2025 Dunn County Fair Meat Animal Project Rules

The Dunn County Fair Meat Animal Project (MAP) is a commitment that starts with the rules meeting in the winter (if applicable) and continues through the carcass awards 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.

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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.

Information for 2025

- Deadlines for the following:
    - Beef Species Project Entry Forms: due at Beef weigh-in, February 8, 2025, 8–10 AM CST.
    - Beef YQCA Certificates: due April 12,2025, 4 PM via email to Del Keyes (millroaddel1@gmail.com).
    - Swine, Sheep and Goat Project Entry Forms and YQCA Certificates: due at Sheep/Goat weigh-in, April 12, 2025, 8–10 AM CST.
    - Pig Project Entry Forms and YQCA Certificates: due at Sheep/Goat weigh-in, April 12, 2025, 8–10 AM CST.
- Total Performance/Top Carcass awards will be presented at awards ceremony in December. Date/Time to be announced later.

IMPORTANT: This document covers rules that apply to all MAP participants. Fair Rules, Entry Forms, and other MAP information is available on the Dunn County Fair website.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals Certification (YQCA)

- YQCA is required for all members to sell an animal at the MAP Auction.
    - If you do not have a valid certificate for 2025, you must complete the online training on the YQCA website https://yqcaprogram.org/
    - A copy of the certificate must be turned in no later than April 12, 2025, please see above for times.
    - No exemptions or the exhibitor will not sell.

Understanding Market vs. Performance Project Options

	Market	Performance
Initial weigh-in required?	No – except for beef, initial weigh-in required	Yes
Ultrasound scan required at the fair?	Yes – if there are > 110 animals	Yes
Required to weigh-in at the fair?	Yes	Yes
Eligible to sell in the Meat Animal Auction?	Yes – must meet species specific sale criteria	Yes – must meet species specific sale criteria
Eligible for Carcass Awards?	Yes	Yes
Eligible for Total Performance Awards?	No	Yes

Species Specific MAP Rules

Species	Beef	Sheep	Goats	Swine
Superintendent	Del Keyes (715) 308-7049	Lindsay Barnhart (715) 556-9199	Lori Gorell (715) 379-3401	Tina Edwards (715) 309-3166
Species Rep	Jennifer Dressel (715) 962-4132	Josh Knutson (715) 505-6948	Amy Smiskey (715) 308-8818	Joe Creaser (507) 272-7038
Project Options (Market vs. Performance)	• All Beef animals will be entered into the Market **and** Performance Meat Animal Projects • 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 used to determine ADG, which is a performance indicator.	• 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.	• 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.	• Members can only participate in the Market Animal Project. There is no Performance Meat Animal Project as there is not a Swine weigh-in. • There is not a Swine weigh-in due WI Swine Transport Laws and PRRS testing requirements. • See DATCP for more information on the WI Swine Transport Laws and PRRS testing requirements.
Initial Weigh-in	• Required (if you are unable to attend the weigh-in on February 8, 2025, contact Del Keyes) • February 8, 2025, 8–10:00 AM CST	• Optional; however, Project Entry Forms and valid YQCA certificate must be submitted in person at the Sheep/Goat weigh-in. • April 12, 2025, 8–10:00 AM CST	• Optional; however, Project Entry Forms and valid YQCA certificate must be submitted in person at the Sheep/Goat weigh-in. • April 12, 2025, 8–10:00 AM CST	• No weigh-in • However, Project Entry Forms and valid YQCA certificate must be submitted in person at the Sheep/Goat weigh-in, April 12, 2025, 8–10:00 AM CST
Maximum Weight at Initial Weigh-in	• N/A – no maximum	• N/A – no maximum	• N/A – no maximum	• N/A – no weigh-in
Project Entry	• Project Entry Forms must be submitted in person at the Beef weigh-in by the Beef Member. • *YQCA forms must be provided to the Beef Superintendent either directly or via email, no later than April 12, 2025, 4:00 PM.*	• Project Entry Forms and valid YQCA certificate must be submitted in person at the Sheep/Goat weigh-in. • No electronic, fax, text or mail submissions will be accepted.	• Project Entry Forms and valid YQCA certificate must be submitted in person at the Sheep/Goat weigh-in. • No electronic, fax, text or mail submissions will be accepted.	• Project Entry Forms and valid YQCA certificate must be submitted in person at the Sheep/Goat weigh-in. • No electronic, fax, text or mail submissions will be accepted.
Ear tag ID/Animal ID	• Required to have a Dunn County ear tag. • Ear tags will be placed during the weigh-in. • RFID tag number will be registered during the weigh-in.	• Required to have a Dunn County ear tag and a scrapie tag. • For animals that are weighed-in, RFID tags will be placed during the weigh-in. • RFID tag number will be registered during the weigh-in.	• Required to have a Dunn County ear tag and a scrapie tag. • For animals that are weighed-in, RFID tags will be placed during the weigh-in. • RFID tag number will be registered during the weigh-in.	• Required to have a Dunn County ear tag. • RFID tag number will be registered during the Sheep/Goat weigh-in.
Replacing a Lost Tag	• If an ear tag is lost on a project animal, immediately contact the Dunn County Beef	• If an animal loses a RFID tag, contact the Species Superintendent. The ear tag will be replaced at the fair entry.	• If an animal loses a RFID tag, contact the Species Superintendent. The ear tag will be replaced at the fair entry.	• If an animal loses an ear tag, contact the Species Representative. The ear tag will be replaced at the fair entry.

