

2023-2024 DOOR COUNTY QUALITY MARKET ANIMAL SALE RULES

"Our mission as the Door County Quality Market Animal Sale Program is to provide a local avenue for youth to experience the marketing and income stages of an agribusiness project, while growing their confidence and leadership skills and providing buyers with a quality product."

Changes in rules from 2022-2023 to 2023-2024 are denoted in bold.

Objectives

1. To provide junior livestock producers a market for projects graded and sold at the Door County Fair.
2. To provide incentive and encouragement to livestock projects and appropriate record keeping.
3. To recognize members who do quality work in selecting, feeding, and showing their projects.
4. To teach a greater understanding of meat animal evaluation at the packer plant level.

What Will Be Offered

1. Steers: U.S. Prime or Choice, as Graded on the hoof at the Door County Fair.
Beef, Dairy and Dairy-Cross over 1,000 lbs.
2. Barrows or Gilts: U.S. #1 and #2, as Graded on the hoof at the Door County Fair.
Weight over 220 lbs.
3. Wethers & Ewes: U.S. Prime or Choice, as Graded on the hoof at the Door County Fair.
Weight over 105 lbs.
4. Small Animals: Units to be determined by the judge.
 - a. Poultry - Junior Fair Poultry Market Class: E - Roasters, Broilers, Young Duck, Young Goose, Turkey.
 - b. Rabbits - Junior Fair Market Class: EE - Single Fryer, FF - Meat Pen, and GG – Roaster Rabbit
5. Meat Goats - Does or Wethers: U.S. Prime or Choice. Weight over **80 lbs.**

Sales Provisions

1. Potential bidders must register at sales ring or online, if needed (no obligation.)
2. Sale order will be rotated yearly. First to last rotation. Sale order for **2024 will be: Small Animals (waterfowl / rabbits/ chickens, turkeys), Lambs, Meat Goats, Hogs, Steers.**
3. Animal weights, breed, grades, and yield will be stated, and bidding will be based on price per pound. Top pay rate for hogs is 300 lbs., top pay rate for steers is 1,500 lbs., and top pay rate for lambs is 155 lbs. Small animals to be sold as a unit.
4. No exhibitor may distribute alcoholic beverages to anyone in the sale ring/arena during the QMAS Auction.
 - 4a. If an Exhibitor is caught distributing alcoholic beverages during the QMAS Auction, by a voting QMAS Committee Member, they will be banned from selling for 3 years in the QMAS Auction.
5. All accounts are to be settled with the clerk immediately after sale. Buyer assumes ownership at conclusion of the Door County Fair. All market animals must remain for the duration of the fair. Exhibitors are liable for the care, health, and/or death of the animal until checkout time. A good

rope halter is required on steers. A necktie is also recommended. All hog exhibitors are to have a hurdle for the sale. All sale animals will be slaughtered. Ducks or geese will be slaughtered in mid-November or when mature; and is the responsibility of the exhibitor.

6. Exhibitors of small animals must make arrangements for slaughter and delivery.
7. All sale animals must be kept clean, fed, or in place, until checkout time. An inspection committee, appointed by the sale committee, will see to it that these conditions are met. If, in their judgment, animals are not clean, fed, or in place, the Sale Executive Committee can deduct 1% from the sale price received by the animal's exhibitor.
8. Sale participants must be available when their animal is called to the auction block, or they forfeit the right to sell.
9. Exhibitors take full responsibility of condemned carcass; they will then forfeit purchase price back to buyer.
10. If an exhibitor chooses to donate their proceeds to a non-profit organization, the exhibitor and their parent/guardian must notify the QMAS Chairperson in writing, two weeks prior to the start of the fair so a statement may be read from the auction block.
11. In the event of the cancellation of the Door County Fair, a virtual auction may be provided so exhibitors will be able to complete the projects.

