

Wilson County Livestock Show & Sale General Rules

As a parent or guardian of a participant of the 2024 Wilson County Livestock Show & Sale, you will be required to carefully read and sign this contract for your child to be eligible to show in March. The following rules will apply for this year's show:

1. Ages of Participants: 8-18 years old as of January 1, 2024

2. Any active 4-H member attending school and/or residing in Wilson County is eligible to compete. Exception to this rule will be ruled on by the Livestock Board on a case-by-case basis.

3. Livestock for the Wilson County Show and Sale, if housed outside the county, must be housed no more than one mile from county line.

4. Participant **must attend 5 meetings**, with club meetings or 4-H County Council meetings only being eligible, prior to the Show and Sale. A meeting constitutes a business portion and program by a chartered 4-H club in Wilson County.

5. Exhibitors or parents found cheating, misrepresenting 4-H, or participating in fraud or deception or acting in an unsportsman-like manner, could be disqualified and possibly barred from future competitions as decided by the Livestock Board. The *4-H Code of Conduct* **must be** followed by **youth and adults**.

- 6. 4-H exhibitors must have their project record books up to date on entries. All 4-H exhibitors are expected to turn in completed record books by April 30, 2024. Note: To have a 2025 animal project, a project book must be turned in by, September 1, 2024.**

7. All livestock to be exhibited must have been inspected by the Livestock Agent and Livestock Association Board, who will certify that these entries will make a creditable showing.

8. Price paid per pound to participate through the sale will be limited to the following weights:
 Pigs not more than 250
 Steers not more than 1250
These are for the sale animals at the premium auction price – support price will be paid on actual weight of animal and any additional animals raised by participant.

9. Five (5) percent of the total sale price of animals will be collected by the Wilson County Livestock Association to offset expenses.

10. Buyers will assume all liability for animals from the time of purchase. The exhibitors will take reasonable care of animals after the sale. Out of town shipments will be delivered to buyer at the buyer's expense.

11. Only exhibitors, show officials, & staff will be allowed in the show ring and sorting pens during competition.

12. The participant must be in attendance at the sale and exhibit their animal in the show ring. Exceptions to this rule will be ruled on by the Livestock Board.

13. A participant must complete one livestock project before they can begin another. (A project is not complete until a completed record is turned in.)

14. Anything not covered by the rules will be addressed to the Livestock Board and will be ruled on by the Board.

- 15. Animals that must be taken home after the show must be designated at weigh-in. **Note: Auction buyers have first rights to the animal they purchase if entered into the premium sale.**

Market Hogs

1. All hogs must be barrows or gilts. Pigs must have been weighed and identified 90 days prior to date of show. Identification will include name of 4-H'er showing animals.
2. Participants may weigh and tag up to **6** pigs per participant. Pigs cannot weigh more than 140 lbs. at time of weighing.
3. Participants may exhibit a total of three (3) pigs. No more than two (2) in either a purebred or crossbred division. No pig can be shown in more than one market class.
4. Purebred pigs must be verified at weigh-in and have registration papers presented before or at show check-in with matching ear notches. No purebreds will be allowed to show the purebred division without breed registration papers and matching ear notches.
5. In the live auction, each participant is allowed to sell one (1) individual hog unless the same participant is the Grand and Reserve Market Hog Champion in which both animals will be sold in the auction.
6. No professional fitters will be allowed to fit hogs at the fairgrounds. Immediate family members of the exhibitor (father, mother & siblings) or former Wilson County 4-H'ers are eligible to assist in fitting. We strongly encourage our 4-H participants to care for and fit their own animals.
7. Hogs **must weigh a minimum of 210 lbs.** to be eligible for sale. Exceptions to this rule may be made by the Livestock Board.
8. Hogs must have at least ½ inch of hair. Hogs clipped with less than ½ inch of hair will not be allowed to show in the market classes or sold on the truck load. No oil, paint, or powder may be used on market hogs.
9. Class breakdown will be determined and posted after all animals have been weighed. Individual purebred and crossbred hogs will be sorted at the discretion of the Livestock Agent.
10. Livestock Agent should be notified at time of death should a pig die. If a pig needs to be replaced, this must be done with the approval of the Livestock Agent and the Livestock Association Board of Directors. Replacements will be allowed up to the number of pigs weighed and tagged. Pigs replaced will not be eligible for Average Daily Gain Awards. If necessary, a pig or pigs may be replaced by February 10, 2023. Pigs that need to be replaced after this date will need approval by the Livestock Association Board.
11. All participants will be required to move pens for sale order line-up following the show. The Grand and Reserve Market Hog Champions and Best County Market Hog will have separate pre-designated pens.

