

2012 BROWN COUNTY LIVESTOCK AND DAIRY AUCTION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES GUIDELINES

The purpose of the Brown County Livestock and Dairy Auction is to enhance the educational focus of 4-H and FFA livestock and dairy projects, to attract more exhibitors to the fair, to increase competition in the livestock classes, and as a result, to reward top projects.

The auction is limited to beef cattle, swine, sheep, dairy items, poultry, and rabbits. In an effort to limit auction size and its impact on bidders, an exhibitor may sell only one animal or dairy item. An exhibitor is not limited in the number of classes entered because of the auction. For example, an exhibitor may show a barrow, steer, rabbit, turkey, and dairy cow. Refer to the following rules for specific requirements on auction animals and dairy items. These Guidelines and all auction related forms are listed on the Brown County 4-H website at www.browncountyextension.org.

An exhibitor may exhibit an animal without participating in the auction. All exhibitors must comply with the animal and health requirements for the Brown County Fair.

Requirements for all exhibitors participating in the auction as well as specific requirements for each auction group follow. An outline of the auction procedure is at the end of this information. The Brown County Livestock and Dairy Auction Committee is responsible for the development and enforcement of these requirements.

Champion Carcass Evaluation winners of each market species will sell their market animals in the "Sale of Champions" as recognition of their achievement.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL AUCTION EXHIBITORS

1. All exhibitors enter the appropriate animal and showmanship classes on his/her fair entry form by the junior fair deadline. All junior fair regulations and department rules must be followed, as well as these fair auction requirements.
2. All exhibitors must enter and participate in the showmanship class for his/her age and animal department.
3. All exhibitors wishing to sell an animal or dairy item are required to attend one general Guidelines Meeting and one Educational Meeting during the project year. The Educational Meeting must pertain to an auction animal and needs to be done by July 15th. A notice will be sent to 4-H club leaders after the last Auction Guidelines Meeting is conducted, advising the names of the individuals in their clubs who attended an auction Guidelines Meeting and trying to qualify for the auction. All exhibitors wishing to sell a meat animal (swine, sheep, or beef) will be required to attend one MAQA (Meat Animal Quality Assurance) meeting as well. All exhibitors are required to submit (5) names of potential buyers using the Potential Buyers form on the Brown County 4-H website. This form is to be submitted online and needs to be in by April 1st.
4. An exhibitor who qualifies to sell in two or more areas, one of them being a Champion, has the right to determine which one will sell. (Champions are encouraged to sell.)
5. All exhibitors must provide a 5x7 photo of the exhibitor with his/her auction animal to the Fair 4-H Office by Thursday noon of fair week. All exhibitors must be wearing proper

livestock showing apparel in their photo (i.e.: white shirt for dairy). The photo will be part of an appreciation certificate presented to the buyer at the auction. Print name of exhibitor on photo back. The Auction Animal Entry Form (green sheet) must be completed and turned into the Fair 4-H Office by noon Friday of the fair along with the exhibitor Biography Sheet.

