

# Exhibiting market animals at the Crawford County Fair!

Showing and exhibiting animals through 4-H is a great way to teach youth responsibility, hard work, sportsmanship and much more. This is a document that will outline some important information that youth and their families need to know. And, as always, it is important to read the fair book!

## **Step 1: Picking out your animals.**

Please review the KDA County Fair Livestock Guidelines that can be found in the beginning of the fair book. This can be found online at: <https://www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/county-fairs/crawford-county-fair/index.html>

MARKET LAMBS - must be owned by the member 90 days prior to the fair to be eligible to be sold through the auction.

MARKET GOATS - must be owned by the member 90 days prior to the fair.

MARKET PIGS - must be owned by the member 90 days prior to the Fair to be eligible to be sold at the auction.

MARKET STEERS- must be owned by the member 140 days prior to the Fair to be eligible for auction.

MARKET RABBITS- must meet the class description in the rabbit department 4-H rules to be eligible for this sale.

POULTRY- must meet the class description in the poultry department 4-H rules to be eligible for this sale.

## **Step 2: Tagging your animals and rate of gain contest.**

All Market animals are required to be tagged in order to be shown at the Crawford County Fair with the exception of Market Rabbits and Poultry.

All market steers, feeder calves, market lambs, market goats, market swine, and bucket calves must have been ear tagged prior to or on the weigh in date for that species. Any animals not tagged by those deadlines will not be eligible to exhibit at the fair (No Exceptions). Market beef tagging deadline is **typically the second weekend in April** and bucket calf, meat goat, sheep, and swine-tagging deadline is **typically the second weekend in May**. Market animals and calves that have not been ear tagged will not show. If you are unable to attend the tag day for your species call Will to set up a time to tag your animal **PRIOR** to the tagging deadline. Underweight market animals are ineligible to compete for Grand or Reserve Champion. Underweight animals will be ineligible for the sale.

BEEF Tag day- All market beef will be tagged in on at Mesa Animal Clinic in Girard. This does not include bucket calves.

Small Animal Tag day- Will be at the Crawford County Fairgrounds. This is for all market goats, sheep, and swine. All bucket calves will also be tagged in this day.

Animals must be tagged with either a county tag, which cost \$1, or state small animal tag, which cost \$3 for goat, sheep, and swine, and state beef tag \$4. If you would like more information about the state nomination process and deadlines, please see our website. Or click on this link <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/>

If you are unable to attend the weigh in day for your species, please contact Will to set up a time to get your animal tagged prior to the tagging day. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL LAST MINUTE. Lack of planning on your part does not make an emergency for me.**

**RATE OF GAIN CONTEST-** Market pigs, Market Steers, Market Lambs, Market Goats, Feeder Steers and Bucket Calves weighed in during spring weigh-in and tagging day are eligible to compete in the Rate of Gain Contest. This weight will be the animal's beginning weight. Animal's weight at Fair weigh-in time will be its ending weight. Ending weight less beginning weight divided by days on feed will determine the gain in pounds per day. Each species' Rate of Gain will be ranked accordingly. All market animals in the Rate of Gain Contest must meet sale requirement weights.

## **Step 3: Entering and reserving stalls for the fair.**

All 4-H entries and stall reservations for the Crawford County fair will be made ONLINE. Please use the following link to make entries. [crawfordcountyks.fairentry.com](http://crawfordcountyks.fairentry.com)

It is recommended that you enter in all classes that you intend to participate in. No late entries will be accepted. It is best to enter a class and not show than to want to show and have not entered by the deadline. **Online entries will open mid-May and will close July 15<sup>th</sup>.**

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Stall reservations are made in Fair Entry. This is done through the fair entry process when you enter. The questions you answer about your how many animals you are bringing is your stall reservation not your entry. Each exhibitor will only be allotted stalls based on the number of animals present at check in. Entering extra animals that you do not bring in order to get extra stall space will not be tolerated. If it is determined that you have excess space, then you will be required to move to make room for other exhibitors.

## Step 4: Caring and preparing for your animals before fair.

Caring and preparing for your animals is one of the most important steps of your project. Providing care for your animal is when the majority learning and youth development takes place for the 4-H member. Make sure that your animal is getting the proper nutrition, adequate grooming, and plenty of fresh, clean water to ensure they look their best before the fair. Project leaders and superintendents are a great source of information.

**GROOMING:** All animals should be clipped and shorn prior to their arrival at the fairgrounds. 4-H Department animals should be done by the exhibitors as much as possible. Some assistance may be provided by an immediate family member, Crawford County 4-H Project Leaders, or another 4-H member from Crawford County (no professionals). No artificial color is to be used on animals above the knee and hock. (This refers to any product that alters the color of the animal.)

As part of your daily care, continually check your livestock for disease or illness such as fungus, warts, infections, running noses, loose stool, etc... Consult with your vet if you have any concerns. Any animal presenting or showing symptoms may be subject to failure of the vet check, animal sent home, and not allowed to be exhibited at the fair. This will be done at the discretion of the vet at check-in.

