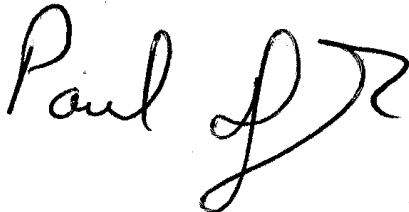


November 5, 2008

TO: Beef Project Leaders and Members  
FFA Advisors  
Market Livestock Committee Members  
Dave Henke, Beef Barn Superintendent  
George Stanchfield, FdL Co. Fair Board  
Mark Ryan, FDL Fair Board



FROM: Paul Dyk, Dairy and Livestock Agent  
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RE: Beef Project Weigh-In Information for **Saturday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

***FFA ADVISORS: PLEASE PASS ALONG ONE COPY OF THIS LETTER AND THE NEEDED WEIGH-IN FORMS TO YOUR BEEF PROJECT PARTICIPANTS.***

ALL potential Fond du Lac County Fair steers will be weighed in **at the Fairgrounds on SATURDAY DECEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>, between 9 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.** Once again, we will be weighing in the Cow Palace. Enclosed you will find an entry form that **must be completed and presented at the time of initial weigh-in.** Important information and rules that apply to the initial weigh-in are as follows:

- All steers will be ear tagged with official FdL County tags at the time of initial weigh-in. **NEW for 2009: All livestock animals will be double-tagged at weigh-in. One tag will be the RFID tag and the other tag will be an additional tamper-proof matching tag. If an animal loses one tag, the MLC needs to be contacted to re-tag the animal. If an animal loses both tags, the animal will be disqualified from the competition.**
- No pictures are required. The double tagging system will be used and applied for identification.
- All steers must be haltered as they are unloaded from trailers to go on the scale. Steers without halters will not be weighed. Further, things will go much smoother if steers are broke to lead. You will be expected to help move/lead your steers onto the scales.
- **Any steer that has not been castrated will not be weighed.**
- There will be **NO maximum allowable weight** at the time of initial weigh-in. However, recognize that over-finished steers at fair time will not be competitive in the show ring.
- The minimum weight for steers to sell in the 2009 Market Livestock Auction will be **1050 lbs. for beef bred and 1100 lbs. for dairy bred.**
- When purchasing market animals for exhibition and sale in 2009, you must obtain a signed and dated receipt of purchase from the seller. The receipt must include any identification information that is available (for example, birth date, ear notch, etc.). If needed at a later date, the burden of ownership proof will be on the exhibitor and will include an original receipt of purchase.
- A maximum of 3 steers can be weighed, however, only one can be sold in the market livestock sale. Members can show both a beef steer and a dairy steer.
- Only one exhibitor name can be associated with a steer EXCEPT in the case of brothers/sisters.
- **Other important changes for 2009:**

- All animals competing for Champion or Reserve Champion will do so with the intention of being sold. Any double champions will need to choose which animal to sell and forfeit the champion designation of the other animal. This will have the Reserve Champion move into the Champion designation and the Honorable Mention to be moved into the Reserve Champion designation.
- Animals can be sold only once during the Livestock Sale.
- **The sale is a terminal sale.** Animals sold during the sale are not to be resold, “switched” for other animals, or shown at other fairs.

Again, have your forms and ready to turn in **at the time of initial weigh-in**. Please call if you have any questions or concerns.

Have a great holiday season.