

2023 Calumet County Market Animal Sale

Fair entry and weigh in:

Beef: Thursday, 11:00 am | Swine: Thursday, 1:30 pm

Sheep and Market Goats: Thursday, 3:00 pm or immediately after Swine weigh in

Rabbits & Poultry: Thursday, 6:30-8:30 pm

No animals are allowed in the barn pens prior to being weighed in.

Judging: Friday

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Judging: Saturday - Rabbits (8:30 am)

1. Entries open to Junior Fair exhibitors just completing grade 3-12 and one year beyond.
2. All exhibitors are required to complete the "Market Animal Drug History Data Sheet" and submit to sale committee at Fair Weigh-In.
3. All market animal exhibitors must complete and turn in a market animal project financial record to the Sale Committee. This form must be delivered to the Fair Secretary's Office by 12:00 noon on Labor Day.
4. Youth are expected to attend at least three educational meetings throughout the year. Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a mandatory meeting; exhibitors must attend this meeting to sell an animal in the market animal sale. **Participation** in an educational event sponsored for youth such as FFA events, show camps, showing at district, state, or national shows, etc., qualify to replace a "county-sponsored" event. Members may not use more than two of these types of meetings to substitute for attendance at the regular county-advertised meetings. Attending a county market animal sale, watching a breed show or county fair show or attending a "dairy-related meeting" will qualify as a market animal educational meeting. **Youth who do not attend at least two meetings will not be allowed to sell an animal in the Market Animal Sale at the Fair. Youth who do not attend three meetings will have \$50.00 deducted from their settlement checks after the Fair.** It is each individual's responsibility to present proof of attendance or participation in "out-of-county" events to the Market Animal Sale Committee no later than pen set up (10 days before the fair), using the Calumet County Market Animal Participation Verification Form.
5. Youth may not count more than one meeting that does not relate to the species they are exhibiting at the fair.
6. Make entries on regular County Fair Entry Blanks under the respective classes.
7. No exhibitors will be allowed to wear shorts or "beer shirts" while showing or selling their animal.
8. Each exhibitor will be allowed to identify and/or weigh in up to three animals in each species.
9. All market animal projects must be raised on the exhibitor's premises and must be the result of the exhibitor's labor unless approval is granted by the Market Animal Sale Committee at least 30 days prior to the initial identification/weigh-in for that species.
10. An exhibitor may show all four large species (beef, sheep, swine, and market goat), but can only sell one large species. If more than one animal is shown, the exhibitor must, within one hour of the conclusion of the show, inform the Market Animal Sale Committee which animal will be sold. In the event that an exhibitor has exhibited the Champion or Reserve Champion in more than one species, that exhibitor will be allowed to sell more than one animal. An exhibitor may sell one large animal and one small animal (rabbit or poultry).
11. All large market animals will be subject to ultrasound scanning and those measurements used to individual's animals that are eliminated from the sale will be allowed to rescanned (at the exhibitor's discretion). The more advantageous of the two scans will be used to determine sale eligibility. Exhibitors who qualify to have animals rescanned at the fair and elect to do so will be required to pay for the cost of the second scanning.
12. Animals will not be allowed to reweigh.
13. Youth who have sold a market animal in another county fair market animal sale within six months of the Calumet County Fair will not be allowed to sell an animal in the Calumet County Market Animal Sale.
14. **Specific requirements**
 - a. **Market Steers/Heifers**

All market beef must be identified by submitting a photo with ear tag in the ear and an identification form filled out and sent by May 15th.

 - Market beef only (beef, crossbred beef, dairy and dairy cross)
 - 1000-lb minimum weight for beef and beef cross.
 - 1100-lb minimum weight for dairy and dairy cross.
 - Market beef must grade USDA Prime, Choice, or Select according to ultrasound measurements to be sold in the sale.
 - Holstein market beef which grade prime or choice will be sold.
 - Holstein market beef will be shown in a separate class from beef and beef cross market beef.
 - Any market beef class in which more than nine animals are exhibited will be divided into two classes based on weight.

