

2009 Fond du Lac County Market Livestock Committee Standard Operating Procedures

1. Mission Statement of the Market Livestock Committee (MLC) is as follows:
_To Be Developed_in 2008_

2. The organization of the Market Livestock Committee shall follow the “Market Livestock Committee Organizational Structure” as outlined in Appendix 1. This will be updated yearly to reflect changes in committee members or other changes deemed necessary by the Fond du Lac County Agricultural Society Board of Directors.
3. Exhibitors will follow the “Fond du Lac County 4-H and FFA Meat Animal Project – Project and Sales Guidelines, Entry Information” which is outlined in the “Fond du Lac County Fair – Rules and Regulations” which is printed and distributed by the Fond du Lac County Fair. (See Appendix 2) Exhibitors are also subject to all general rules, regulations and codes of conduct laid out in the rest of the “Fair Book”. This is updated biennially by the Fond du Lac County Agricultural Society.
4. For animals to be sold at the annual Meat Sale supported by the MLC, exhibitors must meet educational requirements laid out in the “Market Livestock Project Educational Requirement”. (Appendix 3) This will be updated as seen necessary by the committee. A list of the educational programs that qualify for the MLC will be maintained at the following website: <http://fonddulac.uwex.edu/ag/meat.html> Educational credits accumulated by exhibitors will be available at the same site. Questions on the educational requirements or the points accumulated can be addressed to UW Extension, Paul Dyk 920-929-3171.
5. All Animal shown at the Fond du Lac County Fair are required to have a Livestock Premise ID. (see www.wiid.org)
6. Additional Rules and Regulations:
 - a. Weigh-ins
 - i. Dates for weigh-ins will be set by the MLC.
 - ii. Animal weigh-ins will be under the supervision of the MLC. Exhibitors will be told the weight of their animal at the time of the weigh-in (initial and final).
 - iii. Exhibitors will be informed at the time of the final weigh-in if their animal does not meet the minimum weight requirements for the market livestock sale (as outline in the “Fair Book”).
 - iv. Exhibitors will be allowed to reweigh their animals if they are below the minimum sales requirement (within the posted weigh-in time frame).
 - v. If an exhibitor disputes the weight of an animal (at the time of weigh-in), the scale will be checked using standardized weights and the animal will be reweighed. Weight is final.
7. All livestock animals will be double-tagged at weigh-in. One tag will be the RFID tag and an additional tamper-proof tag. If an animal loses a 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.
8. 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.
9. Animals can be sold only once during the Livestock Sale.

10. 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.
11. Disputes of any kind will be handled according to procedures laid out by “Fair book”.
12. These SOPs will be reviewed and updated yearly. A revised copy will be given to the Fair Board by December 1.

Document last updated on: November 12, 2008

Fond du Lac County
Market Livestock Committee Organizational Structure
 2009 Show Year (November 1, 2008 thru October 31, 2009)

Name	Species/Group Represented	Current Term Expiration	Term Number
1. Ron Felten	Beef	October 31, 2010	1
2. David Hass	Beef	October 31, 2009	1
3. Kevin Beck	Swine	October 31, 2009	1
4. Tari Costello	Swine	October 31, 2011	2
5. Kim Pruss	Sheep	October 31, 2010	1
6. Lee Kurth	Sheep	October 31, 2010	1
7. Vicki Tonn	Goats	October 31, 2011	2
8. Dan Robinson	FFA Advisor	October 31, 2009	1
9. Rod Drendel	4-H Leader @ Large	October 31, 2011	2
10. Emily Ries	Youth Representative	October 31, 2010	1
11. Steven Gross	Youth Representative	October 31, 2010	1
12. Mark Ryan	Fair Board	N/A	N/A
13. Paul Dyk	Extension Office	N/A	N/A
14. Vacant	Livestock Superintendent (rotating annually with beef, swine, sheep/goats)		

