

**Date:** March 18, 2020

**To:** All Swine, Sheep, and Meat Goat Project Members; 4H Leaders; FFA Advisors; and Others

who are interested in participating in the following:

2020 Marquette Co. Youth Meat Animal Program and/or the 2020 Marquette County Fair

**From:** Marquette County Fair Youth Meat Animal Auction and Education Committee

The Committee has proposed a new form of Sheep and Goat ID this year per the Corvid-19 Virus. With working toward keeping everyone safe, it has been determined to NOT host weigh-ins for the Sheep, Meat Goat, and Swine Species.

It was determined by a vote that there will not be an April weigh in for market swine, market sheep, and market meat goats; however, all animals will still need to be identified.

The 2020 process for the identification of these animals begins this April. Again, there will be **NO** weigh-in at the fairgrounds on April 4th. Instead, youth must identify their pigs in one of the following ways:

- (1) producer puts ear tag or ear notch in the market animal's ear
- (2) The exhibitor puts an ear tag or ear notch in the market animal's ear.
- (3) Swine Ear Notch

If the exhibitor needs an ear tag or ear notch, because the producer does not supply one, tags must be obtained from the Marquette Co. UW-Extension Office and you must do that no later than **April 15<sup>th</sup>**. (In this case, the tagger is the exhibitor's responsibility. If ear notching is done by the exhibitor, the notching tool is then the exhibitor's responsibility.) Read on for how to submit information.

### **How To Submit Your Information And Photos Using The Google Form Listed Here**

Please follow the link to fill out a google form to streamline the process and use the link for **EACH ANIMAL** you are identifying.

<https://forms.gle/5GSn49TcnFzNQtxo7>

All market pigs, market lambs, and market meat goats must be tagged or ear notched and a photo with the youth and the animal must be submitted via this Google link with required ID information. If you do not have the internet, please work with friends or family who do. Finally, all information and photos for market pigs, market lambs and market meat goats is due to the Google link. Electronic Submission is preferred; however, information may be mailed to Kayla Darr, Marquette Co. Fair Superintendent, P.O. Box 338 Montello, WI 53949 if necessary.

**DEADLINE: April 15, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. Don't be late!**

### **Photographs and ID Information**

#### **Photo requirements:**

- (1) One photo per animal unless you are co-identifying the animal with a sibling  
(When immediate family members are identifying an animal, each youth **MUST** submit a photo; therefore, the animal's picture may be sent more than once.)
- (2) Youth and their animal are pictured together
- (3) Ear tag/ear notch is clearly visible and properly attached

- (4) Tag number/ ear notch is readable
- (5) Save picture file as: last name, first name, ear tag number or ear notch number  
(for example, jones.amy.746 –OR–jones.amy.3-3)
- (6) Submit photo by sending to mcanimalauction@gmail.com

**Animal ID Information:**

Fill out Google form completely -- one per animal.  
 Each youth can identify a maximum of 8 pigs, 8 lambs, or 8 meat goats.  
 Fill out the ear tag number or ear notch number as well as sex of each animal.

**IMPORTANT TIMES & DATES:**

In 2020, all animals MUST be checked before they can be off loaded onto the fairgrounds from your trailer. Fair superintendents will be available to assist you in this process. This MUST be done!

**April 15<sup>th</sup>** – If ear tags are needed, they must be obtained prior to April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**April 15<sup>th</sup>** – All photos and swine, lamb, and meat goat id information must be turned in by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Submit fair entry by the deadline!

**July 8th from 6-8 all Sheep Swine and Goats Arrive at Fair.**

**Final Weigh-Ins on Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>!**

**Youth Meat Animal Auction: Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> – Start Time: 6:30 p.m.**

**Weight Requirements:**

**Beef**

**Minimum Weights:**  
 1000 pounds for beef type steers  
 1150 pounds for dairy steers  
 950 pounds for beef type heifers  
 1100 pounds for dairy heifers

**Maximum Weight:**  
 None

**Meat Goats**

**Minimum Weight:**  
 50 pounds

**Sheep**

**Minimum Weight:**  
 95 pounds

**Maximum Weight:**  
 None.

**Swine**

**Minimum Weight:**  
 220 pounds

**Maximum Weight:**  
 Any barrow/gilt weighing over 300 pounds  
 will sell at 300 pounds