Special Requirements

1. All rules of the Door County Fair Premium List will be followed and enforced by the Door County Fair Board.

Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to attend the informational exhibitors meeting before the showing of their respective species.

All animals must have an adult helper for the show and sale.

2. Entries open to all 4-H and FFA members in Door County who meet the Junior Fair requirements.
3. The number of animals exhibited, and the number of premiums given will follow County Fair regulations. Only 2 steers, 2 barrows or gilts, 2 lambs, 2 meat goats, 2 small animal units or any combination of the above can be sold per exhibitor; The exhibitor must inform **Hannah Delwiche** of their sale animal selection(s) by **12:00pm** on the Saturday of the fair. Any exhibitor whose animal is judged in the live show as Grand Champion or Reserve Champion, has the option to change their sale animal selections.
4. All exhibitors must show in their respective species showmanship class.
 - A. To be eligible for QMAS Showmanship Awards, Exhibitors must be registered in the QMAS Program and be showing a Junior Fair registered animal in the exhibitor's name, in that species.

NOTE: First Blues from the Beginner Showmanship Class with no experience AND Beginner, Intermediate and Senior Showmanship Classes with experience will be given additional recognition at the follow up meeting.
5. All animals that make qualifications by the judge, in the live show and have met QMAS requirements, will be sold.
6. Any exhibitor advertising the sale of a pre-registered animal outside the Market Animal Sale, while exhibiting at the fair, will be barred from the sale for the next three years.

7. Record books (Door County 4-H / FFA Livestock Project Record) will be required to be eligible for the 2024 sale. To be eligible for next year's sale, and receive a check, participants must keep these records over the period that the animal is raised, and completed record forms must be turned in.

Any animal shown as part of the QMAS Program at the Door County Fair, the exhibitor must complete and turn in the appropriate species record book. All record books must be turned in at the Hog/Lamb barn in the box labeled "Record Books" by 3:00 p.m. on Sunday of the Door County Fair to be eligible for achievement awards.

NOTE: Record Books are available on the QMAS website – <http://www.dcgmas.org>

8. Exhibitors must show from animals identified in their name. NOTE: Animals may be floated between exhibitors as long as the exhibitor does not exceed four animals per species.
9. A Carcass Contest, conducted by QMAS, will include the four species of large animals. All large animals brought to the Door County Fair and registered with QMAS will be ultra-sounded for the carcass contest. In addition to premium support for all entries, the Champion Carcass will receive a \$50 cash award and the Reserve Champion will receive a \$25 cash award. This applies to all four species of large animals -- small animals will not be included in this event.
- NOTE: A carcass contest will only be held if an ultrasound technician can be scheduled.
- 9a. In the event of an ultrasound carcass contest, the exhibitor may be charged the going rate for the cost of the ultrasound.
10. Youth exhibiting the Champion, or the Reserve Champion Carcass (in the four species) must be present at the follow up meeting on Sunday, **August 25th, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m. (Junior Fair Building, Door County Fairgrounds)**, to accept the cash award; otherwise, the cash award is forfeited. If an exhibitor has not turned in a completed record book by 3:00 p.m. Sunday of the Fair, exhibitors will not be eligible for the carcass cash award.

11. a. Beef

- Steers only (beef, dairy and dairy-cross); no heifers.
- Steers will be ear-tagged and weighed on Saturday, January 6th, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Fair Park. Snow date ... one week later, same time and location.
- No individual identification on the farm will be made unless animal loses tag.
- Four steers may be identified per exhibitor.
- All steers can be up to 26 months of age as of fair dates each year.
- Final weigh-in for all steers in the QMAS Program will be Wednesday, of the Fair from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. One weigh-in per animal.
- Minimum weight to enter sale is: 1,000 lbs. for all - beef, dairy and dairy-cross.
- No animal with horns longer than one inch from hairline will be permitted to show. Scurs, which are bony growth not securely attached to the skull, will be allowed.
- Animals must be halter broke and are to be controlled at all weigh-ins by halter. Animals not controlled, will not be weighed.
- Recommendation by the Committee that steers not weigh more than 750 lbs. maximum at initial weigh-in and 1,450 lbs. maximum at final weigh-in.

b. Lambs

- All lambs must be brought to the Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 4th, 2024, from 8:00 a.m.- 9:00 a.m. for ear tagging identification and weighing.

