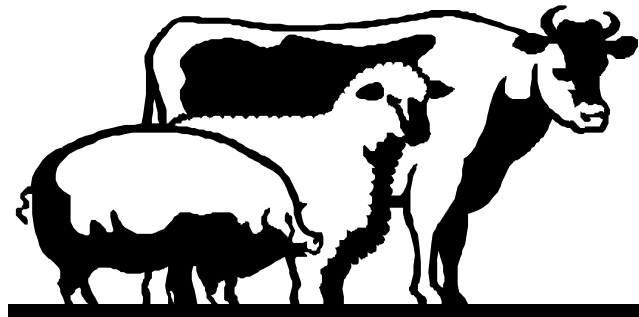


2021
Chippewa County

4-H/FFA

Quality Meat Animal
Program Rules



2021 CHIPPEWA COUNTY 4-H/FFA QUALITY MEAT ANIMAL PROGRAM LEADERSHIP

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General Program Meeting Dates - All meetings are at 7:30 p.m. with locations to be determined and communicated prior to each meeting. (All meetings are open to all program participants and their families).

December 7, 2020	7:30 p.m.	
January 25, 2021	7:30 p.m.	
April 5, 2021	7:30 p.m.	
June 7, 2021	7:30 p.m.	
July 7-11, 2021		Northern Wisconsin State Fair
August 30, 2021	7:30 p.m.	2021 Evaluation Meeting
October 4, 2021	7:30 p.m.	2022 Kick-Off Meeting
December 6, 2021	7:30 p.m.	

Weigh-In Dates:

Beef: Saturday, December 12, 2020 - 10:30 - 12:30 p.m.
(snow date Saturday, December 19 – same time)

Hogs: To be determined

Lambs: To be determined

Chippewa County Extension Agents as Educational Advisor(s):

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PURPOSE AND COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

I. PURPOSE

- (a) To create an incentive for 4-H and FFA members to carry a livestock project including records.
- (b) Provide an educational experience for all participants that will enhance personal growth, and expand their knowledge of the livestock industry.
- (c) Provide the participant with an economic return; however, the participant is to be kept informed that this may not present a realistic financial picture of the livestock industry.
- (d) Provide participants with a monetary income that should be used to further expand or upgrade their livestock projects or allow for furthering the participant's education.
- (e) Provide an educational learning-by-doing activity that allows the participant to take a livestock project from an infant animal to the final marketable product.

II. COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND OFFICERS

- (a) The Chippewa County 4-H and FFA Quality Meat Animal Project will be supervised by a general committee. This general committee shall be made up of the officers, committee chairman and all others who volunteer to guide and direct this educational program. Membership will begin each fall and the term is for one year.
- (b) The officers of the program shall be Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. They shall be elected for a one-year term each fall from the participating program membership. Officers cannot serve more than two consecutive one-year terms.
- (c) The committees will be named each fall by the participating program membership. Committee members will serve one term, but can volunteer to serve as many years as they desire. Committees are to elect their own chairman and secretary.
- (d) The Chippewa County 4-H/FFA Quality Meat Animal Program requires a parent or guardian to serve on two committees. **A parent or guardian must attend two general committee meetings, with one being the June meeting, for their child to sell at the auction. In addition, all second year exhibitors and above, must have a parent or guardian attend the October Kick-Off Meeting. All program registration forms are due by November 1st.**