6. An exhibitor must be in good standing in their club, as defined by Brown County 4-H/FFA Chapter policy, to be auction eligible. Auction participants are expected to help with organizing, set up, take down, and load out for the auction. An exhibitor who fails to work will be penalized by receiving only market value for the animal/dairy item and any surplus monies will go to the Auction Committee fund.
7. State Fair rules regarding ethics and testing for drugs will be followed.
8. The auction animal must have been in the care of the exhibitor as follows:
 - Hogs minimum 3 months
 - Sheep minimum 4 months
 - Beef minimum 4 months
9. An exhibitor will be disqualified from the auction if it is determined by the Auction Committee that the auction requirements, fair regulations, or department rules were not followed.
10. All exhibitors have the responsibility to care for his/her animal until it leaves the fairgrounds. Exhibitors not caring for animals will be penalized by receiving only market value for the auctioned animal or dairy item. Any surplus money will go to the Brown County Livestock and Dairy Auction Committee fund.
11. All exhibitors will be assessed a 10% commission for the auction. The 10% commission will be assessed as follows:
 - a. All commission will be calculated from the total price of the item. A straight 10% of the total sale price will be taken for commission for all animals and species. Funds will be used for promotional costs, auction expenses, education, buyer appreciation reception, scholarship, and awards. The Brown County Livestock and Dairy Auction Committee will be responsible for allocating the funds.
12. **All exhibitors must submit his/her Thank You letter in a stamped and addressed envelope for their respective buyer to the Extension 4-H Office before the sale check is issued.** The 4-H Office will mail the thank you letter, and then sale checks will be mailed to the exhibitor. The exhibitor has **30 days** after the auction to submit their Thank You and Animal Project Summary to the Extension 4-H office.
13. Required educational meetings must be approved by the Brown County Livestock and Dairy Auction Committee in order to qualify. Attendance sheet must be on file at Brown County Extension Office and signed by meeting organizer.
14. The top ultrasound animal per species will be invited into the Sale of Champions in the auction. All ultrasound results will be graded according to industry standards. Exhibitors are not limited on the number of animals to ultrasound.
15. Exhibitors will be charged trucking fees for non-auction animals. Trucking fees will be deducted from the auction participant or a family member's auction check. Trucking fees are established by the livestock hauler at time of fair.
16. Exhibitors will be required to fill out a non-auction load out form. This form will provide the necessary information to ensure all animals are accounted for and transported to the proper processing locations or indicating the animal is returning home. Exhibitors are required to complete this form by Sunday of the fair. Animals not represented on this form are the responsibility of the exhibitor to remove from the fairgrounds at close of the fair.

DAIRY GROUP AUCTION REQUIREMENTS

1. Within an hour after the dairy show, an individual qualifying in more than one category for the auction will elect the category he/she wishes to sell. The category not selected by the initial qualifier will then be eligible to **successive blues** from that category. If there are no blue ribbon qualifiers, the category item will not be auctioned. All dairy blue ribbon winners with the exception of showmanship must check with the Fair 4-H office within one hour after dairy judging is completed to determine their eligibility for the sale and completing the Auction Animal Entry Form.
2. Dairy Proficiency category will be evaluated on the exhibitor's performance in the dairy management proficiency exam and interview with the Dairy Committee. The interviews will be held on Wednesday and Thursday of the fair.
3. The Letter of Understanding form and possible dairy auction animal pictures is due to the Fair 4-H Office by Thursday noon of the fair. The back of the picture must have exhibitor name, 4-H club name, class, breed and lot numbers clearly printed on the back of each picture. Example: Erin Reynders, Morrison 4-H Club, Holstein, Lot #4 heifer calf, spring, purebred. All exhibitors must be wearing dairy whites for the picture.
4. The Dairy Committee will solicit the dairy items to be auctioned and will assign an item to each category.
5. All exhibitors who qualify in the following categories will be eligible for the dairy auction.
 - a. Senior dairy proficiency grand champion (9th – Graduation) – Top Blue Only
 - b. Junior dairy proficiency grand champion (3rd-8th Grade) – Top Blue Only
 - c. Showmanship qualifier, grades 3-5 – Top Blue Only
 - d. Showmanship qualifier, grades 6-8 – Top Blue Only
 - e. Showmanship qualifier, grades 9-13 – Top Blue Only
 - f. Exhibitors qualify for the dairy auction by earning the Top Blue Ribbon in their class. Successive blues in an individual class would be eligible for the auction if:
 - Preceding blues selected another class.
 - Preceding blue exhibitor was not auction eligible.
 - Reserve Champions will be auction eligible.

If the Top Blue qualifies at a higher level in the dairy show, the next blue in the class would not move up and become auction eligible. Example: Top Blue in a class becomes Junior Grand Champion, next blue in the class does not move up and become auction eligible.

