

2008 Green Lake County Livestock Handbook

Project Purpose	The main goal of this project is to provide 4-H and FFA members to experience all aspects of raising a meat animal including selection, breeding, fitting, marketing, selling and ethical showmanship.
Member Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any active member of a Green Lake County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, who is enrolled in a livestock project, is eligible to sell two(2) animals, one(1) per species, including small animals, in the Livestock Auction. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ one (1) lamb ▪ one (1) beef ▪ one (1) barrow ▪ one (1) dairy lot ▪ one (1) class of poultry ▪ one (1) meat pen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ consists of three(3) rabbits <i>or</i> ◇ one (1) single fryer rabbit <i>or</i> ◇ one (1) roaster rabbit • All individuals (4-H, FFA, etc.) that are 8-19 years of age and 3rd grade-1 year past high school, as of January 1st are eligible to exhibit in the Junior Division of the Green Lake County Fair if they belong to a county recognized youth group. • 4-H members are required to be enrolled in the specific project (beef, swine, sheep, etc), for which they are exhibiting at the fair. • Anyone participating in any other <i>county</i> fair livestock auction will not be eligible to sell in the Green Lake County Livestock Sale. (<i>passed 1/11/2006</i>) • Exhibitors and/or family member is required to attend at least 1 Livestock Committee meeting to be eligible for the sale (<i>passed 1/08</i>)
Animal Selection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All animals must be in the exhibitor's possession by initial weigh-in. • All male species for this project <i>must</i> be castrated. Animals determined to have incomplete or late castration will not be sold. • Age Guidelines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Steers – 11 – 22 months old at fair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ see current fair premium book for mouthing diagrams ▪ Barrows – Animal born of fair year 5-6 months old at fair time ▪ Sheep – wether or ewe born in current fair year – 5-6 month old at fair time. • All animals must be dehorned and castrated before weigh-in.

Weigh-in & Tagging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Livestock registration form is due to the UWEX office by March 1, 2008. A late fee of \$10 per species, per exhibitor, per month will be applied to registrations turned in after that date. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ These fees will have to be paid before an exhibitor may exhibit at the fair. • Initial weigh-in and tagging for swine and sheep will be held at the fair grounds on Sunday, April 20, 2008 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. • Beef tagging will be held March 17-31, 2008 on the individual farms by livestock committee appointed volunteers. • Exhibitors will receive five (5) free tags per species. The exhibitor may tag up to eight (8) animals per species at a cost of \$1.00 per additional tag. • Animals will be identified by exhibitor. It is preferred that individuals be recognized with specific animals. If a family chooses to weigh-in animals together, then "Family" will be defined as members of the same household, not location of where the animals reside. • Lost Tags – The UWEX Office must be notified immediately after the tag is lost. It must be replaced before reaching the fair. • No animals will be accepted at the fair without a tag. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ County or WI State fair tag
Record Keeping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All exhibitors must keep a record for each project animal. Average daily gain, expense, feed amounts, and medical history are required to be recorded. This information is to be turned in with youth's record book. • Swine: Health papers to be turned in at fair weigh-in.
Educational Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All livestock and dairy exhibitors must complete MAQA training. (1/11/2006) • Participation in animal science judging is highly recommended.
Buyer Contacts	<p>Contact buyers by sending an invitation or paying a personal visit and inviting them to the auction dinner and sale. To continue to have a quality sale, our buyers need to know their support is appreciated.</p>
Fair Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each project exhibitor is expected to have all paperwork turned in by deadlines.
Fair Weigh-in Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheep: 7/30/2008 1:00 - 2:00pm • Swine: 7/30/2008 2:00 - 3:00pm • Beef: 8/1/2008 11:00 - 12:00pm • All animals must have form of positive identification (county or state fair ear tag). • All animals will be on the scale one time • No animals will be re-weighed if they don't make weight. • Exhibitors attempting to add more weight by weighing wet, unclipped, dirty, or other artificial weight to their animals will not be weighed. • Animals must be weighed-in during the time specified. If the animal isn't present during specified times, it will not be weighed or allowed into the fair. • The scale closes at posted times.
Exhibitor Meeting	<p>Mandatory meeting is for all exhibitors showing beef, swine, sheep, rabbits, poultry, horses, dairy and goats. Participation will be mandatory to show and sell at the fair. The meeting will be held Thursday, July 24th 2008 at 7:30 pm in the swine/sheep barn. If you are not able to attend, a letter must be submitted to the Extension office explaining why you are not able to attend. This letter must be submitted by July 18th, 2008. Three representatives from the Youth Exhibit Committee will review the letter and determine whether or not an exhibitor is excused.</p>

