

MASS Rules

The following rules have been adopted by the Market Animal Show and Sale of Marathon County, Inc. Committee. **All CHANGES** have been indicated in **CAPITAL LETTERS AND BOLD - FACE PRINTING**.

A. PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. The sale is limited to those persons eligible to exhibit in the Junior Fair of the Wisconsin Valley Fair. Exhibitors who belong to youth groups of other counties and who weigh-in animals for other county sales will be ineligible for the Marathon County Market Animal Show & Sale.
2. Only exhibitors who are in GRADES 3-13 as of JANUARY 1, of current year, will be eligible for the M.A.S.S. Program.
3. Only animals entered and shown in the Junior Fair will be eligible for the show and sale.
4. All participants must attend the annual informational meeting with a parent/legal guardian.
5. The final entry deadline for the Market Animal Show & Sale registration is SUNDAY, JANUARY 6th, 2019.
6. All participants are required to fulfill the ten (10) point educational requirement system.
7. All participants must successfully complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Certification BY JULY 1 OF THE CURRENT YEAR.
8. By SEPTEMBER 1, of current year, all participants are required to submit a financial summary with a copy of the buyer thank you letter to receive your check and be eligible to participate in next year's program. The documents can be MAILED to the M.A.S.S. COMMITTEE AT: PO BOX 389, WAUSAU, WI 54402-0389; OR EMAILED to: MARATHONCOUNTYMASS@YAHOO.COM
9. Evidence of lack of cooperation by participants or parents/guardians will be forwarded to the M.A.S.S. Committee for appropriate action. Discrepancies identified may result in disqualification from the show and sale. All participants must abide by the Junior Fair Exhibitor's Code of Conduct as listed in the premium book.
10. Anyone caught falsifying documents will be suspended for the current year and the following year.

B. DNA/RFID TAG

1. General:
 - a. Each participant may DNA/RFID tag up to four(4) animals total.
 - b. **FAMILIES MUST PURCHASE THEIR RFID TAG(S) AND DNA ENVELOPE KIT(S) THROUGH THE MASS COMMITTEE.**
 - c. **DNA SAMPLES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO MASS COMMITTEE BY REQUIRED DATES.**
 - d. Families may identify animals as a family unit rather than individuals. (The word family means immediate family only).
 - e. Must own and care for the animal(s) as an exhibitor or parent/legal guardian.
 - f. All animals must be ear tagged prior to unloading at fair entry.
 - g. **REPLACEMENT TAGS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE MASS COMMITTEE AT A COST OF \$5 PER TAG.**
 - h. **PARTICIPANTS NEED TO CONTACT MASS WEIGH-IN CHAIR DIRECTLY TO REQUEST REPLACEMENT TAGS.**
 - i. **MASS COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RANDOMLY DNA SAMPLE ANY ANIMAL AT THE WI VALLEY FAIR FOR DNA VERIFICATION.**
2. Species Rules - the following rules per species are required to be followed:
 - A. Beef: a. Animal(s) must be castrated (testicles removed) and

dehorned before DNA/RFID tag required date. b. Any breed or crossbreed steer or heifer are eligible. c. Only senior calves, summer yearlings, and junior yearlings are eligible (animals in question will be mouthed). d. Beef will be divided into weight classes at final weigh-in.

B. Hogs: a. Any breed or crossbred barrows or gilts are eligible. b. Animal(s) must be castrated (testicles removed) before DNA/RFID tag required date. c. Per junior fair rules, all hogs must have a veterinary check within 30 days of the fair and all health papers must be presented to appropriate authorities prior to unloading of animals. The person bringing the animals into the fairgrounds should have all pertinent health papers with him/her.

C. Sheep: a. Any breed or crossbred wethers or ewe lambs are eligible. b. Animal(s) must be castrated (testicles removed) before DNA/RFID tag required date. c. Animal(s) must be born after January 1st of the show year.