Organizational Guidelines

1. The Committee will consist of two representatives each for beef, swine and sheep; one goat representative, a FFA advisor, 4-H leader at large, and two youth representatives. Non-voting members will include a Fair Board member, Fair livestock superintendent, and the UW Extension dairy/livestock agent. The Committee needs to establish and carry out livestock activities throughout the year. Not all positions need to be filled at all times.
2. A term will be 3 years, with the member's option to serve an additional 3-year term. After serving 2 consecutive 3-year terms, an individual must relinquish his/her committee position. A person may serve again after being off the committee for a period of 2 or more years.
 - In 2007-08, committee members appointed to a 1 or 2-year term on the Market Livestock Committee will be able to seek a 3-year term position at the conclusion of their 2008-09 appointed term. Those appointed to a 1-year term may serve a total of 4 years, with those appointed to a 2-year term serving a total of 5 years.
3. Committee meetings are open to any member of the general public.
4. Committee positions are filled from applications completed by individuals interested in serving on the Market Livestock Committee. Application deadline is September 30 for the position(s) that are open for the coming year. The Market Livestock Committee year begins November 1 and ends October 31 of the following year.
5. If a committee member leaves before the end of their 3-year term, the Fair Board will seek a replacement to fulfill the remainder of the term.
6. Committee members are expected to attend all committee meetings and county market livestock functions. Members who miss a majority of committee meetings in a given year are subject to replacement by the Fair Board if that is the recommendation of the majority (more than half) of the other committee members. Members are also expected to co-chair and provide leadership for market livestock sub-committees (e.g. beef, swine, sheep, goats, publicity, etc.).
7. Committee elected officers will be: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer. Officers will be elected at the November meeting. A committee member may not serve as treasurer in their 6th consecutive year (last year of second 3-year term) on the committee.
8. Committee terms begin November 1 of the current year and end October 31 of the following year.
9. Committee treasurer is required to present to the Fair Board treasurer a copy of the Market Livestock Committee's monthly bank statement and a monthly cash receipts and disbursements statement.
10. Committee needs to provide a written copy of the standard operating procedures of the Market Livestock project. This document needs to be updated annually and presented to the Fair Board for approval no later than December 1 of the current year.
11. A percentage of the market livestock auction should be used for maintaining equipment used during the Fair.
 - 2009-2011 – Not to exceed 6%, with 1% going to replace pens in livestock building; with the Fair Board receiving ½ of 1%; the remaining 3 1/2% to be divided equally, ½ being used for plant and equipment and ½ to be used for education and other market livestock expenses. An additional 2% will be deducted if \$10,000 is not raised by March 1, 2009, to cover purchase of pens in livestock building.
 - 2012+ – Not to exceed 5%, with Fair Board receiving 1% and the remainder divided equally, ½ plant and equipment and ½ to be used for education and other market livestock expenses.
12. The Fair Board recommends all Market Livestock Committee members attend the Youth Orientation Program presented by the county youth agent.

Appendix 2

Fair Book (new 2009-2010 pages)

Appendix 3

2009 Market Livestock Project Educational Requirements

General Guidelines:

1. Market Livestock Project participants are required to compete 6 educational credits to sell an animal in the Meat Animal Sale. THERE WILL BE NO SALE REQUIREMENT FOR YOUTH WHO GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL THE PREVIOUS YEAR (i.e. in the last year of junior show eligibility).
2. The calendar year for completing 6 credits begins the Monday following the previous fair and ends on the Friday preceding the current year's fair. Hence, attendance at the previous year's carcass show(s) are credited for the next year's educational requirement.
3. For planned county market livestock educational programs, there will be an official sign-up sheet at the event.
4. For local events/activities involving a limited number of project members (e.g. judging teams, Meat Animal classes, etc.), the event/activity coordinator is responsible for contacting the UW Extension office with the name(s) of participants.
5. For events/activities outside of the area (e.g. NASCO Fitting and Showing Clinic,), a livestock project activity form must be taken to the event and signed by the event coordinator. Forms are available from the UW Extension office and must be acquired **prior to** attending the event or activity. Events/activities not listed on the Meat Animal Education Web Page must be preapproved.
6. Events and activities that will not be accepted for credit include those that are sponsored and limited to members of a specific FFA chapter or 4-H club. However, project members are encouraged to help plan and participate in these types of activities.
7. Project members will be informed of market livestock educational events as they are planned and finalized.
8. Final credits and sale eligibility will be determined on the Friday preceding the fair. No more credits will be accepted after that time.
9. Planned events intended for credit must be approved at least one month prior to the event date. Contact Paul Dyk, Fond du Lac Co. Dairy and Livestock Agent, for final approval.
10. All events will be posted on the Fond du Lac Co. Meat Animal Project Web Site:
<http://fonddulac.uwex.edu/aq/meat.html>