

2024 General Market Livestock Rules

Eligibility and Rules

1. To be eligible to sell a market animal, exhibitors must be a member in good standing with a 4-H club or FFA Chapter in Phelps County. Exhibitors may be asked to provide verification of membership standing.
2. Each exhibitor may show two (2) market animals of the same species but may only sell one. Each exhibitor may only sell two (2) species at the Phelps County Fair.
3. The Grand and Reserve Champion on Foot of each species will sell first followed by the Carcass Champion, and the ADG winner. All remaining animals of each species will then sell based upon index score. Exhibitors with multiple animals of the same species, must sell the highest indexing animal.
4. All species except poultry and rabbits must be castrated prior to initial weigh-in.
5. **No re-weighs** of any market animal will take place at initial or final weigh-ins.
6. In order to sell a market animal, it must be shown in the market class arena within two announced calls for said animal except for poultry and rabbits.
7. No market animals may load out until 6:00 A.M. Sunday, August 4, 2024. Exhibitors are responsible for having pens clean by no later than 9:00 A.M. Sunday, August 4, 2024.
8. All market animals which qualify for the Junior Livestock Auction must be harvested.
9. All market animals must be completely **dry** at final weigh-in for ultrasound to be conducted. If an ultrasound cannot be performed, the index score cannot be calculated, and the animal will be sold at the end of the species sale order.
10. Youth exhibitors who are members of a 4-H or FFA chapter in Phelps County must participate in fairgrounds clean-up day on Saturday, July 27, 2024
11. Any market animal entry that will be exhibited at the Missouri State Fair must notify the county 4-H extension agent for 4-H entries or the FFA advisors for FFA entries. This is for nose printing purposes.

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Depending on registration numbers of market animals, final weigh-in time/day may need to be adjusted and market animals that do not make minimum weight, will need to be sent home and not allowed to be on the fairgrounds. Furthermore, if the need arises due to lack of barn space, exhibitors with multiple same species of market animals may be required to only exhibit one animal

Market Steer Rules

Initial weigh-in -- Saturday, March 2, 2024 from

8:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. at the Phelps County Fair.

Final Weigh-In – 1:00 P.M., Wednesday, July 31, 2024

Ultrasound – 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, July 31, 2024

1. Steers must weigh a minimum of 600 lbs. at initial weigh-in.
2. Steers must be born after January 1, 2023. It is recommended that your steer be born in early spring of 2023
3. Steers must be dehorned, castrated, and manageable by halter at initial weigh-in.
4. Steers must weigh a minimum of 1,000 lbs. and have an average daily gain of at least 2.0 lbs./day at final weigh-in to be eligible for Junior Livestock Auction.
5. Steers may be shown if weighed in under 1,000 lbs. at final weigh in, but not sold.

Market Hog Rules

Initial weigh-in Saturday, April 20th, 2024 from

8:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. at Phelps County Fair.

Ultrasound and final weigh-in Wednesday, July 31, 2024 immediately following steer, lamb, and goat ultrasounds.

1. Hogs must weigh between 40-100 lbs. at initial weigh-in and must be born after December 1, 2023. Any hog over 100 lbs. will not be allowed to be weighed in as a market hog.
2. Hogs must be a barrow or gilt at initial weigh-in.
3. Hogs must weigh a minimum of 230 lbs. at final weigh-in at the fair to be eligible for Junior Livestock Auction and hogs weighing over 300 lbs. will be sold at 300 lbs. Hogs may be shown, but not sold if under 230 lbs.
4. Market gilts weighed-in at initial weigh-in can only be shown in the market class at the fair.

Market Pen of Chickens Rules

Final weigh-in will take place at 12:00 PM Wednesday July 31, 2024 at Phelps County Fair.

1. Four chickens in a meat pen are considered one species.
2. Cornish crosses must be 6-8 weeks old at final weigh-in.
3. Each bird must weigh at least 4 lbs. at final weigh-in.

Market Lamb Rules

Initial weigh-in will take place Saturday, April 20th, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. at Phelps County Fair.

Final Weigh-In – 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 31, 2024

Ultrasound – Following Steers Wednesday July 31, 2024

1. Lambs must be less than one year of age at final weigh-in.
2. Lambs must be wethers or ewes at initial weigh-in.
3. Market ewes weighed in at initial weigh-in can only be shown in the market class at the fair.
4. Lambs must weigh 105 lbs. with an average daily gain of at least 1/3 lb./day at final weigh-in to be eligible for the Junior Livestock Auction.
5. All market lambs must have a valid health certificate upon arrival at the fair.
6. Lambs must weigh at least 40 lbs. at initial weigh-in.
7. Lambs may be shown if weighed in under minimum weight, but not sold.
8. All lambs must have a USDA scrapies identification tag or USDA scrapies tattoo.
9. All lambs must be slick shorn prior to final weigh-in

Market Goat Rules

Initial weigh-in will take place Saturday, April 20th, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. at Phelps County Fair.

Final Weigh-In – 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 31, 2024

Ultrasound – Following Steers Wednesday July 31, 2023

1. Goats must be full or % meat goat under one year of age at final weigh-in.
2. Goats must weigh at least 35 lbs. at initial weigh-ins.
3. It is recommended goats be dehorned.
4. Goats must be wethers or does at initial weigh-ins.
5. All market goats must have a valid health certificate upon arrival at the fair
6. Market does weighed-in at initial weigh-in can only be shown in the market class at the fair.
7. Goats must weigh a minimum of 60 lbs. to be eligible for Junior Livestock Auction.
8. Goats may be shown if weighed in under minimum weight, but not sold.
9. All goats must have a USDA scrapies identification tag or USDA scrapies tattoo.

Market Rabbit Rules

Final weigh-in will take place at 12:00 P.M. Wednesday, July 31, 2023 at Phelps County Fair.

1. Rabbits must be 6 weeks of age, but not over 10 weeks.
2. Rabbits must not weigh over 5.5 lbs. each at final weigh-in and must be of the same breed and variety.
3. Three rabbits are considered one species, and only species which are classified as “meat” breeds will be allowed to exhibit.