## Step 5: Livestock Check-In and Weigh-In

ALL animals will go through the check-in point for a health assessment when entering the Fairgrounds on Tuesday of Fair from 3-8pm. **Each youth is to bring \$1 for the vet fee to be turned in at the time of vet check.**

**HEALTH PAPERS/ LIVESTOCK CARE:** ALL 4-H DEPARTMENT LIVESTOCK WILL COME UNDER THE "LIVESTOCK HEALTH REQUIREMENTS" AS STATED IN FRONT OF FAIR BOOK. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to read these Livestock Health Requirements. It is preferred (NOT REQUIRED) to have health papers done within 14 days prior to fair but papers are not required. All animals will be assessed at check-in by a licensed veterinarian. Regardless if you have health papers or not. Any animal that shows signs of infectious or contagious disease will not be allowed to show and must be removed from the grounds. **Each youth is to bring \$1 for the vet fee to be turned in at the time of vet check.**

**Weigh-In:** All market animals, bucket calves, feeder steers, and Class 2 Breeding Doe Meat Goats will be weighed. The scales will be open the Tuesday of fair week from 3:00pm-8:00pm for weighing of Market and Feeder Steers, Bucket Calves, Lambs and Goats. All species are allowed to weigh in during that time except swine. Swine will begin weigh-in at 8:00pm. The alleyway will be set up from 8-9pm to weigh swine. Once the alley way is set up no other species will be allowed to weigh in. Please be ready to bring your animals to the scales during this time. No re-weighs will be allowed.

**MARKET LAMBS** - must weigh a minimum of 100 pounds and be owned by the member 90 days prior to the fair to be eligible to be sold through the auction. Members with extra Market Lambs that wish to sell them at Base Bid must notify the superintendent to make loading arrangements.

**MARKET GOATS** - must weigh a minimum of 50 pounds and be owned by the member 90 days prior to the fair. Members with extra Market Goats that wish to sell them at Base Bid must notify the superintendent to make loading arrangements.

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**MARKET PIGS** - must weigh a minimum of 230 pounds and be owned by the member 90 days prior to the Fair to be eligible to be sold at the auction. The Base Bid will be determined on weight ranges and ribbon groups. Members with extra Market Pigs that wish to sell them at Base Bid must notify the superintendent to make loading arrangements.

**MARKET STEERS**- must weigh a minimum of 1,000 pounds and be owned by the member 140 days prior to the Fair to be eligible for auction. Steers not making weight will be allowed to be sold at Base Bid. The steers will be Base Bid individually, not by ribbon group. Members that sell Market Steers remain after sale to load their Steer onto truck.

**MARKET RABBITS**- must meet the class description in the rabbit department 4-H rules to be eligible for this sale.

**POULTRY**- must meet the class description in the poultry department 4-H rules to be eligible for this sale.

**UNDERWEIGHT ANIMALS WILL BE INELIGIBLE FOR THE SALE.**

### **Step 6: During the fair.**

Exhibitors are responsible for providing proper feed, water, and care for their livestock. Any exhibitor who does not care for his or her animal or who is showing excessive or cruel abuse to their animal at any time during the fair will result in disqualification and forfeiture of premium money. Each exhibitor is charged with the responsibility of keeping the area in and around their stall/pen clean and neat. Livestock exhibitors (horse, swine, goats, sheep, beef, poultry & rabbits) that consistently fail to keep their livestock pen or stall and aisle area adjacent to pens clean and neat throughout the fair and do not clean pens by 12:00 noon. If you are unable to clean your pen by this time you are required to notify a Fair Board member, Extension agent, or the Fair office.

### **Step 7: Show day!**

Entry cards will be given to you at weigh-in the Tuesday of fair. Each class will have a specific entry card. The corresponding card needs to be in your back pocket when entering the ring. When showing, it is important to remember that 4-H is a Youth Development organization. It is not about what color ribbon you receive or who takes home the Grand Champion. It is about the process and what you learned!

### **LIVESTOCK COSTUME CONTEST**

The costume contest will begin following the Bucket Calf Show the Friday of the fair. This contest is open to all 4-H/FFA members. When creating your costume make sure that your animal's safety is in mind. This will be divided by age Junior 7-9 years, Intermediate 10-13 years, and Senior 14-18. There will be a \$5 entry fee for each exhibitor that you will turn in at the gate. Please sign up by noon the Friday of at by calling the extension office before the fair or going by the Fair office the week of the fair.

**Step 8: The Livestock Sale** The Crawford County Fair Board and the Livestock Sale Committee will sponsor a Market Pig, Lamb, Goat, Steer, Rabbit, and Poultry Sale on Saturday afternoon of the Fair.

