

## BAYFIELD COUNTY 4-H MARKET ANIMAL SALE RULES

(Disqualification from sale can be the penalty for rule violation)

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1. Sale registration for the 4-H Market Animal Sale for beef, sheep, hogs and goats will be accepted in person at the annual meeting in November. All members must bring one adult. Members who cannot make this meeting must make arrangements for a meeting with the chair of the Market Animal Sale Committee by December 1<sup>st</sup> for an individual registration session. Market sale participants need to be enrolled in the market sale project with the 4-H office.
2. The 4-H Market Animal Sale will be the title of the program that leads to the sale of steers, sheep, swine and goats at the Bayfield County Fair. Each animal category will have an adult advisor and report the advisors name to the Market Sale executive committee to ensure the 4-H members represented by each person understand and follow through with market sale rules and obligations.
3. Youth must be signed up as a member of a Bayfield County 4-H club by October 31 of the prior year to the sale and be 12 years of age or in the sixth grade on January 1 of the market sale year.
4. The maximum age for a member to participate in the sale is the year of high school graduation. A 4-H member cannot be 19 years of age before January 1 of the market sale year.
5. A market sale member may only sell one animal in the sale, this animal shall be either: steer, sheep, swine or goat. The animal to be sold in the Bayfield County 4-H Market Animal Sale must be housed in Bayfield County throughout the entire sale year. *Exceptions to this rule must be approved annually on an individual basis by the market sale committee.*

### **AT THE 9/29/2013 MEETING THE FOLLOWING WAS APPROVED.**

“Exception” for housing a market sale animal outside of the Bayfield County be defined as a 4-H member who has been an active Bayfield County 4-H Club for 5 years and has showed in the Bayfield County Fair livestock program for 3 years.

6. Market sale members are responsible for barn duty as described in a job description for that area housing the market animals. Such as cleaning and maintaining the barns, taking care of your animals as well as looking after other participants animals. Appropriate behavior is required at all times during the fair, market sale meetings and workshops.
7. All market sale members are required to keep feed records on a monthly basis. Copies of feed records must be turned in to a designated committee member. Feed record forms will be provided by the market sale committee and are available on the Bayfield County 4-H website  
<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/bayfield/4h/project.html>
8. Market animal sale meetings, educational workshops presented by the University Extension or the Market Animal Sale Committee **MUST** be attended by all market sale participants. If a participant cannot attend these meetings, one member of the

participant's family must attend. A committee member must be notified if a market sale member cannot attend a meeting. A market sale member is allowed two (2) unexcused functions during the sale year. After two (2) unexcused meetings the member will receive a call from the chairman and a letter will be sent out to that member. If more than two (2) unexcused functions take place, that member will not be allowed to participate in the Market Animal Sale for that year.

9. All members in the Market Animal Sale are obligated to support promotional efforts of the sale.
10. **OWNERSHIP:** All market animals shall be owned by the market sale member and the member shall manage the animal for the entire project. The animal is the property of the seller until it passes state inspection at a locker plant. At that time the animal becomes the property of the buyer. If the animal does not pass state inspection the seller remains the owner of that animal and the buyer has no obligation to the Market Animal Sale or seller. All costs will be the responsibility of the seller if the animal does not pass the state inspection. If the animal passes state inspection the seller will receive a check at the County Carcass Show or at the next scheduled market sale meeting. If the buyer chooses not to have the animal slaughtered and inspected immediately, then all rights are waived to the above rules and the animal is the property of the buyer at the time of release from the Bayfield County Fair.
11. Seven percent (7%) of the sale price is deducted from each member's check to be used for promotion, trucking and a bidder/buyer reception.

(Side note regarding trucking. The trucks/trailer hauling animals to Whiskey Ridge and other local plants for processing will be reimbursed. The trucks/trailers hauling to Whiskey Ridge will be reimbursed \$250 per truck and the truck/trailer hauling to another local processor will receive \$50 per truck.)

