

# MEAT ANIMAL SALE

## Weigh-in - Wednesday of the Fair

<b>Beef</b>	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
<b>Swine</b>	4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
<b>Sheep</b>	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**Market Goats will join the Meat Animal Sale in 2026 with details TBD.**

## Sale

Friday at 6:45 p.m., Pavilion 2

## Chair

Jerry Ace - (608) 877-4337

## Vice Chair

Blayne Outhouse - (608) 669-0516

## Association Officers

Kay Hoffman, Rhonda Knapp, and Trina Pauli

## General

The Dane County Meat Animal Sale is managed by the Dane County Meat Animal Sale Association. This association is an organization of interested persons whose purpose is the organization and operation of the Dane County Meat (Large) Animal Sale. This is an independent association and is not connected to the Dane County Fair Board, Dane County 4-H Leaders Association, UW-Extension Office or any other group.

## Objectives

1. To provide incentive for and to encourage participation in Beef, Swine and Sheep projects.
2. To provide livestock (Beef, Swine and Sheep) project members with a marketing opportunity.
3. To teach a greater understanding of livestock feeding, livestock marketing and meat animal science.

## Weigh-in and Pre-Registration Information

Winter/Spring animal weigh-in must be on the designated weigh-in or pre-registration (swine) date and at the approved location.

Youth ownership of animals is limited to the project member youth or his/her immediate family only. Immediate family is defined as: sister, step-sister, brother or step-brother.

## Regulations

The following requirements are in effect concerning the Dane County (Large) Meat Animal Sale. The requirements apply to all prospective participants and their consignments.

1. Dane County Meat Animal Sale participants may not sell in another county fair meat animal sale in the same year they sell at the Dane County Meat Animal Sale. Proof of another county fair sale will make the exhibitor ineligible for the next Dane County Meat Animal Sale following the sale in question, as determined by the Dane County Meat Animal Sale Committee.
2. **\*\*2025 UPDATE\*\*** Beef sale participants must be enrolled as a livestock project member with the Dane County Extension Office, a Dane County FFA Chapter, or other approved Youth Organization before January 1 of the current year. Sheep and Swine sale participants must be enrolled by March 1.
3. All consignments must be made from animals entered in the Dane County Fair.

4. All exhibitors wishing to participate in Meat Animal Sale must complete the Specie(s) (beef, sheep and/or swine) animal identification form. This form will be distributed at the species weigh-in/identification and must be turned in per species rules. Exhibitors must complete this identification form for each species they intend on selling. Exhibitors who do not submit this form for each species are NOT eligible to sell - ONLY show the animal. **NOTE: It is not the responsibility of the Meat Animal Sale Association to track down misdirected forms or to process forms that are late.**
5. Sale animals must conform to Department of Agriculture animal health regulations and drug withdrawal times. Consignors will be required to sign drug withdrawal certificates at weigh-in. Animals not complying (or are found to be misrepresenting their animal) will be disqualified from the sale. Drug withdrawal forms must be filled out and signed by parent or legal guardian on entry day.
6. ELIGIBILITY & QUALIFICATION for Meat Animal Sale Grand and Reserve Grand Champion: Market animals entering the show ring for each specie for selection of Meat Animal Sale Grand and Reserve Grand Champion must be eligible for and meet the eligibility and qualification conditions for the Meat Animal Sale.
7. Livestock sold must meet the following weight requirements to qualify for the sale:
  - a) Market Beef: Straight/Crossbred Beef Breeds: minimum 950 lbs.
  - b) Market Beef: Dairy/Dairy Cross Breeds: minimum 1,200 lbs.  
Note: For any animals exceeding 1,500 lbs., that are sold in Dane County Meat Animal Sale, consignors/exhibitors will only be paid to 1,500 lbs., and buyers will only pay for 1,500 lbs.
  - c) **\*\*2025 UPDATE\*\*** Market Lambs: Minimum 105 lbs. (Note: For any animals exceeding 150 lbs., that are sold in the Dane County Meat Animal Sale, consignors/exhibitors will only be paid to 150 lbs., and buyers only pay for 150 lbs.)
  - d) **\*\*2025 UPDATE\*\*** Market Hogs: Minimum 230 lbs. (Note: For any animals exceeding 300 lbs., that are sold in the Dane County Meat Animal Sale, consignors/exhibitors will only be paid to 300 lbs., and buyers only pay for 300 lbs.)
8. Beef, Sheep and Swine are limited to one weigh-in per animal at check-in. All beef animals will be subjected to a live grade and point evaluation to prioritize market beef for sale eligibility. Market beef must grade "select plus" or better to sell. Only market beef with no permanent teeth in place and all milk teeth in their mouths will be eligible to sell. Please see page 17, Market Beef Regulation #2 for an in-depth description.  
  
