

Warren County Youth Livestock Sale Rules – Warren County Fair Inc. Warren County PA(Updated November 1, 2016)

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Ethics & Quality Assurance

When youth, parents, guardians, or representatives acting in behalf of youth are found to be doing unethical practices to an animal, the youth may be disqualified from current or future sale. In addition, youth may be required to forfeit any ribbons or awards won and may not receive premium money.

Adults associated with practicing unethical procedures on animals may be prohibited from participating in livestock sales as deemed appropriate.

Ownership of Animals

Market project animal must be owned by, and in the care of the member by tagging date.

Member is responsible for all aspects of animal care, feeding and housing, regardless of location.

Members should use Best Management Practices when feeding and caring for their animals.

Minimum Ownership Time

Beef Cattle: owned and on feed at least 225 days prior to show

Hogs: owned and on feed at least 80 days prior to show

Lambs: owned and on feed at least 80 days prior to show

Spare Animal Policy

A spare animal may be weighed and tagged initially by each member, however only one animal may be weighted at final weigh-in, shown, and sold through the auction. The spare animal must be the same species as the primary project animal. Ownership must be designated at the initial weigh-in. If the contestant's first choice animal does not make weight they will be permitted to weigh their back-up animal.

Project Identification/Weigh-In

Beef Cattle: Identified and/or tagged at least 225 days prior to show . It is strongly recommended that cattle be halter broke and under control to be tagged and/or weighed. County livestock committees reserve the right to reject animals from being identified.

Hogs: Identified and/or tagged at least 80 days prior to show

Lambs: Identified and/or tagged at least 80 days prior to show

Minimum & Maximum Weights At the Initial Weigh-in

Beef Cattle: Suggested weight ranges 450-750 lbs at 225 days out from the show to reach ideal market weight. The average weight gain per day for beef cattle is: 2lbs – 2.5lbs per day

Hogs: Suggested weight ranges 50-100 lbs at 80 days out from the show to reach ideal market weight. The average weight gain per day for hogs is: 1.6lbs – 1.8lbs per day

Lambs: Suggested weight ranges 40-80 lbs at 80 days out from

the show to reach ideal market weight. The average weight gain per day for lambs is: .7lb – 1lb per day

Horns/Castration

Beef Cattle: De-horned and castrated by the date the animal is weighed in and/or identified

Hogs: Castrated by the date the animal is weighed in and/or identified

Lambs: Castrated and dehorned by the date the animal is weighed in and/or identified

- All Market Animals should be completely castrated at time the animal is weighed in and/ or identified. There will be a 10 day grace period for animals not completely castrated at the time the animal is weighed in and/or identified. Member must show proof of complete castration to their extension educator from their veterinarian within 10 days of when the animal is weighed in and/or identified.

Species - Breed Requirements

Beef Cattle: Must be of beef breeding.

Hogs: Breeding of members' choice

Lambs: Breeding of members' choice

Animal Age

Beef Cattle: Born after January 1st in the year preceding the show

Hogs: Born after January 1st of the year of the show

Lambs: Born after January 1st of the year of the show

Minimum Sale Weights

Beef Cattle: 900 lbs

Hogs: 230 lbs

Lambs: 80 lbs

Maximum Sale Weights

Beef Cattle: Unlimited

Hogs: 300 lbs

Lambs: 170 lbs

Typical Ideal Market Weight Range

Beef Cattle: 1150 – 1350 lbs

Hogs: 230 – 300 lbs

Lambs: 90 – 130 lbs

Fitting/Grooming

Members should be present at all times and actively involved in the fitting of their project animal.

Grooming Products

Members will follow the county guidelines and are responsible for appropriate use of any fitting/grooming products used.

Dress Code

Clean long pants or dress/skirt below the knee. Dress shirt with sleeves, buttoned appropriately, or Club T-Shirt. No commercial logos. No bare midriffs. No hats. Appropriate shoes for showing, which should be hard sole shoes, especially for beef cattle and hogs. No sandals.