LARGE ANIMAL GROUP AUCTION REQUIREMENTS

1. All exhibitors are eligible to sell only one animal at the auction. If an individual has two or more animals eligible for the auction, the exhibitor must select which animal will be auctioned. Exhibitors must notify the Fair 4-H Office, by completing the Auction Animal Entry Form, which animal will be auctioned within one hour after their last possible auction animal is judged. Failure to select an auction animal may lead to ineligibility to sell in the auction.
2. Animals eligible for the auction must be shown in the Market Class for the respective Junior Dept. (Beef Cattle, Swine, or Sheep) of the Brown County Fair. **This does not include a pen of market hogs.**
3. To be eligible for the auction, animals must be weighed in on fair arrival day. Animals can be reweighed only once. The re-weight must take place immediately. An immediate re-weigh could be provided due to an equipment issue with scales, etc. The 3 items (a through c) listed below are required for fair weigh-in.
 - a. Animals will be weighed upon arrival, prior to feeding and watering.

- b. Animals recorded by family must be assigned to an individual exhibitor (see requirement #5 below).
- c. Exhibitors must submit a market animal drug history data sheet at fair weigh-in.
- 4. Large animals must qualify for the auction by meeting the following standards. Animals failing to meet these qualifications will be not auctioned.
 - a. Beef cattle (either sex)
 - i. USDA Grade choice or better. Final decision made by judge.
 - ii. Animals not meeting judge's grade of choice or better, but are determined choice or better by ultra sound may appeal to the Executive Committee to regain auction eligibility.
 - iii. A beef animal is ineligible for sale, regardless of birth date, that does not have all milk teeth in place.
 - iv. A beef animal is ineligible for sale if it has permanent teeth.
 - v. Jersey, Gurnsey, Aryshire must weigh 900# or more. Large breed Dairy – Holstein, Brown Swiss, Short Horn, both Parents Dairy must weigh 1100# or more. One Parent Dairy/ One Parent Beef must weigh 1000# or more. Both Parents Beef must weigh 1000# or more.
 - b. Swine (either sex)
 - i. Any breed or crossbred.
 - ii. USDA Grade 1 or 2. Final decision is made by judge.
 - iii. Animals not meeting judge's grade of 1 or 2, but are determined 1 or 2 by ultrasound may appeal to the Auction Committee to regain auction eligibility and must have received a blue or red ribbon.
 - iv. Minimum weight of 230 pounds; maximum weight of 290 pounds.
 - v. Animals found to be boars during slaughter will be disqualified. Exhibitor will forfeit fair premiums and forfeit auction proceeds.
 - vi. The top blue ribbon from each showmanship class is eligible for auction but must ultrasound USDA Grade 1 or 2 and weigh between 230 and 290 pounds. However this animal is not eligible for the sale of champions.
 - c. Sheep (either sex)
 - i. USDA Grade choice or better. Final decision is made by judge.
 - ii. Minimum weight of 100 pounds; maximum weight of 170 pounds.
 - iii. Animals not meeting judge's grade of 1 or 2, but are determined 1 or 2 by ultra sound may appeal to the Executive Committee to regain auction eligibility.
 - d. Use of Tranquilizers. No tranquilizer on the market is approved for use on food producing animals. The use of tranquilizers on livestock to be shown, auctioned, and then slaughtered is not permitted. Individuals found using tranquilizers, or other means, resulting in the condemnation of carcass will be ineligible for participation in the auction the following year and will forfeit the auction proceeds. Decision of inspector is final.
- 5. Beef, swine and sheep must be identified and tagged at the weigh-in. No animal will be weighed before or after the scheduled weigh-in dates. Tags can be purchased for \$2.00 per tag at the time of the weigh-in. The first two tags per exhibitor are free.
 - a. Beef Cattle – Each exhibitor may weigh up to 4 beef animals. Tags will be recorded by family. At fair weigh-in, cattle will be assigned to an individual exhibitor in the same family. Animals must be castrated and dehorned by spring weigh in.
 - b. Swine – Each exhibitor may weigh up to 10 pigs. Tags will be recorded by family. At fair weigh-in, swine will be assigned to an individual exhibitor in the same family. All male animals must be castrated by spring weigh-in.