**Note: Exhibitors with more than one market beef animal to be considered for the sale are required to bring all of those market beef for weighing and grading at the same time. Decisions on which market beef animal exhibitors will submit for sale must be made immediately at live grade assignment prior to leaving the scale area.**
9. Sale order is determined by drawing numbers. The Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef, Swine and Market Lambs will sell first. All above listed champions are to be sold in the Meat Animal Sale, provided Meat Animal Sale eligibility requirements have been met. An exhibitor (consignor) may sell two animals of different species in the Meat Animal Sale. In the event one exhibitor receives multiple Grand and/or Reserve Champions, all Champions and Reserves sell.
10. Livestock purchased through the sale Friday do not become the responsibility of the purchaser until release time of the Fair (Sunday night or Monday morning). The consignor/seller:
  - a) Is responsible for feeding and care of animals through the duration of the fair.
  - b) Must check with the purchaser for any special arrangements until delivery is taken.
  - c) Must deliver purchased animal to the purchaser (or representative/trucker/processor, etc) at that species' load out area at release time Sunday night.
  - d) *Buyer must designate sale night where animal is going. Sale invoice must be in hand of trucker/buyer when animal is picked up at Fair.*

11. Beef consignors/sellers must provide a rope halter with their consignment for load out.
12. **\*\*2025 UPDATE\*\*** For those sellers/consignors/exhibitors who wish to request show rights, it is suggested the seller/consignor/exhibitor, for their own protection, obtain a signed release from the buyer indicating he/she understands the concept associated with the show rights and has agreed to allow the seller to retain those rights on the identified animal (animal identified by sale number and State Fair tag or other identifying data). A notation of how the sale of the identified animal will be addressed should the animal quality for sale at another show also should be included. The release should be obtained before load out Sunday night and a copy should be left with sales species load out representative then. **The Meat Animal Sale Association will not be responsible for any misunderstanding, damage or delays in delivery resulting from the granting of show rights to any consignor or seller.** An announcement to this effect will be made at the sale and included in any sale-related information. DCMAS will record at the Fair Weigh in-any exhibitors interested in requesting show rights. This information will be put in sale brochure and also read from the exhibitors bio card on the night of the sale.
13. Since this a non-terminal Fair, exhibitors who sell at the MAS may be responsible for transporting their animal home on Sunday and then to the processor designated if the buyer wants the market hog processed (unless the processor chooses to provide transport on Sunday afternoon). For swine retained by the exhibitor when the buyer chooses the premium option, the exhibitor must transport their animals back home Sunday evening. For youth that cannot take animals home due to biosecurity concerns, they must designate this at swine registration in April and will be allowed to keep their market hogs at the Alliant Energy Center overnight. They must load out those animals between 6:30 and 7:30 AM on Monday morning for disposition directly to a market or processor.
14. Substituting of animals is not allowed.
15. In addition to champions, Sale quotas are 50 market beef, 50 barrows/gilts and 50 lambs. Animals will be ranked for sale consignment eligibility based on show ring placing, live grade or points depending on the species. Consignors will meet before market beef, swine and lamb shows to explain this provision if it is to be applied to that particular species. In the event that one or more species has less than the allotted sale quota(s), species with qualifying animals in excess of their quota (of 50) will be allowed to increase their number of sale animals up to a maximum of 156 animals in the sale, including the champions. If 2 species have excess qualifying exhibitors/animals, the specie with the greatest number of potential exhibitors eliminated from the sale will receive the first open sale consignment, with the species alternating in selection until the maximum number (156) of sale consignments has been met. If there is an odd number of open sale positions and equal numbers of qualifying exhibitors/animals facing elimination, a coin toss witnessed by the species superintendents will determine which specie gets the greater number of slots.
  - a) A sales commission of up to 4.5% will be deducted from each sale to provide sales promotion, buyer recognition, scholarships, exhibitor education, etc., to be given to the Dane County Meat Animal Sale Association.
  - b) An additional sales commission fee of 3% will be deducted from each sale. This fee goes directly to the Dane County Fair Association.
16. Animals will be weighed and tagged on Fair check-in day to coincide with sale order.
17. **Consignors are responsible for contacting, soliciting and providing buyers for their consignments at the sale. There is no guarantee as to sale prices.**
18. Consignors are responsible for the behavior of their consignments both in and out of the sale ring. The Meat Animal Sale Association reserves the right to dismiss from the sale any animals that are a threat to the welfare of others including, but not limited to: consignors, volunteers, buyers and audience.
19. Any consignor/seller found violating any of these rules is subject to disciplinary action.
20. **All consignors must meet YQCA requirements.** *Consignors in livestock sale projects must meet the YQCA training, attend the qualifying meeting, and be a member in good standing with those departments.* Youth must complete a training program each year by either attending an in-person session or completing an online course. Visit <https://www.danecountyfair.com/p/youth-exhibitors/education-requirements--opportunities/livestock-departments> for more information. Consignors/Exhibitors must also attend one additional educational qualifying meeting **per species**. A copy of the beef/sheep/swine educational requirement card/form must be on file with the Dane County Fair by **June 15** of the current year. **Youth must upload YQCA and Education Requirement Forms online.** No mailed forms will be accepted. Exhibitors who have not met these requirements will be ineligible to exhibit projects at the Fair, therefore unable to consign a project in the sale.
21. Exhibitors must cash their checks by November 15th in the year the animals were sold. A stop payment will be made on any auction check not cashed by November 15th and a \$100 fee will be deducted from the exhibitor's check when re-issued. Any fees associated with the re-issuing of lost checks prior to November 15th will also be deducted from the exhibitor's check.