

2021 Dunn County Fair Meat Animal Project (MAP) Entry Rules

The Dunn County Fair Meat Animal Project is a commitment that starts with the rules meeting in the winter and continues through the carcass clinic and thanking the buyers the following summer. Project members need to complete the project as indicated by the following rules. It is your responsibility to understand the rules that apply to you. If you need help, contact your species committee member.

Mission Statement

The primary objective of the Dunn County Fair Meat Animal Project is to encourage and educate project members to improve their programs in the production, breeding and management of high-quality meat that will more adequately meet processing requirements and provide wholesome, nutritious, and palatable meat as a food for the consumer.

Eligibility

- Any youth exhibitor that meets the Eligibility to Exhibit section requirements as outlined in the Dunn County Fair Book is eligible for the Dunn County Fair Meat Animal Project.
- He/she must be enrolled in any of the following projects or enterprises: beef, dairy, sheep, swine and/or goats.
 - Cloverbuds are not eligible to participate in the project.
- The Committee has the right to review individual eligibility.
- All exhibitors must follow County, State and Federal mandates, including but not limited to applicable IRS Regulations.

New for 2021

- Deadlines for the following:
 - YQCA Certificate and Species Entry: May 14, 2021 – NO EXCEPTIONS or you will not be eligible to sell.
 - You may use your valid 2020 YQCA certificate to cover the requirement for 2021.
 - If you do not have a valid certificate for 2020, you must complete the online training on the YQCA website. See YQCA section below.
- This document covers rules that apply to all MAP participants. Each species has its own guidelines which should be consulted and understood as well. Species specific guidelines are available on the [Dunn County Fair website](#) or [Extension Dunn County website](#).

Orientation and Rules Meeting

- This meeting is not mandatory but encouraged for all MAP Members.
 - Normally, the meetings are held in December and April at 6:30pm at the Dunn County Community Services Building. Due to COVID-19, no meetings will be held for 2021.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals Certification (YQCA)

- YQCA is required for all members to sell an animal at the MAP Auction.
 - It is acceptable to re-use a valid 2020 YQCA certificate for the year 2021.
 - If you do not have a valid certificate for 2020, you must complete the online training on the YQCA website. Another highly encouraged option is to take the online individualized YQCA training.
 - To sign up for a scheduled training, or to take the online training, you must create or update your previous profile at YQCA's website. 4-H families can sign in with their 4-H Online profiles while members of other youth organizations will need to use the other option to sign in – both are available at: [Youth for the Quality Care of Animals website](#).
 - Whether the course is completed in person or online, this certificate must be turned into the Dunn County Fair on or before Friday, May 14, 2021. No exemptions or the exhibitor will not sell.

Project Options

- Members can choose to participate in either the Market Meat Animal Project or the Performance Meat Animal Project.
 - Performance Meat Animal Projects are eligible for total performance awards.
 - Total performance is a combination of live show rank, average daily gain (ADG) rank, and carcass rank.
 - The initial weigh in is required to participate in Performance as ADG is a performance indicator.

Ear tag Identification/Loss of Ear Tag

- All beef, sheep, goat, and swine project animal are required to have a Dunn County 982 RFID ear tag.
- The 982 number must be registered during the designated species weigh-in or by the due date specified in your species' guidelines.

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Weigh-in Dates and Requirements

- Refer to your species project guidelines or talk to your species MAP committee representative.

Members may enter the following number of animals:

- Beef – 5 (steers or heifers)
- Sheep – 5 (wethers or ewes)
- Swine – 5 (barrows or gilts)
- Goats – 5 (wethers or does)
- NOTE: Families can weigh in together (siblings only) and may transfer animals amongst family members.
 - Specific ownership of the animal must be declared at final weigh in.

MAP participants must abide by all Dunn County Fair rules and regulations.

- Please ensure you review these at the [Dunn County Fair website](#).
 - Refer to last years' fair book until the new version is available.

Animal Care and Herdsmanship:

- The project animal(s) must be in the care of the project member.
- All livestock exhibits must be properly watered, fed, cleaned, and cared for at all times during the fair until check-out on Sunday.
- Stalls and pens will be checked at 9:00 am and periodically throughout the day and the course of the fair.
- Penalties are assessed to members not meeting the standards of the superintendent.
- Standards will be posted in each barn area.

