

# SAWYER COUNTY MEAT ANIMAL SALE COMMITTEE

## 4-H Small Animal Project Contract

Adopted March 10, 2013

### PURPOSE:

1. To support a first hand experience in production agriculture with a focus on small animals, i.e. poultry, waterfowl, turkeys, and rabbits.
2. To further the interest and education of youth and their families in raising quality meat poultry, waterfowl, turkeys, waterfowl, turkeys, and rabbits.
3. Support youth in developing life skills, i.e. record keeping, reporting, management, responsibility, etc.
4. Engage youth in reaching meat industry standards by employing effective management practices.
5. Help youth understand marketing and profitability through project work.

### GENERAL RULES

1. Any 4-H member, third grade through one year post high school, may participate.
2. Participants must be enrolled in the 4-H waterfowl, turkey, poultry or rabbit projects. Note: If you are not enrolled check "please enroll me" on the response form. 4-H Record Books must be submitted each fall to maintain good standing in 4-H and be eligible for next year's sale.
3. All who are interested must contract their intentions to the MASC no later than either the Hog weigh-in date or the Lamb weigh-in date, whichever is latest in the year.
4. All stock must be bred and raised by the exhibitor or be purchased and in their possession no later than 2 months prior to the Fair.
5. **Each participant is required to secure, in writing, a minimum of 3 potential bidders per individual or 7 different potential bidders per family of 3 or more youth. Bidder packets will be sent to each family in July. Bidder cards will be handed in at the Pre-Auction Meeting one month before the Fair.**
6. Youth will be expected to keep management records of their project. **Monthly small animal project records are to be submitted to the \*Key Leader in June, July and August. A summary of your records is due at final weigh in time. Records will be evaluated using a standard point form by the Adults of the MASC Executive Board.**
7. You must attend Quality Assurance Training. After attending Quality Assurance Training for three consecutive years, youth can opt to test out prior to the county workshop. If you miss a project meeting or would prefer another study topic, contact your Key Leader to get prior approval.
8. Small Animals to be sold must be registered as a fair entry. Youth are expected to compete in showmanship classes. Animals must meet health requirements, i.e. **Pollorum Typhoid** test. No drugs may be administered without allowing the proper withdrawal guidelines. **All birds older than 4 months at time of show or housed with other birds over 4 months of age who are not certified must be Pollorum tested. When obtaining birds from a hatchery, request a certificate declaring the birds are from a Pullorum Free flock. After that it is important to request and Associate Flock letter every spring from the Wisconsin Department of Ag.**
9. The committee, pending funds available and/or donations received, will determine program incentive awards. If quality work is not submitted, they may recommend none be given.

**Incentives of \$10 may be paid to the top poultry, top waterfowl and top rabbit records submitted.**

10. Verification of animal eligibility and official weigh in of animals will be conducted at the fair, at time to be announced. This recorded weight stands of the official weight for judging day. Management records must be submitted at weigh-in.
11. Market animal classes only, as identified in the Sawyer County Fair Premium Book, will be eligible for sale.

#### **Poultry/Waterfowl/Turkey**

- \* **Capons** (2 birds, each weighing over 7#)
- \* **Roaster Chickens** (2 birds of either sex, each weighing at least 5# and not exceeding 12# each.)
- \* **Broiler Chickens** (2 young birds, each weighing 2.5 to 4.5#)
- \* **Young Duck** (either sex, weighing 5# or more)
- \* **Young Geese** (either sex, weighing 7# or more)
- \* **Young Turkey** (either sex, over 15 weeks of age; a turkey is an adult at 6 months of age.) **Ideal range is 15-20 weeks of age.**

#### **Rabbits**

- \* **Meat Pen** (to consist of 3 rabbits of the same breed and variety, under 69 days of age and all a minimum weight of 3.5# and none exceeding 5#). **Born June 14 or later prior to the Fair.**
- \* **Single Fryer** (not over 60 days or exceeding 5#). **Born June 23 or later prior to the Fair.**
- \* **Single Roaster Rabbit** (either sex, between 70-180 days of age and exceeding 5# but not going over 8#). **Born between February June 15 prior to the Fair.**