<p>Sale Eligibility Standards</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum Weight Requirements for auction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dairy Steer 1,100 lbs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ maximum paid weight 1600 lbs ▪ Beef & Crossbred Steer 1,000 lbs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ maximum paid weight 1500 lbs ▪ Barrows 230 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ maximum paid weight 270 lbs ▪ Market Lambs 110 lbs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ maximum paid weight 150 lbs. • Quality Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Steer – USDA Select grade or below will not sell. ▪ Swine – USDA Grade 4 will not be sold. ▪ Sheep – Must Grade Prime or Choice to sell. • See current fair premium book for any other rules under “Sale Eligibility”. • Any one exhibitor may sell only one market class of poultry and rabbits at auction.
<p>Rate of Gain Awards</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barrows weighing more than 70 lbs. at April weigh in will be tagged for show but not eligible for Rate- of- Gain contest. • Lambs weighing more than 70 lbs. at April weigh in will be tagged for show but not eligible for Rate-of-Gain contest. • Rate of Gain Champion will be selected for sheep and swine that have the highest rate of gain per day. • Hogs purchased from auction that have Wisconsin State Fair Certified Weight will be accepted as the weigh-in starting weight. A copy must be turned in to the UWEX office by May 1, 2008.
<p>Sale Order</p>	<p>Swine, Poultry, Beef, Rabbits, Sheep, Dairy</p>
<p>Champion and Reserve Champion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Grand & Reserve Grand Champion of all species must sell. • Exception: an exhibitor wins both in same species; the Grand Champion must sell at the auction.
<p>Animal Management & Care/Exhibitor Presentation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each project animal is expected to be in excellent health and condition while at the Fair. Animals in need of ongoing veterinary care and those who do not properly represent their breed and species will be asked to leave the fair. (<i>passed 1/08</i>) • All animals must be fed, fitted and shown by exhibitor. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Exception: other youth, project leader, family member or other 4-H parent volunteer. • Animals that are not properly cared for prior to the auction will not be sold. • Animals that are not cared for after the auction will disqualify the exhibitor from the sale for the following year. • Animals must be easily managed by exhibitor in the show ring; otherwise they will be disqualified from the show & sale. • Project members and animals must respect proper show attire during both the show and auction. • All exhibitors and adults are expected to treat judges with respect. Anyone is welcome to discuss with the judge ways to improve their project or their showing skills after the completion of the show. It is not appropriate to harass or argue with the judge. If the judge files a written complaint to the Fair Committee, that individual will not be allowed to participate or attend the judging competition or show the following year for that department.
<p>Shipping of Non-sale Animals</p>	<p>Exhibitors of market animals brought to the fair but not sold in the auction, yet wishing to sell or process the animals, must turn in their location designation to the superintendents by noon on Saturday. Animals will not be shipped if this is not done.</p>
<p>Sales Commission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sales commissions will be assessed to cover the costs incurred

& Fees	<p>conducting this sale and educational programming for the youth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fee schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Beef 2% + \$1.00 for Beef Check-Off ▪ Sheep 4% ▪ Swine 4% + gross amount x.0045 Pork Check-Off ▪ Poultry 8% ▪ Rabbits 8% ▪ Dairy 5% + 50% Dairy Bonus Comm. + 50% exhibitor (1/11/2006) • \$5 per lot will go to the Green Lake County Fair Community Involvement Program.
Buyer Recognition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The presale dinner gives exhibitors the opportunity to welcome their buyers to the fair. • Exhibitors are required to set-up, serve, and/or clean-up for the pre-sale dinner. Task is assigned by sale order. • Exhibitors must send a written thank you to the buyers of their animal.
Auction Dinner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion families are to be put on the auction meal committee. (9/1/1995) • If more helpers are needed names will be pulled out of a hat.
Administrative Rulings	Youth Exhibit Committee
Ownership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once an animal is sold it becomes the property of the buyer. • The exhibitor has the responsibility of caring for said animal until it leaves the fairgrounds. • Buyer can agree to allow youth to show said animal at the Wisconsin State Fair. (3/6/95) • Final disposition of the animals will be at the buyer's discretion. • Participation in Swine carcass show is optional for the buyer.
Administration of Drugs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug history forms must be turned in prior to placement of animal at the fair.
Sale Etiquette	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow guidelines as printed in current premium book. • All exhibitors selling an animal at the auction MUST be present in the ring, at the sale. If an exhibitor wishes to be absent at the sale, he/she must receive permission from the livestock committee prior to the sale.
Sheep & Goats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheep and goats are not allowed to be removed from the trailer until the sheep superintendent verifies that an official scrapie ear tag is present. All sheep and goats must have an official scrapie ear tag (1/24/07).
Carcass Show – Swine only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held first Tuesday following Green Lake County Fair • Premiums will be offered at the carcass show to those members who are in attendance or excused per approval of the Fair Committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Champion awards will be forfeited if exhibitor is not present.

All General Rules and Regulations covering the Green Lake County Fair apply to all animal exhibits. These rules are published in the Green Lake County Junior Free Fair Premium Book. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to know and follow these rules.