

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

Topic	Rule	revised 10/9/2025
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 sales. In addition, youth may be required to forfeit any awards received on behalf of the youth livestock program.	
Age/Participation requirements	All members must be at least 8 years or age and no older than 18 years old as of January 1 st of the current year (auction year) and be enrolled in 4-H at the time of weight in and have successfully completed their project through an approved 4-H program at the time of final weigh in to qualify for the auction.	
Residency	Must be a resident of Warren County.	
Minimum Number of Animals	Our goal is to promote Pennsylvania agriculture through our youth livestock sale program. Beef, Hogs, Lambs and Goats are welcome to participate regardless of number or contestants, however when there are less than 5 of any one species qualified to sell after the final weigh in there will be no Champion or Reserve Champions banners or selections made, and they will sell in random drawn order.	
Ownership of Animals	Market project animals must be owned by and in the care of the member by tagging date. Members are 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.	
Proof Of Ownership	All animals are required to have proof of ownership. Bill of sale showing youth as owner dated and inclusive of animal age/birthdate, and date of purchase or a simple statement of ownership signed by youth and adult if the animal was born on youth premise also inclusive of age/birthdate.	
Minimum Ownership Time	<u>Beef Cattle:</u> owned & tagged - Saturday before Thanksgiving <u>Hogs:</u> owned and tagged- last Friday in April <u>Lambs:</u> owned and tagged - last Friday in April <u>Goats:</u> owned and tagged - last Friday in April	

Spare Animal Policy

A spare animal of the same species 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 sale. Ownership must be designated at the initial weigh in. At final weigh-in if the youths first choice animal does not make weight, they are permitted to weigh in their back up animal. Only one species may be tagged per youth in any given project year.

Extreme Tail Docking

It is highly recommended that lambs be docked in such a manner that the dock is visible and able to be grasped/lifted using your fingers. All tail docks must be healed with no visible signs of scabs or blood at time of initial and final weigh-in, or they will not qualify for tag in or the final sale, whichever applies.

Project Identification/Weigh-In

Beef Cattle: Identified, weighed & tagged the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Beef Cattle must be halter broken and under control to be tagged & weighed. The Warren County Youth Livestock Sale committee reserves the right to reject animals from being tagged and weighed if they can't be handled safely and pose a safety risk. Beef cattle must have 840 RFID tags as now required by state and federal regulations.

Hogs: Identified, weighed & tagged the last Friday of April and must have a RFID tag (840) as required by state and federal requirements.

Lambs: Identified, weighed & tagged last Friday in April and must have a national scrapie premise ID tag as required by PA state animal movement regulations.

Goats: Identified, weighed & tagged last Friday in April and must have a national scrapie premise ID tag as required by PA state animal movement regulations.

Maximum weight at weight in

Beef Cattle: 850 lbs. (450-850) suggested weight range

Hogs: 100 lbs. (50-100) suggested weight range

Lambs: 70 lbs. (40-70) suggested weight range

Goats: 60 lbs. (25-60) suggested weight range

Any animal over the maximum weight will not be qualified to be tagged at the initial weigh in, and therefore not qualified to sell in the auction.

Horns/Castration

Beef Cattle: De-horned and castrated by the date the animal is identified, weighed & tagged.

Hogs: Castrated by the date the animal is identified, weighed & tagged.

Lambs: Castrated by the date the animal is identified, weighed & tagged. (de-horning is NOT required)

Goats: Castrated by the date the animal is identified, weighed & tagged. (de-horning is NOT required)

All Market Animals should be completely castrated at time the animal is identified, weighed & tagged. There will be a 10-day grace period for animals not completely castrated at the time the animal is identified, weighed & tagged. Members must show proof of completed castration to the Livestock Sale Committee from their veterinarian within 10 days of when the animal is identified, weighed & tagged if it was not properly castrated and noted by the committee.

Species – Breed Requirements

Beef Cattle: Must be of beef breeding.

Hogs: Breeding of member's choice.

Lambs: Breeding of member's choice.