C. FINAL WEIGH-IN

1. Animals will be weighed by 3:00 p.m. on livestock entry day.
2. Participant has the right to accept/reject scale weight. If weight is rejected, animal will not be allowed in the sale.
3. Participant must be able to identify the appropriate Wisconsin Valley Fair class of their animal(s) as listed in the premium book by final weigh-in.
4. Prior to the final weigh-in, all market animal show and sale sheep must be slick sheared.
5. All animals shall be weighed in at the Wisconsin Valley Fair clean and dry. M.A.S.S. committee reserves the right to refuse to weigh animals until clean and dry.
6. M.A.S.S. drug history form will be collected at the time of weigh-in, by weigh-in personnel, at the weigh-in site. They are not collected by superintendents.
7. Each exhibitor's name must be identified with animal id prior to final weigh-in.
8. First two (2) animals weighed in per species are the two (2) animals qualified for M.A.S.S. program.
9. Families who participated in the family weigh-in must identify which exhibitor is showing prior to the final weigh-in with drug history form.

D. MARKET ANIMAL SHOW

1. The judge will make the final determination of sale eligibility at the time of class placing by weight, grade, age, and quality during the market animal show.
2. Only first (1st) place animals will be eligible for the championship. The second (2nd) place animal in the champion class will then become eligible for the reserve champion with other first (1st) place winners.
3. In the market animal show, grand and reserve champion animals will receive Market Animal Show & Sale Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons respectively in each species. In the market animal sale, grand and reserve champion animals that are sold will each receive appropriate trophy in each species. If grand and reserve champion animals are not sold, an alternate will move up in sequence (refer to rule D-1).
4. The judge is authorized to eliminate unclean animals and participants from the show and sale.
5. Clipping and grooming on exhibits while on the fairgrounds is to be done by the exhibitor, his or her immediate family, 4-H Leaders, FFA Advisor, and or other participating Wisconsin

Valley Junior Fair exhibitors.

6. Animals deemed uncontrollable and unsafe to exhibit by the M.A.S.S. Committee and/or species superintendent will be dismissed from the show and the sale.
7. On show day, no animals will be allowed to leave the building, except to go to the designated wash rack or show ring. No exceptions.
8. No drugs are to be administered to an animal while on the fairgrounds unless under the supervision of a veterinarian and must be acknowledged to the species superintendent.
9. Code of Ethics: Any product administered internally or used externally to alter the conformation of an animal for exhibition is prohibited while on the fairgrounds. This includes altering natural hair color or the use of false hair, graphite, powders, Hemp or other similar substances externally and/or artificially filling internally. However, false tail heads or tails are permitted on beef. Failure to adhere to this rule will lead to removal from the sale.
10. While on the fairgrounds, market animals may be subject to re-weighing. At this time the weights of the animals must be within plus or minus seven percent (7%) of the first weight at the fair. Animals who do not meet these criteria will only receive sale price minus the difference after the plus or minus seven percent (7%) has been factored.
11. Bred and Owned Division: To qualify for the bred and owned class, the exhibitor must own maternal parent of M.A.S.S. market animal before it is born. Proof of ownership must be provided upon request. Registration papers, bill of sale or a signed letter from an agriculture teacher or 4-H project leader may be used as proof. The judge will get information regarding how to judge the class.

E. MARKET ANIMAL SALE

1. To qualify for the sale, exhibitors need to submit the following items, postmarked by July 1, of current year: a. At least three (3) signed bidder forms. FOR EXAMPLE; IF YOU HAVE ONE (1) EXHIBITOR IN YOUR FAMILY YOU NEED THREE (3) DIFFERENT BIDDERS; TWO (2) EXHIBITORS NEED SIX (6) DIFFERENT BIDDERS AND SO ON. Families up to and including the fourth (4th) child will be required to get twelve (12) different bidders ADDITIONAL EXHIBITORS WOULD NOT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL BIDDERS. (MAKE SURE THAT EACH EXHIBITOR'S NAME APPEARS ON AT LEAST ONE (1) BIDDERS SLIP). b. Ten (10) educational points of which must include at least one (1) M.A.S.S. sponsored meeting. c. YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA) CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION. d. MAIL FORMS TO THE M.A.S.S. COMMITTEE, POSTMARKED BY JULY 1, TO: PO BOX 389, WAUSAU, WI 54402-0389, OR EMAIL TO: MARATHONCOUNTYMASS@YAHOO.COM. e. PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT ALL DOCUMENTS IN ONE MAILING.
2. Participants must show in a beef, swine, or sheep showmanship class. It does not have to be the species they are selling.
3. Not meeting the above requirements will disqualify participant from selling the animal in the sale. Participant will be able to still show in the Junior Fair.
4. All exhibitors must turn in the following forms to the on-site M.A.S.S. office (located in the locker room) no later than 30 minutes after hog judging is completed: a. "Destination Form" for extra animal(s) going to slaughter. b. "Animal to be Sold" form (form available at the fair) c. Failure to turn in these forms in will:

- i. Authorize the Sale Chairman or designee to enter the top placing (ribbon) animal at the end of the sale order. ii. Require twenty (20) educational points the following year.
5. Where an exhibitor qualifies more than one (1) animal for the sale, for example, one (1) beef and one (1) sheep, or two (2) hogs one (1) heavy and one (1) medium weight, the participant must select one (1) entry for the sale. The participant is encouraged to sell the higher placed animal, to maintain the high standards of quality.
6. Sale Standards are: a. Beef: Graded USDA low choice or better by the judge. USDA yield grade of "4" or less. Minimum weight of 1100lbs. Maximum weight of 1500lbs. b. Hogs: USDA grade #1 or #2. Minimum weight of 240 lbs. Maximum weight of 300 lbs. c. Lambs: USDA grade choice or prime. Minimum weight of 120 lbs. Maximum weight of 155 lbs.
7. Any hogs sold in the Marathon County Market Animal Show and Sale must go to slaughter. a. Sheep and beef can be exempt from slaughter to be shown at the Wisconsin State Fair. See section F.1. b. Official M.A.S.S. contract between the seller and buyer must be completed at the end of sale.
8. Up to an eight-percent (8%) sales commission will be charged by the sale committee to offset costs incidental to conducting the show and sale. An additional charge will be made for two color photographs (buyer and participant).
9. Exhibitors may not buy back their own animal.
10. There WILL BE A \$25 fee for having checks replaced, which will be taken out of the new check being issued.
11. Animals and exhibitors must maintain proper show ring appearance in the sale ring.

F. WISCONSIN STATE FAIR RULE

1. A beef or sheep exhibitor may retain show rights for Wisconsin State Fair by declaring their intent to the MASS COMMITTEE NO LATER THAN 30 MINUTES FOLLOWING THE END OF THE HOG SHOW. Exhibitors must also provide a private written contract, signed by the exhibitor's parents and the buyer, to the auction clerks before the conclusion of the auction. The written contract must state that the exhibitor and parents agree to the following items: accept responsibility for any liability claims caused by the animals; provide proper care of the animal; to only exhibit the animal at the Wisconsin State Fair; and to have their auction checks held until they confirm delivery of the animal to the processor of the buyer's choice. A copy of this signed agreement must be provided to the buyer and the auction clerk prior to the conclusion of the auction.

G. CARCASS

1. If an animal carcass is condemned at slaughter by a state inspector, it is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor and he/she will receive no payment for the animal.

H. HARASSMENT

1. BUYERS ARE INTEGRAL TO THE MARKET ANIMAL SALE AND ARE TO BE TREATED WITH UTMOST RESPECT BY PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR FAMILIES. THERE WILL BE ZERO TOLERANCE OF ANY BADGERING, HARASSMENT, ETC. OF BUYERS BY EITHER PARTICIPANTS OR THEIR FAMILIES (INCLUDING PARENTS, SIBLINGS, GRANDPARENTS AND STEP FAMILY MEMBERS.) M.A.S.S.COMMITTEE WILL DETERMINE PUNISHMENT, WHICH MAY LEAD UP TO, AND INCLUDING, TERMINATION OF PARTICIPATION IN THE M.A.S.S. PROGRAM FOR LIFE. The M.A.S.S. Rules are updated annually. For updated rules for 2020, please go to marathon.extension.wisc.edu.