12. When electing adult and youth officers of the Bayfield County 4-H Market Animal Sale Committee, voting for adult representatives shall be limited to one (1) vote per family with a family consisting of parents or legal guardian and the enrolled 4-H members of the family who are participating in the sale. Voting for the youth officers will be individual youth membership votes.
13. The Bayfield County 4-H Market Animal Sale Committee shall consist of the elected adult and youth members and appointed members at-large to include a representative of each animal category which result in an uneven number of total members, these members shall be communicated to the Bayfield County 4-H office, published in the 4-H Newsletter and made public to all participating members.
14. Violation of rules can result in disqualification from the market sale.
15. Individuals can request exceptions to rules. The request must be made to the 4-H Market Sale Committee in writing and include a valid reason for the exception being made. The request may be discussed at a meeting with all market sale members, but the final decision on the request will be made in a private session by the Bayfield County Market Animal Sale Committee. The decision will be shared at the next scheduled meeting.
16. Parents and family members of market sale participants are prohibited from directly questioning or influencing the county fair judge's decisions. All concerns related to judging should be brought to the market sale committee's attention.

## 2017 RULES FOR BEEF EXHIBITORS

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1. Beef exhibitors must show and also participate in the 4-H Beef or Dairy Project with a female or qualifying male the preceding year of their participation in the Market Animal Sale.
2. They must show a female at least ½ beef breed in addition to the animal being sold. This animal must be at least 4 months old.
3. The animal to be sold must be a steer and have a verifiable beef breed sire and be ¾ beef breed. No animal with horns may be sold.
4. Steers must be on the premises by December 15 of the year preceding the sale.
5. Steers for sale will be tagged for identification by committee members. Steers will be tagged and weighed at the NFO Reload during the last week of December/first week in January on a Saturday or Sunday.
6. If Market Animal Sale steer's ear tag is lost, call a Market Animal Sale Committee member as soon as possible so the animal can be retagged.
7. One animal per exhibitor may be sold, but two animals per 4-H member may be tagged. Each exhibitor may tag one back up steer. If a family has multiple members selling steers, they may tag a family back up steer.
8. No underfed animals will be sold. A tape measurement will be taken and recorded on the feed record each month. A steer must weigh 950 pounds and a grass-fed steer must weigh 900 pounds and must make a judge's grade of Select+ or higher to qualify for the market sale.
9. At County Fair time, the steers must qualify as either summer yearling or junior yearling to be shown at the fair. The steer that is sold must be born between January 1 and September 1 of the preceding year.
10. A member with an "untrainable" steer may solicit the committee for the opportunity to substitute a steer of like weight or less weight. Five members of the committee are minimum to make this decision. This decision must be made by May 1 of the market sale year.
11. All grass-fed steers are recommended to be of British origin (Hereford, Black/Red Angus, British White, Murray Grey, Shorthorn, Galloway, and Devon) or a high percentage of British genetics. Other breeds usually do not finish well on grass.
12. All grass-fed steers are to be **GRASS-FED** from date of acquisition (the date it arrives on your farm) or from the date you take possession of it, and may not be older than 10 months at the time of acquisition/possession.
13. At the County Fair, feed records will be used to determine whether the animal qualifies to be sold as grass-fed and be no older than 30 months at the time of the

market sale.

## **GUIDELINES FOR GRASS-FED BEEF EXHIBITORS**

1. Grass-fed is defined as animals allowed to eat only pasture forages, grasses (perennial/annual/Italian ryegrasses, orchard grass, etc.), legumes/forbs (alfalfa, clovers, Swedes, mangles, beets, etc.), herbs, whole flax seeds, flax meal or flax oil by-products, grazed summer and winter annuals (corn, rye, oats, barley, triticale, etc.)  
**NOTE:** seeds must not be developed when grazed, any combination of the above list can be fed as stored forage (hay, balage, silage, etc.)
2. A grass-fed steer is prohibited from eating any of the following (due to the Ph chemical reactions that takes place in the animals stomach and changes to the chemistry of the meat). Grains (except flax seed), corn silage, any GMO's (genetically modified organism), animal and fish by-products, supplemental hormones, steroids, artificial growth enhancers.