- Beef animals can only be groomed by the exhibitor, family member, 4-H or FFA advisor from the county.
- Exhibitors will not be paid for that part of the market beef's weight that exceeds 1600 pounds.

b. Lambs

All lambs must be identified by submitting photo and identification form by May 15 of exhibit year. Wethers and ewes constitute market lambs. Lambs must have at least 44 percent boneless retail cuts according to ultrasound measurements to be sold in the sale.

- 90-lb. minimum weight at fair time for Cheviot and Southdown breeds
- 100-lb. minimum weight at fair time for all other breeds.
- Any market class in which more than 9 animals are exhibited will be divided into 2 classes based on weight.

c. Market Barrows/Gilts

All pigs must be identified by submitting photo and identification form by May 15 of exhibit year.

- Only animals that have a minimum weight of 240 pounds will be eligible for the sale. There is no maximum weight.
- Pigs will be divided into classes based on weight.
- Pigs must have at least 48.00 percent muscle according to ultrasound measurement to be sold in the sale.
- Swine exhibitors will not be paid for that part of their hog's weight that exceeds 300 pounds.
- The on-site vet, judge, or Market Animal Committee can determine that a hog may be eliminated from the market animal show or sale due to excessive bruising and markings. This animal may be removed from the fairgrounds.

ci. Market Goats:

- Market goats must be identified by submitting photo and identification form by May 15 of exhibit year.
- Market goats will show after the market lamb classes.
- Market goats must weigh a minimum of 50 pounds to sell at auction.
- All eligible market goats meeting minimum weight requirements can sell in the auction.

cii. Rabbit and Poultry

- All small market animals (rabbit and poultry) projects must be raised on the exhibitor's premises and must be the result of the exhibitor's labor unless approval is granted by the Small Animal Market Animal Committee at least 3 months before the fair.
- Poultry and rabbit exhibitors will need to select their exhibit animals prior to weigh-in at the fair. Extra animals will not be allowed to weigh in.
- An exhibitor may show in all Small Animal Market Classes, but may only sell one animal. If more than one animal is shown, the exhibitor must, within one hour of the conclusion of the show, inform the Market Animal Sale Committee which animal will be sold. In the event that an exhibitor has exhibited the Champion or Reserve Champion in more than one species, that exhibitor will be allowed to sell more than one animal.

15. The judge will select first, second, third and fourth place champion rankings for each species (Beef, Goat, Hog, Lamb, Poultry, Rabbit & Turkey).
16. All Market Animal Exhibitors at the Calumet County Fair are encouraged to reserve a meat processing spot for their animal if they intend to sell at the Market Animal Sale.
17. The sale will be conducted under the supervision of the Market Animal Sale Committee. There will be a five (5) percent commission on the gross sale of each animal plus \$10.00 deducted from the selling price of each animal to promote and finance the meat animal sale, purchase equipment, and conduct overall educational programs.
18. All market animals will be sold unless the Sale Committee is notified prior to the time the animal enters the sale ring.
19. Sale order for beef, sheep, and swine will be determined within species by carcass ranking. The first three animals to sell in each species will be Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, and Bred and Owned Champion.
20. Parents will not be allowed to place a bid on their own children's animals, either on behalf of themselves or on the behalf of another party.
21. Exhibitor only must accompany their animal for judging and in the sale ring. Emergency exceptions must be approved by the Market Animal Committee.
22. All market animals will remain for the duration of the fair and exhibitors are responsible for the care of animals.
23. No hay or bedding may be stored in barns.
24. Exhibitors of the first place carcasses will be awarded \$25 cash from the Market Animal Committee.
25. The Market Animal Sale Committee will not be providing trucking to meat processors after the fair.
26. All exhibitors selling in the Market Animal Sale will be required to write a thank-you card addressed to their buyer. This must be turned in to the fair office by 12:00 pm Monday of the fair. If the thank-you card is not turned in, the market animal committee will hold the exhibitor's sale check until it is completed and turned in to the market animal committee president.