- c. Sheep – Each exhibitor may weigh up to 10 sheep. Tags will be recorded by family. At fair weigh-in, sheep will be assigned to an individual exhibitor in the same family. All male animals must be castrated by spring weigh-in.
6. All exhibitors wishing to withdraw his/her animal from the auction must notify the Fair 4-H Office. If an exhibitor wishes to request the reservation of show rights, the exhibitor must notify the Fair 4-H Office one hour after dairy judging is completed. The request will be announced at the auction, but it is the buyer's option to honor such a request.
7. Once the animal is sold, it becomes the property of the buyer. However, the exhibitor has the responsibility of caring for an auctioned animal until it leaves the fairgrounds, unless excused by the Superintendent. A family member must be present at load-out time (see General Requirement #10).
8. Exhibitors of animals deemed unfit for human consumption by inspectors will forfeit the entire auction proceeds.
9. Exhibitors must turn in a Project Summary. (See rule 12, page 2).
10. Country of Origin forms should be turned in at the initial weigh-in and must be in by July 15th.

SMALL ANIMAL GROUP AUCTION REQUIREMENTS

1. Market classes for rabbits are designated in the fair premium list as fryer, roaster, and meat pen. Rabbits will be weighed in by the Judge and eligible for auction as follows: Roasters are between 70–180 days old and over 5#. Fryers are not over 69 days old and not over 5#. Stewers are over 6 months old and over 8#. A Meat Pen of rabbits consists of any 3 rabbits, same breed.
2. Market classes for poultry are designated in the fair premium list as pen of two roasters, pen of two broilers, and meat turkey. Roasters are over 5# and under 11# each. Broilers are 2½ # to 5# each. Meat turkeys need to be over 10# and under 30#.
3. Only poultry and rabbits receiving successive blue or red ribbons will be eligible for the auction. The judge will rank order in each species. A maximum of two rabbits will be auctioned. There will be a maximum of 4 pens of broiler chickens, 4 pens of roaster chickens, and 4 turkeys. Ducks, geese, and production hens are not eligible for the auction. This will allow the grand champion from each species in the sale of champions.
4. If an exhibitor has two or more small animal market entries eligible for sale, the exhibitor will select which, if any, entry will be auctioned and must notify the Fair 4-H Office at the fairgrounds of his/her decision within one-half hour after judging is completed. The auction class not selected by the initial qualifier will then be available to the next successive blue or red ribbon winner in that class.
5. All exhibitors should be able to demonstrate their knowledge of raising and caring for their project animal. Exhibitors must turn in a Project Summary (see rule 12, page 2).
6. Small market animals eligible for the auction must be free of antibiotics. Drug instructions for administration and number of days to slaughter must be followed.
7. All exhibitors will be responsible to deliver the animal to the buyer, alive or dressed, according to the buyer's request.
8. Those exhibitors wishing to withdraw his/her animal from the auction must notify the Fair 4-H Office.

**Livestock Judging Contest
(Wednesday evening of fair week)**

Objective: To have auction qualified youth utilize ultrasound readings in addition to the judges grading as an educational tool at the Brown County Fair.
Method: Organize a judging competition of youth participating in auction with meat animal projects. Individuals would rank on the hoof 4-6 animals (entire class if small enough) in a market meat class. This group of animals would be selected to represent a cross section of those animals at the fair. Participants are to be given live weight. Muscling and fat to be determined by composition, visual, and touch.

Results: Individual scoring the closest ranking to the official's final results would be recognized as the swine/lamb/beef carcass judge proficiency winner. Recognized with a plaque at the auction.

Awards

Scholarship Information: up to two \$500 scholarships maybe awarded to graduating seniors. See details on application. Due August 1st.
http://www.co.brown.wi.us/i_brown/d/uw_extension/4-h_acution_scholarship_form_2010.pdf

Carcass Evaluation: plaque awarded to the top exhibitor in Beef, Sheep, and Swine.

Livestock Judging Contest: plaque awarded for the top Junior and top Senior. Jr – up to 7th grade, seniors – 8th grade and up (Contest Wednesday evening during fair week.)

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