CHIPPEWA COUNTY 4-H/FFA QUALITY MEAT ANIMAL PROGRAM RULES

III. RULES GOVERNING ALL SPECIES

- (a) Any 4-H or FFA members in good standing currently enrolled in the beef, sheep or swine project may participate. The following age restrictions apply:
 - 1. Participant must be in the 4th grade or older to exhibit a beef market animal.
 - 2. Participant will be eligible for the program the year following their graduation from high school.
 - 3. Club Leader or Advisor will notify the QMA Program in writing if a member is not in good standing.
- (b) 4-H and FFA members may sell only one animal. Members exhibiting two or more species must designate which animal they are going to sell after their last animal is shown.
- (c) Animals not making the minimum weight or grade will not be eligible for the sale and should be marketed directly by the exhibitor. Only animals sold in the sale are eligible for the carcass show.
- (d) All animals for this project must be castrated males, except sheep, which may be wethers or ewes; or swine, which may be barrows or gilts. Animals to be castrated by weigh-in. Animals determined by species chairman to be incomplete or late castrates, will not be allowed for exhibit. Steers must be dehorned. Scurs cannot be over one inch in length. Measurement determined by Beef Species Chairman.
- (e) All animals must be in possession of the exhibitor by the weigh date for the species they are exhibiting. Weigh dates will be determined by each species committee. The weigh dates for all species will be at a central location.
- (f) An exhibitor may identify and weigh up to 4 animals in any species. Each family may have two animals identified for a project animal for all family members as two of the four animals. Weighing is to be verified by the Species Committee. Entry forms will be used for verifying beginning and ending weights as used in the Rate of Gain Contest. The animals selected by the exhibitors will be weighed on entry date of the fair. The family project animal "floater" must be designated as the project animal for a specified exhibitor after the final weigh-in and before the species show.
- (g) All animals, beef, swine and sheep, must be identified with RFID tags provided at the time of weigh in. A charge of \$2.00 per animal will be assessed to cover tag costs. This year only the cost of the tags will be free to each member.
- (h) The loss of an ear tag must be made known to the Extension Office or the Vo-Ag Instructor **immediately** after the loss of the tag! Upon notification, another tag will be replaced in the exhibitor's animal.
- (i) Expense records shall begin at weigh in and must be maintained during the entire feeding period. Current market prices at weigh in will be given to those youth not actually purchasing the animal and/or feed. These prices will be posted in a convenient location at the Northern Wisconsin State Fair. These records must be completed and turned in to the Species Committee at the time of weigh in on entry day of the fair.

- (j) All Federal and State health regulations must be followed. This includes the use of growth stimulants, tranquilizers, and other drugs whether injected, implanted or included in the feed. Withdrawal times for all drugs must be followed. **Violation of this rule may result in the permanent banishment of the family in the Quality Meat Animal Program.**
- (k) Animals will be weighed only one time. Animals must be weighed dry and clean. Beef animals must be weighed with halter only. No additional straps, chains, etc., will be allowed.
- (l) Clipping and grooming of exhibits while on the fairgrounds is to be done by the exhibitor, his or her immediate family, which includes father, mother, sister, brother, grandparent, or (legal guardian or stepparent with proof of relationship), and/or other participating junior exhibitor or Chippewa County 4-H/FFA project leader. Failure to comply with this rule will result in 1) verbal warning; 2) the exhibitor will be required to wash their animal; 3) the exhibitor will be barred from showing their animal for the year of the violation.
- (m) Each member must complete and place the project financial poster above their animal.
- (n) The exhibitor has the responsibility of caring for their animal(s) until it leaves the fairgrounds. (Beef exhibitors must leave a rope halter on their steer and tie it securely after it is sold.) This is a terminal sale. Animals will be entered in the Carcass Contest.
- (o) A 3 ½% commission will be kept from the sale of the animal to cover costs incurred in conducting the show and sale and its promotion. Transportation cost will be deducted from exhibitor's checks.
- (p) Exhibitors families are responsible for cleaning of stalls and/or pens after their animals leave. Cleanliness to be determined by the species chairman or by their designee. Pens to be cleaned by 10:30 a.m. the day after the auction.
- (q) Only livestock exhibitors will be allowed to register complaints and these must be made through appropriate committee persons by 3:00 p.m. the following day. Adults can register a complaint in regards to rule III (j) the use of growth stimulants, tranquilizers, and other drugs. Complaint forms must be completed for all complaints.
- (r) Anyone violating the rules established by the Chippewa County 4-H/FFA Quality Meat Animal Program Committee may be barred from the program for a minimum of one year. The interpretation of these rules and other questions shall be referred to the Chippewa County 4-H/FFA Quality Meat Animal Rules Committee and their decision shall be final.
- (s) Only the animals sold in the Quality Meat Animal Program Sale are eligible for the trophies and awards provided by the Chippewa County 4-H/FFA Quality Meat Animal Program.
- (t) If the exhibitor receives both Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion in the live show, he/she can only sell one animal. Therefore, the animal in third place will become the Reserve Grand Champion.
- (u) Due to the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) principles put in place by most packing plants, exhibitors may have to complete the Quality Assurance Program in order to sell their animal(s).
- (v) Any unruly animal can be disqualified from the project at the show and/or sale at the discretion of the three species committee chairs.