Sale/Auction/Fair Weigh-In

- All animals for each species, beef, swine, sheep, and goats, up to 110 animals, meeting the sale criteria are eligible to sell.
- If there are under 110 animals and your animal makes minimum weight you will be eligible to sell.
- If there are over 110 animals, we will use the available data, scanned and/or live carcass grading to make cuts.
 - Note weight requirements per species.
- The Scan Technician and Judge's (Live and Carcass) decisions are FINAL in all cases.
- NOTE: In the event that carcass ultrasound scan data is not available, the committee will utilize judge's live grading to establish eligibility for the auction. Scan Data will also be utilized for the Carcass Clinic Rankings.

Fair Weigh-in Date and Requirements

- Refer to your species project rules/guide or talk to your species MAP committee representative.
- Animals can only be weighed ONCE during Fair weigh-in.
 - The maximum number of animals to sell in the auction is 110; guaranteed sale numbers:
 - 35 beef
 - 50 hogs
 - 10 goats
 - 15 sheep
 - Substitutions between species allowed until the maximum sale number is reached.
 - What if sale numbers exceed quota?
 - To meet maximum quotas, it may be necessary to eliminate animals meeting minimum weights and grade.
 - Under that circumstance, elimination will begin with the last-place carcass ranking (based on scan data or live grading) and continue upward until the quota has been met.
 - Judge's decision is final in all cases.
 - How are substitutions handled?
 - In the event that one or more species have not met their quota for sale numbers and others have exceeded their quota, substitution may be allowed.
 - Allocation of open sale spots will be based on a proportion of excess animals.
 - Once the number of animals to substitute has been determined, allocation within a species will be based on scan data carcass ranking where the next eligible animal will be substituted first.
 - In the event scan data carcass ranking is not available, live grade carcass ranking will be used.

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Carcass Ultrasound Scan Data

- Scan data will be released an hour after each species show if carcass data is available for that species.

Carcass Ultrasound Scan

- Each exhibitor has one free of charge carcass scan for their species of choice.
 - This animal must be determined by Wednesday at the conclusion of each species weigh in.
- Any additional carcass scans must be paid by the exhibitor at the time of initial weigh in.
 - The cost is \$5.00, exact cash is required.

Percent Fat-Free Lean (%FFL)

- Information to calculate %FFL is collected during the ultrasound scan and determined by the Scan Technician or Carcass Judge.
- The Scan Technician and Judge's (Live and Carcass) decision is final in all cases.

Fit for Consumption

- All market animals must be fit for human consumption at fair weigh-in and remain so up until slaughter.
- Any animals sold that have an unacceptable odor or taste due to masculine characteristics (or that are found to be over the age listed in your species rules) will be subject to an adjustment between the buyer and the seller under the guidance of the MAP.

One Animal Per Member is Eligible to Sell in the Auction

- Only animals sold in the auction are eligible for the Carcass Clinic and awards.

Identifying Sale Animal

- Exhibitors must identify their sale animal no later than one hour after carcass results are posted by notifying their respective superintendent in each barn area.

WI State Fair Exhibitors

- In the event of a conflict with Wisconsin State Fair, those exhibitors showing animals at the Wisconsin State Fair must follow the County Fair rules for entry.
- Additional State Fair Waiver rules apply.
 - Project member is responsible to obtain these rules.

WI State Fair Waiver

- If a state fair waiver is going to be requested, the respective species superintendent should be notified within one hour after the respective show.

Project Poster

- Each member must complete and place the project poster above their animal by 9:00 pm on Wednesday of the fair.
- The poster must be updated immediately after the Meat Animal Sale by adding the buyer's name and sale price by the 30-minute post sale deadline.

Expense Records

- Expense records will begin at initial weigh-in and must be maintained during the entire feeding period.
- Suggested prices will be given to those not actually purchasing the animal and/or feed and will also be posted in a convenient location.

Sale Attendance

- In the event a project member is unable to sell his/her animal in the auction, a family member enrolled in the project or another club/chapter member enrolled in the project may take the animal into the sale ring.
- It is the member's responsibility to make these arrangements and to notify the species superintendent as to any changes at least one hour prior to the sale.
- The sale announcer will state the reason the original seller is not in the ring.

