2027 Northwestern Michigan Fair
Market Livestock Auction Requirements

The following requirements apply to exhibitors participating in the 2027 Northwestern Michigan Fair Market Livestock Auction.

Species Requirements

Species	Pre-Registration	Possession Date	Birth Date/Age	Min Weight	Max Weight	Special Requirement
Dairy Beef	Nov. 1, 2027	Nov. 1, 2027	After Dec. 1, 2025	1,000 lbs.	None	Tagging Nov. 7-8, 2026
Dairy Feeder	Mar. 1, 2027	Mar. 1, 2027	After Dec. 1, 2026	350 lbs.	None	Tagging by Species Chair
Goat	Mar. 1, 2027	May 1, 2027	After Nov. 1, 2026	65 lbs.	None	
Junior Beef	Mar. 1, 2027	May 15, 2027	After Jan. 1, 2027	300 lbs.	700 lbs.	Tagging by Species Chair
Lamb	Mar. 1, 2027	May 1, 2027	After Dec. 1, 2026	100 lbs.	None	
Large Beef	Nov. 1, 2026	Nov. 1, 2026	19 months at weigh-in	1,000 lbs.	None	Tagging Nov. 7-8, 2026
Swine	Feb. 1, 2027	May 1, 2027	After Dec. 1, 2026	225 lbs.	315 lbs.	Virtual tagging due May 15, 2027

Poultry Requirements

See species-specific age and weight requirements for Cornish Game Hens, Ducks, Geese, Production Pullets, Meat Chickens, and Turkeys as outlined in the fair rules. Pre-Registration Date is March 1, 2027

Detailed Poultry Requirements

Cornish Game Hens

Requirement	Specification
Possession Date	June 30 - July 5, 2027
Age at Fair Weigh-In	4 weeks
Minimum Weight	2 lbs. per bird
Maximum Weight	3 lbs. per bird

Meat Chickens

Requirement	Specification
Possession Date	June 2 - 7, 2027
Age at Fair Weigh-In	8 weeks
Minimum Weight	5 lbs. per bird
Maximum Weight	10 lbs. per bird

Ducks

Requirement	Specification
Possession Date	May 26 - 31, 2027
Age at Fair Weigh-In	9 weeks
Minimum Weight	4 lbs. per bird
Maximum Weight	No maximum weight

Geese

Requirement	Specification
Possession Date	April 7 - 12, 2027
Age at Fair Weigh-In	16 weeks
Minimum Weight	8 lbs. per bird
Maximum Weight	No maximum weight

Turkeys

Requirement	Specification
Possession Date	April 7 - 12, 2027

Age at Fair Weigh-In	16 weeks
Minimum Weight	15 lbs. per bird
Maximum Weight	No maximum weight

Production Pullets

Requirement	Specification
Birth Date	October 15, 2026 - February 5, 2027
Age at Fair Weigh-In	6-10 months
Minimum Weight	No minimum weight
Maximum Weight	No maximum weight

Rabbit Requirements

Classes include Pen of 3, Single Fryer, and Single Roaster. Breeding, birth, age, and weight requirements must meet fair specifications. Pre-Registration is April 1, 2027.

Detailed Rabbit Requirements

Pen of 3 Fryers

Requirement	Specification
Breeding Date	April 28, 2027
Birth Date	May 29, 2027 on or after
Maximum Age at Weigh-In	70 days
Minimum Weight	3.5 lbs. per rabbit
Maximum Weight	5.5 lbs. per rabbit

Single Fryer

Requirement	Specification
Breeding Date	April 28, 2027
Birth Date	May 29, 2027 on or after
Maximum Age at Weigh-In	70 days
Minimum Weight	3.5 lbs.
Maximum Weight	5.5 lbs.

Single Roaster

Requirement	Specification

Possession Date	May 7, 2027
Breeding Date	January 7, 2027
Birth Date	February 7, 2027 on or after
Maximum Age at Weigh In	6 months upon checking
Minimum Weight	5 lbs.
Maximum Weight	8 lbs.

General Auction Requirements

All species must participate in both the Market Show and Showmanship Show to be eligible for the auction.

Class registration and required pen fees from the NWMI Fair Premium Book must be completed by July 1, 2027.

All exhibitors must complete one hour of work bee service on the fairgrounds before the start of the fair.

A copy of the 2027 buyer thank-you note must be submitted by the October 4, 2027, Youth Program Meeting.