- Four lambs may be identified per exhibitor.
- Final weigh-in for all lambs in the QMAS Program will be on Wednesday of the fair from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. One weigh-in per animal.
- Minimum weight to enter sale is 105 lbs.
- Lambs must have ½ inch or less wool.
- All lambs must have a scabies tag in from the breeder where they bought the lambs from.
- Recommendation by the Committee that lambs not weigh more than 65-75 lbs. at initial weigh-in.

c. Meat Goats

- All meat goats must be brought to the Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 4th, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. for ear tagging identification and weighing.
- Four meat goats may be identified per exhibitor.
- Final weigh-in for all meat goats in the QMAS Program will be Wednesday of the fair from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. One weigh-in per animal.
- Minimum weight to enter sale is **80 lbs.**
- All goats must have a scabies tag in from the breeder where they bought the goats from.

d. Barrows or Gilts

- All Exhibitors will be required to come to the Door County Cooperative Country Store on Saturday, April 6th, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. to pull I.D. numbers and complete weigh in sheets. Exhibitors will be responsible for tagging their own animals on the farm. Exhibitors must come prepared with estimated initial weights for each hog. Exhibitors are required to bring 2 photos of each of their animals to the weigh-in. The Exhibitor must also be included in the photos of the hog.
- Four barrows or gilts may be weighed and ear-tagged per exhibitor.
- Minimum weight to enter sale is 220 lbs.
- Final weigh-in for all hogs in the QMAS Program will be Wednesday of the fair from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. One weigh-in per animal.
- Recommendation by the Committee that barrows or gilts do not weigh more than 50-65 lbs. at initial weigh-in.
- All hogs will require on-farm veterinarian inspection within 30 days of the show. Any hog originating outside of Wisconsin will require a sixty (60) day within the show inspection at place of origin and a thirty (30) day inspection on the farm.

e. Small Animals

- POULTRY - QMAS Committee will provide 4 leg bands per exhibitor, Thursday of the Door County Fair. Exhibitors are responsible for putting leg bands on their birds.
- Rabbits will be tattooed and recorded two weeks prior to entry day, Time & Place TBA.
- Weigh-In Times for Small Animals in the QMAS Program will be Thursday of the Fair at the Door County Fairgrounds, weigh-in time TBA.

12. The sale will be conducted by the Door County Quality Market Animal Sale Committee, Chuck Ploor, Chairman. *A 7% commission will be charged to cover operating expenses.*

13. All exhibitors who qualify for the sale must give a “thank you” letter addressed to the buyer(s) of their respective animal(s). Anyone who hasn’t attached a thank you letter for each buyer on the second to the last page of their record books will not receive a check until the letter is received. These letters are to be in an addressed, stamped, and sealed envelope, with return address.

14. Large Animal Posters

All exhibitors must post (on large poster board) the following information by 7:00 p.m. on Thursday of the Fair:

- *The title of:* Door County Quality Market Animal Sale
- Exhibitor’s Name
- Ear Tag Number
- Starting Weight
- Breed
- Ending Weight
- Rate of Gain
- Space for the Buyer’s Name (*The buyer’s name MUST be posted within 30 minutes after the end of the QMAS Auction*).

Failure to follow this rule will result in 1% of the sale price reduction. This pertains to all sale animals.

