

## 2009 FOND DU LAC COUNTY FAIR MARKET BEEF PROJECT ENTRY FORM

*Initial Weigh-In: Saturday December 27, 2008, Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds.*  
This form must be completed and turned in at the time of initial weight-in to qualify for the 2009 Fond du Lac County Market Livestock Sale and Rate-of-Gain Contest.

**PRINT NEATLY!**

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

(Multiple names may be indicated for an individual animal only in the case where it is within a family (brothers and sisters) and the animals are housed in the same location – Fairbook Rules.)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club or FFA Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

B (Beef) D (Dairy)*	Birthdate (if known) <i>(Must be after January 1, 2008)</i>	ID Ear Tag	Initial Weight

\*Animals must be straight bred dairy to qualify as dairy market steer.

I hereby certify that this animal is accurately represented by the information on this form.

Signature of Exhibitor: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Weigher: \_\_\_\_\_

**Important: To be eligible for carcass contest, enter animal in the carcass show with your fair entries!!**

**TURN OVER TO SIGN COOL AFFIDAVIT!!**

## **COOL for Youth Exhibitors**

Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) will begin September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008. This USDA rule provides consumers the knowledge and information of where their food originated. There has been much discussion on this topic since the 2002 farm bill, and it is now going into effect. This rule affects beef, lamb pork, and goats as well as other commodities like fish, nuts and ginseng.

How does this rule affect youth exhibitors? COOL does not directly regulate livestock producers, however producers have first-hand knowledge concerning the origin of their animals. Therefore, youth who purchase and or raise their animals need to know the origin of their animals, especially if sold to large-scale processors (Tyson, etc.), buying stations (Equity, etc.) or to local meat processors who sell to major retailers. Youth exhibitors may not know the final destination of their project at the time it is sold, therefore, all exhibitors should complete an affidavit of Country of Origin of their animal to be passed to the buyer of their project animal. If you purchase your project animal, it is also suggested to obtain a Country of Origin affidavit from the seller. Retain this affidavit for your own records. This provides additional evidence of the validity of the Country of Origin affidavit that the exhibitor passes to the buyer of their project animal, if it is required. There is an example form on the Extension Youth Livestock website that has all of the required information.

During the first 6 months of implementation of the COOL rule, USDA will provide additional education and support, and this may result in changes in the program. For more information, access the USDA COOL website for these updates at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/> and click on Country of Origin Labeling (COOL), or go to the Extension Youth Livestock Website at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/youthlivestock/index.cfm> and click on COOL.

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### **Country of Origin Affidavit/Declaration**

As an affidavit is deemed by USDA as an official record of Country of Origin, I attest through first-hand knowledge, normal business records, or producer affidavit(s) that all livestock referenced by this document or other communications specific to the transaction and transferred are of U.S. origin (born and raised in the U.S.).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Farm or Company Name (if applicable)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Animals \_\_\_\_\_

Species \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_

Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Ear Tag (s) \_\_\_\_\_