12. The top (up to 2) Blues in each market meat class listed will be grouped for judge's inspection. Also, if there is only one (1) Blue in a class, the next animal is eligible for consideration. Of those grouped the judge will determine a Grand Champion (1) and a Reserve (1) Champion; less depending on suitable market quality but no more than two (2) in total from the rabbit department In the poultry, waterfowl, turkey department the Grand Champion animal from each department will be eligible for the sale. No more than three (3) in total from the poultry, waterfowl, turkey department. The judging schedule will be announced prior to fair.
13. **All small animals will be sold as a single lot even if multiple animals (pens and pairs) are involved. They will not be offered as choice of animal.**
14. A 10 % sales commission will be assessed to cover the costs incurred conducting this sale, such as promotion, transportation for animals to slaughter facilities, etc. Transportation to slaughter costs will be taken care of by the Market Animal Sale Committee from the assessed commission for all sale animals. Sellers of hogs, beef and lambs will be required to participate in the promotion check off. Buyers will incur slaughter costs.
15. Once the animal is sold it becomes the property of the buyer. The exhibitor does have responsibility for caring for the animal throughout the fair.
16. Exhibitors are expected to prepare a thank-you card with a personalized note enclosed to the buyer(s). You should bring the card to the Post Auction Meeting, stamped, addressed and ready

to mail--BUT NOT SEALED. It will be read, checked off, and dropped in the mailbox. Checks will be distributed after cards are approved. Buyer photographs should be delivered in person as soon as they are received! Do not delay!

17. Expectations of parents/guardians and members:

- Honor and respect decisions made by the Market Animal Sale Committee.
- Assist at weigh ins and shows.
- Contribute to decisions made for project operation/contract.
- Share leadership in developing and carrying out project educational activities.
- Plan and carry out all aspects of the annual sale.
- Do post sale shift work in the 4-H Food and Ice Cream Booth.
- Make decisions relative to budget and use of funds generated.
- Assist with project record keeping and evaluation.
- Promote the livestock industry to consumers.
- Promote pride in youth, the project and their livestock.
- Support members and volunteers with good attendance at project trainings.

18. Parents of sale participants are considered members of the sale committee and are encouraged to attend project meetings and are expected to offer assistance with the project and sale as needed. **\*\*REMEMBER\*\*** Three meetings will require attendance by an adult and the youth member. They are: the Orientation/Contract Meeting; the Pre-Sale Planning Meeting and the Post Sale Meeting. A \$50 fee will be assessed for every meeting absence of the youth seller. **Only in an emergency or dire situation may you appoint another person to represent your family. Communicate your situation to the Chairman prior to an absence or if this cannot be done, ask the Board's consideration to be excused.**

## 2012 Sawyer County MARKET ANIMAL SALE COMMITTEE

### Adult Directors

Donald Hamblin, Chairman,  
Pat Eaton, Vice Chairman,  
Tweed Shuman

### Youth Directors

Beef – Kevin Henk  
Sheep – Jacob Henk  
Swine – Hunter Rhea  
Poultry/Rabbits – Evan Adair

## MARKET ANIMAL COMMITTEE

All 4-H members and their parents and project volunteer leaders.

## EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

These Key Leaders will make arrangements for market animal workshops or educational events. Other youth leaders and parents are encouraged to assist whenever possible.

**\* People who accept your monthly project reports.**

**LAMBS**

**Key Project Leaders**

**TBA**

**Resource Leaders**

**TBA**

**BEEF**

**Key Project Leaders**

**TBA**

**Resource Leaders**

**TBA**

**HOGS**

**Key Project Leaders**

**TBA**

**Resource Leaders**

**TBA**

**POULTRY/WATERFOWL**

**Key Project Leaders**

**TBA**

**Resource Leader**

**TBA**

**RABBITS**

**Key Project Leader**

**TBA**

**Resource Leaders**

**TBA**

**GENERAL RESOURCE  
LEADER**

Joey Johnson 715-558-3519

Bob Shamro 715-634-3132

**Sawyer County 4-H Jr. Livestock Group  
MASC Member  
CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT**

**NOTE: To be completed and turned in on contracting night. You may drop a project at any time but you cannot contract for something else later.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_

**Check the project(s) you will be participating in. Be sure to enroll in the project on your annual 4-H enrollment form.**

Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Dairy Steer \_\_\_\_\_ Sheep \_\_\_\_\_ Swine \_\_\_\_\_

Rabbits: \_\_\_\_\_ Meat Pen \_\_\_\_\_ Single Fryer \_\_\_\_\_ Roaster  
Rabbit

Poultry: \_\_\_\_\_ Capons \_\_\_\_\_ Roaster Chickens \_\_\_\_\_ Broiler  
Chickens  
\_\_\_\_\_ Young Duck \_\_\_\_\_ Young Goose \_\_\_\_\_ Young Turkey

**If completing the project with a managerial partner, identify your partner here:**

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**I have reviewed and acknowledge all MASC guidelines and documents and agree to abide by the rules and fulfill my obligations as a 4-H member and 4-H parent/guardian.**

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**4-H Member Signature**

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**Date**

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**4-H Parent/Guardian Signature**