

Iron County 4-H Market Animal and Sale Guidelines

Market Sale

The purpose of the 4-H Market Sale Project is to encourage youth in producing a quality agricultural product by using ethical and sound agricultural business practices, including bookkeeping.

1. It is the policy of the Iron County 4-H Market Sale that no eligible 4-H member shall be denied participation in any of the benefits, programs or activities offered or sponsored by the Iron County 4-H Market Sale because of the person's race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, disability, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, pregnancy, marital status, or parental status.
2. Safety is a priority. Any animal that is considered not in control of causing a potential safety problem will be removed from the sale ring.
3. Members will pay a yearly due of \$10.00, due by January 1st of the current 4-H year.
4. A Rule Review Board will be appointed before the start of the Iron County Fair. This panel will include a 4-H Member, a 4-H parent that does not have a youth selling in the market sale, a 4-H animal project leader, an Iron County Fair Board member, the Iron County Youth Development Agent, and an adult with no current 4-H affiliation. This board will be called to make decisions during the fair with issues that arise.
5. An official auctioneer will be hired by the 4-H club to conduct the selling of all market species.
6. Animals will be sold by the pound, poultry will be sold by the pound of the pen as the official weigh in at the beginning of the fair.
7. Parents will not be allowed in the show ring during the market sale. Rings men will be available to take bids and help youth with their animals if needed.
8. Parents cannot take bids from the bidders, or crowd, but can place bids on animals they intend on purchasing.
9. Buyers will purchase from the 4-H sellers but checks will be made payable to the Penokee Range 4-H Livestock Club. Payments to the club within 2 weeks of the sale. The club will write checks to the youth at a meeting two weeks from the sale date.
10. The rules will be reviewed in August at a meeting of the club leaders, parents, and 4-H members. All requests or concerns will be submitted in writing to the 4-H Club Leaders before August 15th.
11. Rule changes will be in consultation with members, parents, leaders, and Iron County Youth Development Agent.
12. Youth members raising more than 2 different species will only be allowed to sell 2 species in the market sale.
13. Youth members selling their first year can only sell one animal or pen of poultry in the sale.

Eligibility

1. All youth selling at the Iron County Market Sale must be an enrolled member of Iron County 4-H.

2. All youth selling at the Iron County Market sale must be an Iron County, Wisconsin resident by the beginning of the 4-H year. The 4-H year is October 1st to September 30th.
3. All youth selling at the Iron County Fair Market Sale must abide by the guidelines set forth by the Iron County Fair Premium information, Iron County Fair Board, and Iron County 4-H.
4. All youth selling must be in the 6th grade of exhibit year for steers, and be in 3rd grade of the exhibit year for hogs, lambs, broilers, and turkeys.
5. All youth selling must have exhibited and shown any form of animal project the year preceding the current year of 4-H enrollment.
6. All youth selling must attend 75% of the meetings, animal project trainings, work bees, and community service projects performed during the current year of enrollment.
7. All youth selling must sell 50 raffle tickets and turn them in 2 weeks prior to the beginning of the current year fair.
8. All youth selling must have two people available to help them with their project animal for weigh in, bathing, showing, and marketing.
9. All youth selling must be present at weigh in at the Iron County Fair for all market project animals. This includes your animal and for the entire club.

Animals Sold at the Market Sale

1. All animals sold will be identified with a numerical ear tag to allow the animal to be identified at the time of slaughter to the correct seller and buyer. This is excluding pens of broilers and turkeys.
2. All tags must be in place at the time of the final weigh in at the Iron County Fair.
3. Steers can have a plastic numbered ear tag, electronic ID tag, or a metal dry tag.
4. All steers will be taped for their beginning weight in January of the current 4-H year. Two 4-H leaders will go to farms to tape steers, and record ear tags.
5. Market steers must be in the member's possession by December 31st of the current 4-H year that the sale will occur.
6. Lambs must have an official Scrapie tag from originating farm.
7. Hogs can have a tattoo that can be read, or a metal dry tag.
8. Market lambs and hogs must be in 4-H member's possession by May 1st of the current 4-H year that the sale will occur (weather and temperature permitting).
9. All lambs and hogs will be taped at the time of possession for beginning weight in May of the current 4-H year. Two 4-H leaders will go to farms to record weight and ear tags for lambs and take pictures of hogs.
10. Poultry must be in 4-H member's possession in June when weather and temperatures allow for safe shipping.
11. All poultry will be weighed at the time of possession as a pen at the beginning of project of the current 4-H year.
12. All animals sold at the Iron County 4-H Market Sale must be raised in Iron County, Wisconsin.
13. All animals sold at the Iron County Market Sale must meet the weight minimum and maximums as posted in the Iron County Premium information at the official weigh in at

the Iron County Fair. Steers must weigh a minimum of **850 pounds** with no upper limit. Hogs must weigh a minimum of **210 pounds** with no upper limit. Lambs must weigh a minimum of **95 pounds** and maximum of **150 pounds**. Poultry have no minimum or maximum weight limits.

14. When minimum weights are not met, the animal will not be allowed to be sold in the market sale. If the animal is within 5 pounds of the minimum weight at the official weigh in, it can be reweighed the following morning before the start of judging.
15. All animals sold at the Iron County 4-H Market Sale will be slaughtered and processed at an inspected processing plant.
16. Members can raise two of the same species, or pen of poultry but can only enter one for the sale. Members will declare which animal of that species will be entered for the market sale at the 4-H meeting two weeks before the start of the fair.