in the auction, a family member enrolled in the project or another club/chapter member enrolled in the project may take the animal into the sale ring. It is the member's responsibility to make these arrangements and to notify the species superintendent as to any changes at least one hour prior to the sale. The sale announcer will state the reason the original seller is not in the ring.
15. **Commission:** A sales commission of 5% will be assessed to the gross receipts of the meat animal sale. This 5% deduction will be used for administering project awards (4%) and the remaining 1% will go to the Dunn County Fair Board to improve the Rec. Park facilities. In addition, each member will be assessed an ultrasound fee (at cost per animal evaluated) if they decided to scan more than one of their animals for the live carcass evaluation. Non-sale animals may be given an ultrasound scan for an additional fee per animal, to be paid the day of the ultrasound. Fees for the Beef and Swine Check-Off will also be administered as determined by the National Species Office.
16. **Seller Etiquette:** Buyers are integral to the market animal sale and are to be treated with utmost respect by participants and their families. There will be ZERO TOLERANCE of any badgering, harassment, etc. of buyers by either participants or their families (including, but not limited to, parents, siblings, grandparents, and step family members).
17. **THANK YOU Note:** A prompt Thank You note is required to be delivered to the buyer.

Penalties: The Dunn County Meat Animal Project Committee will determine punishment, which may lead up to, and include, termination of participation in the Dunn County Meat Animal Project for life. **Failure to abide by these rules may result in a youth being banned from participating in the following year.**

Carcass Clinic and Awards: The Carcass Clinic must be attended by all project members, trophies will be awarded to the next place project member if you do not attend. The Clinic is set for September 2020 with a date to be announced. Graduated seniors are exempt from attending the Carcass Clinic and they will still be eligible for awards.

1. **Exemptions:** No Exemptions will be allowed for exhibitors who do not attend the mandatory carcass clinic, a \$25 check deduction will be enforced.
2. **Awards:** Carcass Awards will be presented to individual project members in the following categories for Beef, Sheep, Goats, and Swine. NOTE: Project members must be entered in the Dunn County Fair Carcass Class in their respective species to be eligible for awards.
3. Carcass and Total Performance Awards are as Follows:
 - A. If there are less than 10 animals exhibited in a species in the carcass class, only 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place carcass and total performance awards will be given
 - B. Additional 2nd place trophies may be awarded to beef exhibitors if more than 6 animals are judged within a class.
 - C. Weighted Total Performance is calculated using the following formula: (ADG rank x .4) + (Carcass rank x .4) + (Live Grade rank x .2). Total Performance scores are then ranked lowest to highest with the total performance tie breaker being carcass rank when more than one animal receives the same total performance score.

CHAMPION BEEF, SWINE, GOAT & LAMB CARCASSES: 1st place 2nd place 3rd place 4th place 5th place	TOTAL PERFORMANCE LAMB & GOAT: 1st place 2nd place 3rd place
TOTAL PERFORMANCE SINGLE BREED BEEF: 1st place 2nd place	TOTAL PERFORMANCE CROSSBRED BEEF: 1st place 2nd place
TOTAL PERFORMANCE DAIRY: 1st place 2nd place	

Educational Requirements: New for 2020 –

YQCA is the only mandatory educational requirement whether in person or online this certificate must be turned into the Extension Office on or before: Friday, May 15th 2020. No exemptions or the exhibitor will not sell.

Educational Opportunities that may be provided and are highly recommended for project members will include the following.

- Workshop held at a locker plant, prior to the fair (April)
- Indianhead Sheep and Goat Breeder’s Small Ruminant Clinic (late January)
- Feeding and Nutrition Clinic (mid-February)
- Fitting and Showing Clinic (late spring)

Please note: All times, dates and locations are subject to change. Information may also be posted at <http://dunn.extension.wisc.edu> and emailed to members using the emails provided by the members. **Please make sure your contact information is up to date with the project.** Please like Dunn County 4-H’s Facebook site so that you will get the latest news from the county. You may also call your species area superintendent for more information.

OTHER APPLICABLE RULES CAN BE FOUND IN THE SPECIES GUIDE FOR YOUR PROJECT (BEEF, SWINE, SHEEP AND GOATS). PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THESE SPECIES SPECIFIC RULES. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT YOUR SPECIES MAP REPRESENTATIVE OR SUPERINTENDENT.

--- IT IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT, TO BE IN THE DUNN COUNTY MEAT ANIMAL PROJECT ---