IV. SPECIFIC MARKET STEER RULES

- (a) Only calves born on or after January 1, 2020 will be eligible for the 2021 show.
- (b) Any breed of beef, beef crossbred, dairy beef crossbred, and dairy steer, is eligible.
- (c) Beef steers will be divided into classes based upon their scale weight.
- (d) Dairy breed steers will be shown in a live class of their own. Animals in question as to their heredity will be placed in appropriate class by the Rules Committee.
- (e) Steers must grade "select plus" or higher and weigh a minimum of 1,000 pounds at the fair. Exception: Dairy Holstein steers must weigh a minimum of 1,100 pounds at the fair.
- (f) The maximum weight at initial weigh-in shall be 950 pounds. Anything over 950 will be able to show at the fair, but will be disqualified from the auction. If the weigh-in is postponed due to weather, weigh-in will be held a week later, with a maximum weight increasing 20 pounds per week of delay. If a steer is shown in the Badger Classic, the QMA Program will allow the weight certificate from that show to be the initial weight for the QMA Program. With the understanding if the QMA Program weigh in does not fall on the same weekend as the Badger Classic, the steer needs to be weighed at the QMA Program weigh in date. Exhibitor must purchase animal tags from the QMA Program to be placed by the Badger Classic representatives.
- (g) A dairy steer champion and reserve champion will be selected if there are six or more dairy steers that qualify for the auction.
- (h) One dollar per animal will be deducted from the seller for compliance with the mandatory National Beef Promotion and Research Check Off.
- (i) Beef exhibitors may exhibit up to two market steers. The exhibitor must designate which steer he/she will sell immediately upon completion of the live show.

V. SPECIFIC MARKET LAMB RULES

- (a) All market lambs must be born on or after January 1, 2021.
- (b) All market lambs must grade prime or choice and weigh a minimum of 90 pounds.
- (c) A check off of one-half cent (\$.005) per pound of live weight and \$.30 per head will be deducted from the seller for compliance with the mandatory Sheep Production and Research Check-Off.
- (d) Sheep exhibitors may exhibit up to two market lambs. The exhibitor must designate which lamb he/she will sell immediately upon completion of live show.
- (e) Sheep must be sheared $\frac{1}{4}$ inches or less on their wool and dry before fair weigh-in.

VI. SPECIFIC MARKET HOG RULES

- (a) All market hogs must grade a U.S. No. 1 or 2, weigh a minimum of 230 pounds. Market hogs over 300 pounds may be sold and are eligible for all contests, but for sale purposes they will be sold at 300 pounds. All hogs over 320 pounds will not be eligible for sale. The maximum weight at initial weigh-in shall be 70 lbs. Anything over 70 pounds will be able to show at the fair, but will be disqualified from the auction. If the weigh-in is postponed due to weather, weigh-in will be held a week later, with a maximum weight increasing 10 lbs. per week of delay.
- (b) Only hogs weighing 230 pounds or more will be shown in the market classes. Hogs weighing between 190 and 229 pounds will be shown in an ultra-light weight class. Only youth participating in the Quality Meat Animal Program will be allowed to exhibit in the ultra-weight class.
- (c) Only number 1 grade hogs are eligible for the championship drive.
- (d) A check off of .40% of the market value will be deducted from the seller for compliance with the mandatory Pork Production and Research Check Off.
- (e) Swine exhibitors may exhibit up to two market hogs. The exhibitor must designate which market animal he/she will sell immediately upon completion of live show.

