

Warren County Fair Youth Livestock Program and Sale Rules- Warren County Fair Inc. Warren County PA

Topic	Rule
Ethics & Quality Assurance	When youth, parents, guardians, or representatives acting on 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.
Ownership of Animals	<p>Market project animals must be owned by <i>under control of</i>, and in the care of the member by tagging date.</p> <p>Members are responsible for all aspects of animal care, feeding and housing, regardless of location.</p> <p>Members should use best Management Practices when feeding and caring for their animals.</p>
Minimum Ownership Time	<p><u>Beef Cattle:</u> owned and on feed at least 225 days prior to show <u>Hogs:</u> owned and on feed at least 80 days prior to show <u>Lambs:</u> owned and on feed at least 80 days prior to show</p>
Spare Animal Policy	<p>A spare animal may be weighed and tagged initially by each member, however, only one animal may be weighed 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.</p>
Project Identification/Weigh-In	<p><u>Beef Cattle:</u> 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 committee reserves the right to reject animals from being identified.</p> <p><u>Hogs:</u> Identified and/or tagged at least 80 days prior to show must also have a RFID tag (840).</p> <p><u>Lambs:</u> Identified and or tagged at least 80 days prior to show.</p>
Minimum & Maximum Weight At the Initial Weigh -in	<p><u>Beef Cattle:</u> Suggested weight ranges 450-750 lbs. at 225 days out from the show to reach ideal market is: 2 lbs. – 2.5 lbs. per day.</p>

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: 1.6 lbs-1.8 lbs. per day.

Lambs: Suggested weight ranges 40-80lbs. at 80 days out from the show to reach ideal market weight. The average weight gain per day for lambs is: 0.7 lb. -1 lb. 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 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 **the Livestock Committee** 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 member's choice.

Lambs: Breeding of member's 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. - **310**

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, button 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 or slides.

Residency

Must be a resident of Warren County.

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 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 disease. Castration must also be verified and noted on the CVI for the initial weigh in by the veterinarian.

Gifts

No gifts shall be given to individual buyers from members or their families while on the fairgrounds.

Initial Weigh in Date

As a general rule the initial weigh in takes place for steers on the Saturday before Thanksgiving at 9AM. As a general rule the weigh in for lambs and pigs is the last Friday of April – lambs at 6PM and pigs at 6:15PM

Final Weigh in

The final weigh in for animals is held the Monday of the Warren County Fair at 5:30 PM – 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 and will result in disciplinary actions.

Commission

A sale 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 b=from the buyers. As a rule, the soonest checks are issued 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, 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 as 4 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 *by one person and one rope* it would be necessary for *the committee to order* the animal be removed and disqualified from the *fairgrounds and* 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 weigh 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 a membership card to the Secretary/Treasurer of the Livestock Committee. A signed copy of acknowledgement 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.

Livestock Auction Meetings

Livestock Auction Meetings are held in September on the 3rd Wednesday at the **Warren County Fairgrounds, Pittsfield, PA** at 6:30 PM. All are welcome to attend and give input on the program.

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

PLEASE PRINT

Contestant's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Member Signature _____

PLEASE PRINT

Parent(s) Name
(or Legal Guardian) _____

Parent's Signature
(or Legal Guardian) _____

Date _____

Club _____