

Rusk County 4-H Small Animal Market Sale Rules

ANY YOUTH ORGANIZATION MEMBER GRADES 3 THROUGH 13 (ATCP 160.4(1)), MAY PARTICIPATE IF ENROLLED IN THE POULTRY, TURKEY, WATERFOWL, OR RABBIT PROJECTS.

PURPOSE

- 1.) To create an incentive for youth organization members to participate in the small animal livestock project.
- 2.) To provide an educational experience for all youth organization members to enhance personal growth, responsibility, and to gain knowledge of the small animal livestock industry.
- 3.) To provide youth organization members with an economic return; but this may not be representative of the real small livestock industry.
- 4.) To provide an educational activity – LEARN BY DOING – that allows youth organization members to raise a small livestock project from a young animal to the final market product.
- 5.) To provide the participant with knowledge on how to maintain records and production of the animal(s).
- 6.) To provide the participants with encouragement for good sportsmanship / ethics; to share knowledge and skills; and to develop a good mental attitude towards the small livestock project and industry.
- 7.) To provide youth organization members with information to help improve in club exhibits and herdsmanship.

GENERAL RULES FOR THE SMALL ANIMAL LIVESTOCK PROJECT

- 1.) Youth must be enrolled in the animal project that they wish to sell an animal at the auction: i.e., sell goose – be enrolled in the waterfowl project; turkey – be enrolled in the turkey project, etc.
- 2.) All animals must be in the exhibitor's possession by **July 18, 2023**.
- 3.) All animals must be fed, fitted, shown, and cared for before and during the fair by the exhibitor. Exhibitor must also be accessible to the barn superintendent for barn duty during the fair.
- 4.) All market animals must have some form of positive identification: leg bands will be handed out at the weigh-in on **August 9, 2023 from 5:00pm – 8:00pm**. Pullorum Testing will be offered at the fair grounds on **July 8th from 10:00am – 12:00pm**. **All birds being shown must be tested or come from a tested flock.** No exceptions or exchanges will be allowed. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to schedule their testing. Any testing done less than two weeks before the fair, exhibitors will be charged \$4.00 / bird.
- 5.) All animals must be weighed-in Wednesday night before the fair by the specific time indicated for each small animal livestock project. Normal consumption of feed and water is allowed; however, NO forced feeding or withdrawal of food is permitted.
- 6.) Legal withdrawal periods of specific drugs used must be followed. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of sale money, premiums, and awards. Only legal drugs that are approved by the Veterinarian will be allowed on the Fairgrounds. Release statements are necessary for feed additives and / or implants. These release statements are due at the time of unloading the animal(s) at the fairgrounds.
- 7.) To be eligible for the sale, all project members must attend one **Market Orientation** and at least two Small Animal educational functions/meetings and document attendance on the Small Animal Project Educational Sheet. The proper signatures must be signed. If the participant does not attend meeting(s) / workshop(s), it will disqualify his / her animal(s) from the sale.
- 8.) Minimum requirements of (3) bidder forms per youth available **June 28th** are due to the UW-Extension Office on **July 22, 2023**.
- 9.) In the event that an animal, which is not eligible for the Small Animal Sale, is named champion or reserve champion, a champion or reserve champion will also be named from those animals eligible for the Small Animal Sale.

- 10.) The Small Animal Livestock Committee reserves the right to assign animals to the project sale at the time of the sale in case a youth wins more than 2 champions and /or reserve champion animals.
- 11.) All youth organization members may sell two lots at the market sale. If the youth has participated in the large animal livestock sale, they will only be allowed to sell one qualifying lot in the Small Animal Sale.
- 12.) Sale commissions will be assigned to cover the costs incurred conducting the sale, such as promotions, sale catalogs, auctioneers, etc.
- 13.) Once an animal is sold, it becomes the property of the buyer. However, the exhibitor has the responsibility of caring for said animal until it leaves the Fairgrounds. If the buyer does not want the animal, it will become the property of the Small Animal Committee.
- 14.) Private sale signs cannot go up until 8:00pm on the night after the auction is complete.
- 15.) Final disposition of the animal will be at the buyer's discretion. Animals are required to be delivered by project members within one week or at an agreed upon future date requested by buyer.
- 16.) All youth are required to present a **Buyer Thank You note in an addressed, stamped envelope to the Committee Chair by 3 PM the last day of the Fair.** Checks will be issued when member turns in all DELIVERY CONFIRMATION cards to UWEX.
- 17.) Cleaning of pens after the fair is the responsibility of the individual exhibitor, youth organization member. Barn cleanup IS REQUIRED for all small animal exhibitors and will be posted in the barn at the fair.
- 18.) Pen Reservation for auction animals will be assigned by the Barn Superintendent. NO switching will be permitted unless approved by the Barn Superintendent.
- 19.) **NOTE:** Once a Project Animal is weighed-in at the final weigh-in, the animal **CANNOT BE** exhibitor chooses to remove such animal, the exhibitor **WILL NOT** be eligible to exhibit or show in the Rusk County Fair Small Animal Project the following year. Such removal will result in forfeiting **ALL** premiums, ribbons, and trophies relating to this project. If a Project Animal needs to be removed from the Fairgrounds, for any reason, the exhibitor needs a Veterinarian or the Barn Superintendent(s) approval.
- 20.) Parents are encouraged to be present if your son / daughter is showing an animal in the Small Animal Livestock Project. (ONLY PROJECT MEMBERS ARE ALLOWED TO HANDLE ANIMALS AT JUDGES TABLE!)
- 21.) All Small Animal Project Members with Market Animals MUST participate in one Project Butcher Day (Dates to be announced), butchered animals are REQUIRED to be delivered by project members within ONE WEEK of butcher.
- 22.) **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE RULES WILL SUBJECT THE EXHIBITOR TO REPRIMANDS BY THE SMALL ANIMAL COMMITTEE AND / OR RUSK COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR. THESE REPRIMANDS MAY INCLUDE INELIGIBILITY TO SELL IN THE AUCTION, LOOSING PREIVELEGES TO SHOW THE FOLLOWING YEAR, OR FUTURE ELIGIBILTY TO BE A PART OF THE SMALL ANIMAL PROJECT.**
- 23.) The Small Animal Committee reserves the right to make all decisions on which animals will be sold on sale day. All decisions of the committee are final.