14a. Small Animal Posters

All exhibitors must post (on large poster board) the following information by 7:00 p.m. on Thursday of the Fair:

- *The title of:* Door County Quality Market Animal Sale
- Exhibitor’s Name
- Tattoo ID or Leg Band #
- Breed
- Class Exhibited In (roaster; broiler; meat pen)
- Ending Weight (put on after weigh-in)
- Space for the Buyer’s Name (*The buyer’s name MUST be posted within 30 minutes after the end of the QMAS Auction*).

Failure to follow this rule will result in 1% of the sale price reduction. This pertains to all sale animals.

15. High school seniors and high school graduates with a minimum of 4 years in the Quality Market Animal Sale Program MUST attend the required Group A meeting and one Group B meeting to be eligible for the QMAS Auction.

Door County Fair – August 14th - August 18th, 2024

Contacts: 2023-2024 Committee Members

Chuck Ploor, Chairman 920-333-0006
Mark Rockendorf, Vice Chairman 920-559-0669
Denise Plassmeyer, Treasurer 920-493-8741
Hannah Delwiche, Secretary 920-559-2552
Dale Carlson 920-743-6282 Ext. 1124
Ann Glowacki 920-825-7333 Ext 4409
Sue Havel, 920-493-2789
Tom Sawyer 920-493-3523

Species Resource Contacts

Sheep –Chuck Ploor 920-333-0006 and Dale Carlson 920-743-6282 Ext. 1124
Hogs – Andy Larson 920-495-6378
Beef – Tracy LaCrosse 920-856-6552
Rabbits - Sue Havel 920-493-2789
Chickens – Mary Malvitz 920-824-5625 or Joe Dart 219-869-3518
Advertising – Nick Freimuth 920-471-3983
Website - Hannah Delwiche 920-559-2552

2024 I.D. & WEIGH-IN DATES

BEEF: Saturday, January 6th, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. @ Fair Park
HOGS: Saturday, April 6th, 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. @ Door County Co-op Country Store
LAMBS & MEAT GOATS: Saturday, May 4th, 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. @ Fair Park

SMALL ANIMAL TATTOOING, BANDING AND POULTRY PULLORUM TESTING

Date & Time & Location TBA

NOTE: Rabbit Tattooing and Poultry Banding dates are for animal identification only.

DISCLAIMER: Let it be known to all exhibitors, parents, and committee members that pictures taken on behalf of the QMAS program during weigh-ins, show preparation, during shows, Fair, and Sale may appear on the QMAS website, Facebook page or print media for promotional purposes.

2024 QUALITY MARKET ANIMAL SALE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Exhibitors must attend **one (1) meeting from GROUP A and two (2) meetings from GROUP B.**

*****Exhibitors choosing to attend one in-person group B meeting will meet Group B requirements.**

*****Exhibitors choosing to complete online options will need to complete two options to meet Group B requirements.**

If you do not attend the required meetings in each group, you will not be permitted to sell. If attending Fitting & Showing Workshop, you must attend the workshop for the species you will be exhibiting.

**** *It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to sign in and answer to the roll call taken the night to receive credit for attending that meeting.* ****

GROUP A (Must attend one)

Orientation & Rules

December 27th, 2023 at 7:00pm

Crossroads at Big Creek, 2041 Michigan St, Sturgeon Bay

or

January 3rd, 2024 at 7:00pm

Crossroads at Big Creek, 2041 Michigan St, Sturgeon Bay

GROUP B (Must attend one in person meeting option OR complete two online options)

Letter Writing/Record Book/Fair Tips & Tricks Meeting

April 3rd, 2024, at 7:00pm

Crossroads at Big Creek, 2041 Michigan St, Sturgeon Bay

Otto's Meats Meeting

April 13th, 2024, at 9:00am

Otto's Meats, N5674 Adams St, Luxemburg

Group B Meeting Options Posted to QMAS Website – Must Complete 2

****Completed Group B Certification Form must be**

Postmarked by June 14th, 2024**

**Have a topic suggestion?
Have an idea how to make a meeting better?
Reach out to one of our committee members, we'll put it on our agenda!**