

Bonner County 4-H Market Animal Livestock Guide

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1. Ownership and Bill of Sale Requirements for all Market Livestock Animals

- a. All animals must have a bill of sale/proof of ownership document at the scheduled spring weigh-in dates. This includes animals that came from your own farm. The Bill of Sale must include the name and address of the seller, the date of purchase and the date your animal was born.
- b. Any animal purchased out of state (outside Idaho) must have a Health Certificate *before* transporting the animal across state lines, as provided by a licensed veterinarian from the animal's state of origin. This Health Certificate must be current (issued within 30 days of the bill of sale) and must also be presented at the spring-weigh-in. This is Idaho State law.

2. Beef

- a. Brand laws are determined by the state of departure. Animals purchased from states with existing brand laws must be Brand Inspected prior to that animal's departure from the state of origin. Animals purchased within Idaho require Brand Inspection. The Brand Inspector will be on site at spring weigh-in.
- b. 4-H members must have ownership of the animal(s) for 150 days prior to the fair weigh-in. The Brand Inspector will be onsite at weigh-in. The Market Beef project requires a minimum of 130 days on feed, from the spring weigh date to the Fair weigh-in date.
- c. Animals purchased for the Market Beef project must be born after January 1 of the *previous* year of Fair.
- d. Vaccinations and wormer will be available at spring weigh-in for those who request it. Please bring enough money to cover the Brand Inspection. Also bring money to cover the optional wormer and vaccinations if being requested.
- e. There is no maximum weight for beef at spring weigh-in.
- f. The Minimum weight for finished beef at the Fair Weigh-in is 1000 lbs. Animals weighing more than 1,500 lbs. may sell at the Livestock Auction, but members will only be paid up to 1,500 lbs.

3. Swine

- a. 4-H members must have ownership of the animal(s) for 100 days prior to the fair weigh-in (first day of the fair). The Market Swine project requires a minimum of 80 days on feed from spring to fair weigh-in.
- b. Pigs purchased for the Market Swine project must be born after January 1 of the *current* fair year.
- c. Optional vaccinations and wormer will be available at spring weigh-in. Please bring money to cover this cost, if you plan to request it.
- d. There is no maximum weight for swine at spring weigh-in.
- e. Minimum weight for finished swine at the fair weigh-in is 230 lbs.
- f. Note: The recommended maximum finished weight for swine should not exceed 300 lbs. Animals weighing over 300 lbs. will qualify to show and can be sold at the Market Animal Sale – provided they receive a red ribbon or higher in the quality class. Members will not be paid for any pounds over 300 lbs. if the animals do qualify for the Market Sale.

4. Sheep/Goat

- g. 4-H members must have ownership of the animal(s) for 70 days prior to the fair weigh-in (first day of the fair). The Market Goat and Sheep projects requires a minimum of 60 days on feed from spring to fair weigh-in.
- h. Lambs purchased for market projects must be born after January 1 of the *current* fair year.
- i. Market Goats must be born after October 1st of the *previous* year.
- a. There is NO Maximum weight for sheep and goats at the spring weigh-in.
- b. Minimum weight for finished goats at the fair weigh-in is 75 lbs.
- c. Minimum weight for finished sheep at the fair weigh-in is 105 lbs.

Please consult Bonner County rules and regulations for a full list of livestock rules.