VII. CARCASS SHOW

- (a) This is a terminal sale. All animals that make minimum weight and grade and are sold at auction will be entered in the carcass contest.
- (b) All sale participants must participate in the Carcass Contest to be eligible for any ribbons or trophies affiliated with the carcass show, unless participating in another educational event at the time of the Carcass Contest. Notification of conflict should be given to the Species Chairman or Carcass Show Committee prior to the Carcass contest. Exceptions will be ruled upon by the Committee.
- (c) The number of animals sold through the auction may be limited to the amount of available space in the Quality Meats Contest. Total number of animals in the Quality Meat Contest will be determined by a committee comprised of locker plant representatives and livestock committee members.

VIII. HARASSMENT

Buyers are integral to the market animal sale and are to be treated with utmost respect by participants and their families. The families/participants of the Quality Meats Program need to communicate appropriately. There will be ZERO TOLERANCE of any badgering, harassment, etc. of buyers, Extension Personnel, 4-H Leaders, FFA Advisors, Processing Plants and their employees, Volunteers of Quality Meats Program, Fair Personnel, or Fair Board Members by either participants or their families (including, but not limited to, parents, siblings, grandparents, and step family members). Chippewa County 4-H/FFA Quality Meat Animal Rules Committee will determine punishment, which may lead up to, and include, immediate termination of participation in Chippewa County 4-H/FFA Quality Meat Animal Program for life.

IX. EDUCATION

Education is an integral part of the Chippewa County 4-H/FFA Quality Meats Program. To be able to sell in the auction each exhibitor is required to attend 2 educational events to include, but not limited to, speaker presentations or educational videos at the Quality Meat Animal Program Meetings, fitting clinics, attending species shows or fairs at the discretion of the rules committee. These educational events are in addition to the mandatory Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Certification.

X. TROPHIES AND RIBBONS

- (a) Champion and Reserve Champion trophies will be given in four categories: Rate of Gain, Live Show, Carcass and Total Performance.
- (b) A Grand Champion Female trophy will be given in the beef and sheep breeding shows.

XI. AUCTION CHECKS/PREMIUM MONEY AND OTHER CASH PRIZES

- (a) All youth are required to present a buyer thank you note in an addressed, stamped envelope prior to receiving their auction check. Checks will be available at the Buyer Appreciation Picnic. No checks will be given out without the exchange of a thank you card in a completely addressed and stamped envelope.
- (b) Youth with entries in the Market Animal Classes, Carcass Classes, and Showmanship Classes are eligible for premiums at the fair. Prizes are provided based on the Danish Judging System.
- (c) Cash awards provided by the Quality Meat Animal Program, will be presented to individual project members in the following categories: Rate of Gain and Total Performance within each species; 5-4-3-2-1: Carcass Class; 20-15-12-8-5.
- (d) Beef exhibitors in the Quality Meat Animal Program exhibiting a breeding animal will receive one, \$15.00 premium from the Quality Meat Animal Program as an incentive to exhibit breeding stock.
- (e) As an incentive to the clubs exhibiting to do a better job in caring for and preparing their exhibit, ribbons for herdsmanship will be awarded in each species.
- (f) Cash awards provided by the Quality Meat Animal Program will be presented to members in the Quality Meat program members in the lead lamb class; 15-10-5.

XI. POLICY

Premium checks not cashed written 60 days from the date of issue will not be honored by the Quality Meat Animal Program. These funds will be returned to the general treasury.

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Picnic and Recognition
Picnic and Recognition Co-Chair
Picnic and Recognition Co-Chair
Photography
Rules
Trophies and Awards
Trophies and Awards Co-Chair
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The Committee Chairs have set up their 2021 committees based on program pre-enrollments. All families are listed for two committees one being a species committee and one other remaining committee. Executive Committee to meet one-half hour before the General Committee Meetings.