## **2017 RULES FOR MARKET HOG CLASS**

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1. All barrows or gilts should be born 190 days prior to the fair of the sale year.
2. Each market hog exhibitor must show a female or qualifying male the year preceding the Market Animal Sale and show another swine in addition to the animal being sold in the current project year.
3. All hogs must be in possession of the exhibitor and be weighed by a Market Animal Sale Committee member between May 10-15 of the sale year. The maximum weight at weigh-in shall be approximately 70 pounds.
4. Bathroom or barn scales may be used. Weight must be recorded on forms and provided to the Market Animal Sale Committee
5. Three hogs may be weighed and tagged at this time. Only one barrow or gilt may be sold at the Market Animal Sale.
6. All hogs must be ear tagged for positive identification at weigh-in by Market Animal Sale Committee members.
7. If a market sale hog's ear tag is lost, call a Market Animal Sale Committee member as soon as possible so the animal can be retagged.
8. Minimum weight at the time of the final weigh-in will be 200 pounds. There will be no limit put on the maximum weight. However, the market animal must meet judging criteria of grade, number 1 or 2, and the buyer shall pay for weight recorded not to exceed 300 pounds.
9. Only barrows and gilts grading number 1 or 2 will be eligible for the 4-H Market Animal Sale. Market hogs will be graded at the time of judging.

## **2017 RULES FOR SHEEP EXHIBITORS**

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1. All market lambs must be born after January 1 of the sale year.
2. All sheep must be wethers or ewes. No rams are allowed.
3. Sheep exhibitors must also participate in the 4-H Sheep Project with a female or qualifying male the preceding year of their participation in the Market Animal Sale. They must show another sheep in addition to the animal being sold.
4. Three wethers/ewes may be weighed and tagged but only one wether or ewe may be sold at the Market Animal Sale.
5. All wethers or ewes must be weighed between May 10-15 of the sale year. Weight must be recorded on forms and provided to the Market Animal Sale Committee. Bathroom or barn scales may be used for weighing.
6. All market sheep must be ear tagged for positive identification at weigh-in by a Market Animal Sale Committee member.
7. If market sale wether or ewe's ear tag is lost, call a Market Animal Sale Committee member as soon as possible so the animal can be retagged.
8. Minimum weight at the time of the final weigh-in will be 90 pounds. There will be no maximum weight. Wethers and ewes grading prime, choice or good will be eligible for the 4-H Market Animal Sale.

## **2017 RULES FOR GOAT EXHIBITORS**

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1. All market meat goats must be born after January 1 of the sale year.
  2. All meat goats must be wethers or does. No bucks are allowed.
  3. Goat exhibitors must also participate in the 4-H Goat Project with a female or qualifying male the preceding year of their participation in the Market Animal Sale. They must show another goat in addition to the animal being sold.
  4. Three wethers/ewes may be weighed and tagged, but only one wether/doe may be sold at the Market Animal Sale.
  5. All wethers/does must be weighed between May 10-15 of the sale year. Weight must be recorded on forms and provided to the Market Animal Sale Committee. Bathroom or barn scales may be used for weighing.
  6. All wethers/does must be ear tagged for positive identification by a Market Animal Sale Committee member.
  7. If a market sale wether or doe's ear tag is lost, call a Market Animal Sale Committee member as soon as possible so the animal can be retagged.
  8. Minimum weight at the time of the final weigh-in will be 50 pounds. There will be no maximum weight.
  9. Wethers/does grading prime, choice, or good will be eligible for the 4-H Market Animal Sale.
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