I understand that by signing below, my family and I are responsible for upholding the 4-H Code of Conduct and the outlined list of Wilson County Livestock Show & Sale General Rules for myself and my family. I also understand that I will need to re-enroll my child in 4HOnline2.0 between January 2-10, 2024, to be eligible to participate.

Child's Name: _____

Parent Printed Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Child's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Market Steers

1. Steers must be weighed and tagged 120 days prior to show and sale. Participants can weigh on two (2) steers and show one (1). Participants must designate show steer by January 15th.
2. Steer must be castrated prior to weighing and tagging.
3. All steers must be de-horned and any recurring horn growth no longer than 1 inch. Scurs are not horns.
4. If necessary, a decision to replace steer has to be made by January 15, 2024. This must be done with the approval of the Livestock Agent. Replacement calf has to be in place by February 1, 2024. Calves first considered as replacements will be those already weighed on test. Calves replaced will not be eligible for Average Daily Gain awards. Calves that need to be replaced after January 15th will need approval from the Livestock Association Board.
5. All steers will be inspected on or around January 15th. At that time, the participant must lead the steer unassisted for a measured distance. If on the 15th, the participant cannot handle the steer, we will give a 2-week extension. We will revisit the participant on/or before January 30th to see if able to handle the steer unassisted. If participant is unable to do so, the participant and steer will be disqualified.
6. Livestock Agent must be notified at time of death, should a calf die.
7. Steers to be eligible for show and sale must have been weaned for a period of 120 days prior to date of show.
8. Steers must be of beef breeding.
9. Calves should be born after September 1, 2022, for the 2024 show.
10. Steers deemed ineligible to be shown for any reason (see #7 General Rules) will be sold for support price or taken back home. Ineligible steers will not be sold in the premium sale.
11. No professional fitters will be allowed to fit steers at the fairgrounds. Immediate family members of the exhibitor (father, mother & siblings) or former Wilson County 4-H'ers are eligible to assist in fitting.
12. All exhibitors must designate at time of show weigh- in if you plan to take steer home, given the opportunity, i.e. premium buyer does not want to take possession of steer.

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Sale Order

1. Support prices for Market Steers.
2. Support prices for Market Hogs.

3. Market Steer Grand Champion.
4. Market Steer Reserve Champion.
5. Best County Calf.
6. Other market steers in randomized order.

7. Grand Champion Market Hog.
8. Reserve Champion Market Hog.
9. Best County Market Hog.
10. Other market hogs in randomized order.

The Grand and Reserve Champion Market Hogs will be determined in a final championship drive consisting of the winners of the Purebred and Crossbred divisions.

Any market hog not selected as Grand or Reserve Champion or Best County Market Hog will be re-entered into the randomized sale order. Purebred and Crossbred division winners that were not Grand or Reserve Champion Market Hog will be announced when entering the sale arena along with any other awards (i.e. showmanship, average daily gain, scholarships) won by the exhibitor.

*If a single exhibitor wins both Grand and Reserve Champion Market Hog, **both** animals will be sold separately in the live auction.

*If an exhibitor of the Grand and/or Reserve Champion Market Hog also has a second hog chosen as the Best County Market Hog, the 2nd place Best County Market Hog will sell in the 3rd sale position.