Committee Meetings: are set up at the preference of the chairman and the committee in order to coordinate and conduct programs as desired.

2021 CHIPPEWA COUNTY 4-H/FFA QUALITY MEAT ANIMAL COMMITTEES

Committees will be formed at a later date

Executive

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Misty Freed
Sara Michels

Rules Committee

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Rod Elmhorst
Tammy Knuth
Tim Sikora
Tammy Harelstad
Annie LaGesse
Scot Michels

Picnic and Recognition

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Carcass Show

Trophies and Awards

Beef

Sheep

Swine

*Chair

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COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. All program families to be divided to serve on necessary committees.
2. Species committee will select a chairman and secretary or person to record action taken. Committees will schedule help as necessary. Executive Committee will appoint committee chairs for other committees.
3. Chairmen are responsible to notify:
 - a) members of established meeting dates, time and places.
 - b) Cooperative Extension Office of actions taken and assistance needed.
4. Committees will inform families and work together to complete the year's program, as requested by the program membership, with assistance from Cooperative Extension Service.
5. Assist in evaluation of past year and establishing program for future year.
6. All committees are asked to keep records for future use and reference.

SPECIFIC COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Beef/Sheep/Swine:

1. Establish time, date, place to weigh animals.
2. Assist with actual weighing, identifying and entering of animals.
3. Review weigh-in forms and set market value for home raised animals.
4. Assist with educational efforts for members and families during the year.
5. Assist with weighing and tagging of animals at the fair.
6. Review member's Program Project Cost Form.

Buyer and Publicity:

1. Contact sales service and auctioneers.
2. Review current list of buyers and plan for new contacts.
3. Assist with sale publicity including:
 - a) large sale posters
 - b) buyers letters and small handout
 - c) mailing letters to buyers
4. Prepare decorations for auction podium.
5. Assist registration of buyers at sale.
6. Coordinate appropriate thank you's to buyers following sale.
7. Coordinate with Processing Plants and Buyers on the cutting instructions worksheet.

Carcass Show:

1. Arrange for appropriate carcass show site and forms for recording data.
2. Assist with arranging for transportation of livestock from fairgrounds after sale.
3. Assist with collecting and recording data at carcass show and coordinating activities.
4. Provide list of buyers with addresses and telephone numbers for the carcass show site.

Education:

1. Arrange for appropriate educational needs of program families with aid of species chairman, Cooperative Extension Service and others as necessary.
2. Encourage and assist with involvement of members and families in county, district or area, or state educational activities or events that relate to the Meat Animal Program.
3. Coordinate educational activities/needs with mentors of all three species.

Photography Committee:

1. Arrange for a photographer to take pictures at the fair.
2. Schedule all animals and exhibitors for pictures.
3. Arrange for development of pictures.
4. Prepare photographs for presentation.
5. Assist members with distribution of pictures to buyers and members.

Picnic and Recognition:

1. Arrange for appropriate recognition of buyers, members and others involved with the program.
2. Establish date and time and secure site.
3. Notify membership and guests of plans and needs.
4. Assist with arrangements as necessary.
5. Arrange for pre-auction bidder reception.

Rules:

Committee to be made up of the three officers, plus the three species chairman, plus one additional family from each species.

1. Enforce program rules as presently printed.
2. To take suggestions and ideas during the year, for rules and rule change for the next program year.
3. To write up and present specific rules and rule changes at the October meeting for study by the entire group. (Current year program rules and officers, committee chairmen and committee members will be voted and decided upon at the October meeting. Committee chairman and committee members are to be appointed by the December meeting. All program families are to be pre-registered by the December meeting.)

Trophies and Awards:

1. Arrange for appropriate recognition of program members.
2. Contact sponsors and secure commitment.
3. Assist with ordering trophies and awards and arranging for delivery to program.
4. Assist with presentation of award including the involvement of the sponsor and youth whenever possible.

Executive:

Committee to be made up of the three officers.

1. Appoint committees and committee chairs for all committees except species committee.
2. Determine agenda for general committee meetings.