Goats: Meat breed: Boer, Savannah, Spanish. Kiko or Myotonic/Tennessee.

Animal Age

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

Hogs: Born after January 1st of the year of the sale.

Lambs: Born after January 1st of the year of the sale.

Goats: Born after January 1st of the year of the sale.

Minimum Sale Weights

Beef Cattle: 900 lbs.

Hogs: 230 lbs.

Lambs: 80 lbs.

Goats: 70 lbs.

Maximum Sale Weights

Beef Cattle: 1750 lbs.

Hogs: 310 lbs.

Lambs: 170 lbs.

Goats: 125 lbs.

Typical Ideal Market Weight Range

Beef Cattle: 1150 - 1350 lbs.

Hogs: 230 -300 lbs.

Lambs: 90 – 130 lbs.

Goats: 80-125 lbs.

Fitting/Grooming/Showmanship

Youth are required to participate in the showmanship & fitting portion of the youth show at the Warren County Fair to qualify to sell their animal in the auction.

Grooming Products

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

Dress Code

Clean long pants or dress/skirt below the knee and your Warren County Fair Youth Livestock Shirt are required for participation in the Friday night auction. No commercial logos. No bare midriffs. No hats. Appropriate shoes are recommended which should be hard sole shoes, especially for beef cattle and hogs. No sandals or slides are permitted due to safety concerns for the youth exhibitors.

Ear Tag Loss

In the event of loss of the Warren County Youth Livestock ear tag, member is responsible for notifying one of members of the Warren County Youth Livestock sale committee within 24 hours of observing the loss of the ear tag. Any scrapie or 840 ear tag losses are the responsibility of the member and must be replaced, and new number must be sent to the Warren County Youth Livestock Committee secretary within 24 hours of replacement so paperwork can be properly updated and noted.

Health Requirements

All animals must meet requirements as outlined in the current edition of the Warren County Fair Premium Book to attend initial weigh in 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 was found to be free of contagious and infectious diseases. Proper 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 rule, the weigh in for lambs, goats and pigs is the last Friday of April – lambs starting at 6PM, goats at 6:15PM and pigs at 6:30PM. (Times are approximate and varies based on number of animals present and animal flow. Please arrive 15 minutes early to allow proper flexibility)

Final Weigh in

The final weigh is held Sunday of the fair, at the Warren County Fair grounds at 5PM starting with lambs, goats, steers and pigs. Lambs begin at 5:00 pm, goats at 5:15pm, steers at 5:30 pm and Hogs at 6:00 pm (Times are approximate and varies based on number of animals present and animal flow. Please arrive 15 minutes early to allow proper flexibility) Once your animal is weighed at the final weigh in it must be sold through the Warren County Fair Youth Livestock Sale at the fair.

Drug Withdrawals

Each member is responsible for strictly adhering to withdrawal times of vaccines and treatments of their animals. Any infractions will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Any carcass loss as a result will become the financial responsibility of the youth livestock owner/exhibitor.

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, grand champion goat and grand champion hog a \$25.00 deduction, and reserve champion lamb, reserve champion goat 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 issued are the first of September.

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 animals at all phases of the project. If for any reason the animal can't be safely handled the committee reserves the right to disqualify it from the auction and request it removed from the grounds.

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 Sale Meetings

In continued efforts for transparency and fluid communication we will hold 5 Warren County Youth Livestock Sale meetings. We will meet on October 5, 2025, December 7, 2025, March 1, 2025, May 3, 2025, and in July for a work session at the Warren County Fairgrounds at a time and date to be announced. Meetings except for July will be held at 5pm in the grey building at the Warren County Fairgrounds. Members are required to attend at least 3 meetings to qualify to sell their animal in the Livestock Sale. The October meeting is a full review of rules for the year, and attendance is highly recommended.

Issues / Comments / Suggestions

Anyone with issues, comments and or suggestions may submit a letter in writing by June 1st to any member of the Warren County Youth Livestock Sale Committee. Information will be shared with the committee and considered for the following years sale.

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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 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 _____

Project Animal _____