Residency

Must be a resident of Warren County Pennsylvania

Ear Tag Loss

In the event of loss of ear tag member is responsible for notifying club leader within 24 hours of loss to arrange a retag.

Health Requirements

All animals must meet the health requirements as outlined in the current edition of the Warren County Fair Premium Book in order to show and

sell at the Warren County Fair. In addition all animals must be accompanied by a current CVI for the initial weigh in that must be written no more than 10 days prior to the initial weigh in date and must state that the animal and herd/flock of origin found to be free of contagious, infectious, and internal parasitic diseases. Castration must also be verified and noted on the CVI for the initial weigh by the veterinarian.

- Gifts** No gifts shall be given to individual buyers from members or their families while on the fair grounds.
- Initial Weight in date** As a general rule the initial weigh in takes place for steers on the Saturday previous to Thanksgiving at 9:00 am . As a general rule the weigh in for lambs and pigs is the last Friday of April – lambs at 6:00 pm and pigs at 6:15 pm
- Final Weigh in** The final weigh in for animals is held the Monday of the Warren County Fair at 6pm – Lambs weigh first, pigs second, and steers third. Once your animal is weighed it must be sold through the auction at the fair.
- Drug Withdrawals** Each member is responsible for strictly adhering to withdrawal times of vaccines and treatments. Any animal carcass found to be contaminated at the time of slaughter is the financial responsibility of the exhibitor and will result in disciplinary action.
- Commission** A sales commission of 4% is charged to all sales for use with expenses. Additionally Champion steer will have a \$50.00 deduction, Reserve champion steer, grand champion lamb and grand champion hog a \$25.00 deduction, and reserve champion lamb and reserve champion hog a \$12.50 deduction.
- Exhibitor Payment** Exhibitors will be paid for the sale of their animal once all checks are received from the buyers. As a rule the soonest checks are issues are the first of September.
- Buyer Non Payment** In the event of nonpayment from a buyer the auction reserves the right to prorate payment to all participants to cover the expense. If and when payment is recovered, it would be reimbursed minus expenses.
- Care of Animal** Members are reminded that they are responsible for the care of their animals until the buyers pick them up. This could be as late at 4:00 pm on Sunday following the fair.
- Unfit Animals** The Auction committee reserves the right to disqualify animals in the event they are unfit for the auction.
- Safety** Safety is of extreme importance. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to have safe control of their animal at all phases of the project. If for any reasons the animal can't be safely handled it would be necessary for the animal to be removed and disqualified from the auction.
- Project Completion** Exhibitors must successfully complete the 4-H project in the current year they wish to sell in order to qualify for the final weight in and sale.
- Livestock Sale Entry Requirements** All members are required to fill out and turn in one (1) week in advance of initial weigh in the Country of Origin Labeling form (COOL Statement) and membership card to the Secretary/Treasure of the

Livestock Committee. A signed copy of acknowledgment of rules and regulations must also be turned in no later than the day of initial weigh in. Check with Penn State Cooperative Extension Warren County 4-H and the Warren County Fair Premium Book for other applicable entry requirements and deadlines.

Miscellaneous

The auction committee, and the Warren County Fair Inc, upon approval of the Warren County Fair Board reserve the right to make rulings on matters not covered by these rules.

Livestock Auction Meetings

Livestock Auction Meetings are held In September, January, and May on the 3rd Wednesday at the Warren County Extension Office Youngsville PA at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend and give input on the program.

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I have read and agree to abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the Warren County Fair Inc. and it's Warren County Fair Inc. Youth Auction Committee.

PLEASE PRINT

Contestant's Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

e-mail _____

MEMBER SIGNATURE _____

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Parent (s) Name
(or legal guardian) _____

PARENT (S) SIGNATURE _____
(or legal guardian)

DATE _____