SHOWMANSHIP

To be eligible to participate in the sale, the exhibitor **must participate in the showmanship contest** for their respective area at the Rusk County Junior Fair. This must be your own animal that is shown for this competition. Proper clothing attire should be followed. This includes a long-sleeved white shirt and dark pants.

EXCEPTION TO THE RULES

The individual must be present with his / her own animal in the sale ring the day it is sold. Realizing that there may be circumstances out of the control of the seller, the current Small Animal Committee will be the authority to give or deny permission in certain cases for the substitute person to perform such duties. (Example: funeral, death in the family, sickness, etc.).

RULES FOR RABBITS

- 1.) All market rabbits must be born after January 1, **2023**. 3 animals per meat pen/ 2 fryers per sale lot/2 roasters per sale lot.
- 2.) Fryers must be **less than 5 pounds** at final weigh-in and roasters must be **over 5 pounds** at final weigh-in on **August 9, 2023**. Final weigh-in to take place in the small animal barn at the Rusk County Fairgrounds.
- 3.) Male fryers or roasters **do not** need to be castrated.
- 4.) Only animals selected as grand and reserve grand champions, as well as the next two blues may be sold at the market auction.

RULES FOR POULTRY

- 1.) Poultry will include: fryer chickens, broiler chickens, roaster chickens, light free-range chickens, heavy free-range chickens, and young turkeys (may include hen or tom).
- 2.) Market poultry must be hatched after **January 1, 2023**.
- 3.) Turkeys must be hatched in **March of 2023**.
- 4.) Final weigh-in for all poultry will be on **August 9, 2023** in the small animal barn at the Rusk County Fairgrounds. At the **final weigh-in, weights should be as follows:**
 - Fryers must weigh 2-4 pounds
 - Broilers must weigh 4-7 pounds
 - Roasters must weigh over 7 pounds
 - Light free range should weigh under 8 pounds
 - Heavy free range will weigh over 8 pounds.
 - Light weight turkeys will be under 15 pounds
 - Heavy weight turkeys will be 15 pounds and overAnimals will be banded at time of final weigh in.
- 5.) Fryers, broilers, roasters and free range will be two animals per sale lot. Turkeys will be one animal per sale lot.
- 6.) Males do not need to be castrated.
- 7.) Only animals selected as grand and reserve grand champions, as well as the next two blues may be sold at the market auction.
- 8.) Free-range chickens are those which are allowed to freely come and go from their shelter to find food.

RULES FOR WATERFOWL

- 1.) Waterfowl will include: young ducks (drake or hen) and young geese (goose or gander). Two ducks will be sold per lot.
- 2.) Ducks and geese must be hatched in the Spring of 2023.
- 3.) Final weigh-in will be on **August 9, 2023** in the small animal barn at the Rusk County Fairgrounds.
 - Light weight ducks will be under 6 pounds
 - Heavy ducks will be 6 pounds and over
 - Light geese will be under 9 pounds
 - Heavy geese will be 9 pounds and over
- 4.) Males do not need to be castrated.
- 5.) Only animals selected as grand and reserve grand champions, as the next two blues may be sold at the market auction.

RULES FOR GAMEBIRDS

- 1.) Game birds will include Pheasants, Guinea fowl, Quail and Partridge.
- 2.) Game birds may be up to 18 months (February 2022) of age by the Rusk County Junior Fair.
- 3.) Birds will be sold in the following lot quantities:
 - Pheasants 2
 - Guineas 2
 - Quail 4
 - Partridge 4
- 4.) Final weigh-in for all game birds will be on **August 9, 2023** in the small animal barn at the Rusk County Fairgrounds.
- 5.) Only animals selected as grand and reserve grand champions, as well as the next two blues may be sold at the market auction.

RUSK COUNTY 4-H SMALL ANIMAL PROJECT MEMBER

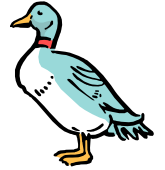
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