Species	Beef	Sheep	Goats	Swine
	Superintendents to be replaced.	• If an animal loses a scrapie tag, replace it, and provide the Species Superintendent with the new Scrapie tag number.	• If an animal loses a scrapie tag, replace it, and provide the Species Superintendent with the new Scrapie tag number.	
Maximum number of animals that may be entered	• Beef – 5 (steers or heifers) • 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.	• Sheep – 5 (wethers or ewes) • 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.	• 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.	• Swine – 5 (barrows or gilts) • NOTE: Families can sign-up together (siblings only) and may transfer animals amongst family members. • Specific ownership of the animal must be declared at final weigh-in.
Species Specific / Animal Requirements	• All beef must be born after January 1 of the year previous of the exhibit year. • All males must show obvious signs of castration at the initial weigh-in.	• All sheep must be born after January 1st of the exhibit year. • All males must show obvious signs of castration at the initial weigh-in.	• All goats must be born after December 15th of the previous exhibit year. • All males must show obvious signs of castration at the initial weigh-in.	• All swine must be born after January 1 of the exhibit year. • All males must show obvious signs of castration at the fair.
Fair Weigh-in	• Wednesday of the Dunn County Fair, 3-5 PM.	• Wednesday of the Dunn County Fair, 2-3 PM.	• Wednesday of the Dunn County Fair, 2-3 PM.	• Wednesday of the Dunn County Fair, 10 AM-2 PM
Minimum Weight to Sell (≤ 110 sale eligible animals)	• Beef – 1100 • Dairy – 1200 • Lowline/Jersey/mini – 700 lbs.	• 110 lbs.	• 65 lbs.	• 220 lbs.
Sale Requirements (> 110 sale eligible animals) **IMPORTANT:** Carcass scan is only required when there are > 110 animals; otherwise, carcass scan is optional.	• Beef - Grade: >Select (scan or live) • Dairy - Grade: >Select (scan or live) • Lowline - Grade: >Select (scan or live) • Carcass ranking when scan data is available for all species; otherwise, live grading • Additional information on maximum sale numbers is available below)	• Carcass ranking when scan data is available for all species; otherwise, live grading. • Live grading based on rank	• Carcass ranking when scan data is available for all species; otherwise, live grading. • Live grading based on rank	• Carcass ranking when scan data is available for all species; otherwise, live grading. • Live Grading – Must be U.S. #1 or #2.
Maximum Paid Weight	• Beef – 1500 lbs. • Dairy – 1600 lbs. • Lowline/Jersey – 1100 lbs.	• 160 lbs.	• No maximum	• 300 lbs.
Breeding Animal Requirements	• See fair book	• See fair book	• See fair book	• See fair book
Health Requirements	• See fair book	• See fair book	• See fair book	• See fair book

General Map Project Rules

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.

Sale Eligibility

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

Maximum Auction Numbers / Substitutions

- 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.

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 for by the exhibitor.
- Scan data will not be released any earlier than 1 hour after the end of the beef show, if available.

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 MAP.
- All male animals must show obvious signs of castration.

Identifying Sale Animal

- One Animal Per Member is Eligible to Sell in the Auction.
- Exhibitors must declare to their species superintendent their sale animal no later than one hour after their species live show ends. For members with multiple species, sale animal must be declared to the applicable species superintendent no later than one hour after their last species live show ends.

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 members are responsible to obtain these rules.
- 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.

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.

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 and other MAP expenses (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 decide 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.
- Check-off fees for the Beef, Swine and Sheep 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.

Carcass and Total Performance Awards are as follow:

- Total Performance and Top Carcass awards will be distributed.
- 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 awards 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 Breed Beef Single + Cross	Total Performance Dairy/Beef Cross
1st Place	1st Place	1st Place	1st Place
2nd Place	2nd Place	2nd Place	2nd Place
3rd Place	3rd Place	-	-
4th Place	-	-	-
5th Place	-	-	-

Educational Requirements

- YQCA is the only mandatory requirement. This certificate must be turned into the Species Rep or Superintendent as outlined in the species-specific rules above (see dates as well).
- No exemptions or the exhibitor will not sell.
- 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
    - Indianhead Sheep and Goat Breeder's Small Ruminant Clinic
    - Feeding and Nutrition Clinic
    - Fitting and Showing Clinic

Additional Information

- All times, dates and locations are subject to change.
- Information may be posted at the Dunn County Fair website and/or emailed to members using email 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 sites so that you will get the latest news on MAP.
- You may also call your species area superintendent for more information.
- Please ensure that you have read and understand the general as well as 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 **