Each member will be eligible to enter only one exhibit from one specie, unless member exhibits both the Champion and Reserve Champion of a species or any combination of Champion and Reserve Champion in different species (example: Champion Steer and Reserve Champion Lamb). Owner MUST indicate the animal they intend to sell to their Department Superintendent no later than noon, Friday of fair. All Champion and Reserve Champion Market Livestock must sell. The sale order will be made ending with the Grand and Reserve Champions of each specie in a specie rotational order. Livestock Sale will be held at the Crawford County Fairgrounds starting at 2:00 p.m., Saturday of fair. Exhibitors are required to be present. The Sale Committee will work to secure base bids for all market animals. However, in the event that a base bid can't be secured, exhibitors will be responsible for taking their market animal home.

The Crawford county fair uses Fair Entry system to operate the sale. Youths information from 4-H online is synced with that system in order to make the sale catalog. If you want to make sure that your names, parents names, and clubs are represented correctly it is your responsibility to make sure this is fully completed and up to date in 4-H online prior to **May 1.**

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**BEFORE THE SALE:** You are responsible for turning in an animal destination form for all market animals that you bring to the fair. You must indicate what animals will be in the sale, go to the base bid, or take home. These animal destination forms can be found at the table during weigh-in, at the announcers stand, and at the fair office. These can be completed and turned into the office or superintendent. It is preferred that if you are not showing a market beef that you have this turned after you show on Thursday. However, if you are showing market beef please turn this in immediately following the show. **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO TURN THESE IN! The deadline to turn them in is noon the Friday of the fair.**

**DURING THE SALE:** It is the youth's responsibility to be lined up and ready in their order of sale. It is recommended to wear show attire. When it is your turn to take your animal in to be sold it is important that you pay attention to who and where the buyer is in the stands. You will need to take a buyer ribbon off the fence in the arena and take it to them and thank them for their support. **PAY ATTENTION TO WHO THE RING MEN POINTS OUT AS YOUR BUYER BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE RING. IF YOU DON'T SEE IT ASK THEM BEFORE LEAVING.** Parents should be outside the ring to hold the animal while youth takes the buyer their ribbon. The 4-H member must be present to sell their animal in the livestock sale. If the member is not present, then the animal will not go through the sale. If an issue arises during the week of the fair where the member cannot be present, then a grievance must be submitted in writing to the Fair Grievance committee. The committee will issue a formal decision as to if the animal will be in the sale. If a member is not present or does not have someone there to load their animal at the end of the sale, then a penalty of \$10.00 will be assessed to the member.

**AFTER THE SALE:** Once your animal is sold you will need to follow the direction of the superintendent for that species. When the animal sells the buyer will have the option to keep it or to send it on the base bid. After you have taken care of your animal you will need to go to the checkout table located behind the announcers stand to double check who your buyers were and what they did with your animal.

**AFTER THE FAIR:** 4-H members who sell animals in the Livestock Sale will pick up their premium amount from the buyer of the animal. It is expected for the youth to take the buyer a "Thank You" card and plate of cookies or other treat to show their appreciation. If the animal was kept by the buyer the amount will include the base price. If the buyer sells the animal to the base bidder, the 4-H member will receive their base bid price from the Crawford County Fair Board, to be picked up at the Extension office two weeks after the fair. Members will be assessed a fee of \$3.00 for each animal sold at auction to cover Buyers' Ribbons. A \$1 fee will be assessed per youth for veterinarian check in fee. An additional 3 percent will be charged to each animals sale price for advertising for buyers. These amounts will be held from the Base Bid check. Members' animals kept by buyer will be billed for the 3 percent of sale price, \$3.00 per sale animal, and \$1 per youth for vet check in fee to be paid to the Crawford County Fair Board. You will be notified via email when the checks are available to be picked up at the extension office. Color 8x10 photographs of Champion and Reserve Champion Market Animals with their exhibitor and Buyer will be provided to go to the Livestock Buyer and Hall of Champions Gallery.

**Step 9: Cleaning up after yourself.** It is the youth's responsibility to clean out their pens on the Sunday of the fair. It is important to remember as 4-H members we want to leave places better than we find them. Each exhibitor is charged with the responsibility of keeping the area in and around his stall/pen clean and neat. Livestock exhibitors (horse, swine, goats, sheep, beef, poultry, & rabbits) are required to clean up all pens, tie-outs, stalls, and areas they have occupied throughout the fair by 12:00pm the Sunday of fair. 4-H/FFA exhibitors are expected to leave things better than they find them no exceptions. Any exhibitor who does not clean their stall will be charged \$50 per stall paid to the Fair Board and will not be allowed to show in that department the next year. If you are unable to clean pen/area by that time you must notify one of the following Fair board Member, Fair Office, or Extension office of when you plan to clean your pen/area. You may contact a Fair Board Members numbers can be found in the fair book or at the Extension office at 620-724-8233. You must notify someone by 3:00pm the Sunday of Fair.

**Step 10: Reflection and record books** It is important that we take time to reflect on our project after it is completed. This helps to aid the learning process and evaluate what you learned in your project? What you would want

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to change? And what your goals are for the future?\_And as always don't forget to complete your record book for the project. Record book forms can be found online at: <https://www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/record-keeping/index.html>

For more information or if you have any questions please contact Will at the Extension office 620-724-8233 or [willmorris@ksu.edu](mailto:willmorris@ksu.edu).