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Commission

- A sales commission of 5% will be assessed to the gross receipts of the meat animal sale.
 - This 5% deduction will be used for administering project awards (4%) and the remaining 1% will go to the Dunn County Fair Board to improve the Rec Park facilities.
- In addition, each member will be assessed an ultrasound fee (at cost per animal evaluated) if they decided to scan more than one of their animals for the live carcass evaluation.
 - Non-sale animals may be given an ultrasound scan for an additional fee per animal, to be paid the day of the ultrasound.
- Fees for the Beef and Swine Check-Off will also be administered as determined by the National Species Office.

Seller Etiquette

- Buyers are integral to the market animal sale and are to be treated with utmost respect by participants and their families.
- There will be ZERO TOLERANCE of any badgering, harassment, etc. of buyers by either participants or their families (including, but not limited to, parents, siblings, grandparents, and stepfamily members).

Thank You Note

- A prompt Thank You note is required to be delivered to the buyer.

Penalties

- The Dunn County Fair Meat Animal Project Committee will determine punishment, which may lead up to, and include, termination of participation in the Dunn County Fair Meat Animal Project for life.
- Failure to abide by these rules may result in a youth being banned from participating in the following year.

Carcass Clinic and Awards

- The Carcass Clinic must be attended by all project members, trophies will be awarded to the next place project member if you do not attend.
- The Clinic is set for September 2021 with a date to be announced.
- Graduated seniors are exempt from attending the Carcass Clinic however they will still be eligible for awards.

Exemptions

- No Exemptions will be allowed for exhibitors who do not attend the mandatory carcass clinic, a \$25 check deduction will be enforced.

Awards

- Carcass Awards will be presented to individual project members in the following categories for Beef, Sheep, Goats, and Swine.
 - NOTE: Project members must be entered in the Dunn County Fair Carcass Class in their respective species to be eligible for awards.
- Carcass and Total Performance Awards are as follow:
 - If there are less than 10 animals exhibited in a species in the carcass class, only 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place carcass and total performance awards will be given.
 - Additional 2nd place trophies may be awarded to beef exhibitors if more than 6 animals are judged within a class.
 - Weighted Total Performance is calculated using the following formula: (ADG rank x .4) + (Carcass rank x .4) + (Live Grade rank x .2).
 - Total Performance scores are then ranked lowest to highest with the total performance tie breaker being carcass rank when more than one animal receives the same total performance score.

Champion Beef, Swine, Goat & Lamb Carcass	Total Performance Goat & Lamb	Total Performance Single Breed Beef	Total Performance Crossbred Beef	Total Performance Dairy
1 st Place	1 st Place	1 st Place	1 st Place	1 st Place
2 nd Place	2 nd Place	2 nd Place	2 nd Place	2 nd Place
3 rd Place	3 rd Place			
4 th Place				
5 th Place				

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Educational Requirements

- YQCA is the only mandatory educational requirement whether in person or online this certificate must be turned into the Dunn County Fair on or before: Friday, May 14, 2021.
 - No exemptions or the exhibitor will not sell. You may use a valid 2020 certificate if already completed.
- Educational opportunities that may be provided and are highly recommended for project members will include the following:
 - Workshop held at a locker plant, prior to the fair (April)
 - Indianhead Sheep and Goat Breeder's Small Ruminant Clinic (late January)
 - Feeding and Nutrition Clinic (mid-February)
 - Fitting and Showing Clinic (late spring)

Additional Information

- All times, dates and locations are subject to change.
- Information may be posted at the [Dunn County Fair website](#) or [Extension Dunn County website](#) and/or emailed to members using the emails provided by the members.
- Please make sure your contact information is up to date with the project.
- Consider liking and following the Dunn County 4-H and Dunn County Fair's Facebook site so that you will get the latest news on MAP. You may also call your species area superintendent for more information.
- Other applicable rules can be found in the species guide for your project (beef, swine, sheep, and goats). Please ensure that you have read and understand these species-specific rules. If you have questions, please contact your species MAP representative or species superintendent.

◇ It is a privilege, not a right, to be in the Dunn County Fair Meat Animal Project ◇