



Rosholt Fair Dates: August 29 – September 1, 2025
Rosholt Fair Carcass Contest: September 4, 2025



2025

Rosholt Fair
Livestock Market
ANIMAL PROJECT

PORTAGE COUNTY
PLANS FOR THE YEAR
RULES AND REGULATIONS



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WELCOME TO ALL PARTICIPANTS

Each year, changes are made to the rules and activities that take place. Therefore, it is important for you to **READ THIS RULE BOOKLET** carefully and note the items that affect you and your project.

Remember, the committee is here to help you in any way possible. If you have questions or need help with a problem, ask us. Page 10 has a list of the committee members and their phone numbers. Please call one of us if you need help. To those of you who are new in the project, we urge you to get involved, work hard, and enjoy the project and activities that go with it. Please don't forget that this is only a part of your commitment to your youth organization. Best wishes for the coming year!

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WEIGH-ON DATES AND PLACES

DATE	ANIMAL	LOCATION	TIME	DAYS TO WEIGH-OFF
MARCH 1	BEEF	ROSHOLT FAIRGROUNDS	9:00 - 10:00 AM	181 DAYS
MAY 3	LAMBS	ROSHOLT FAIRGROUNDS	9:00 - 10:00 AM	118 DAYS

Dates and days can change pending Rosholt Fair show dates.

AWARDS

In addition to the ribbons and premiums awarded at the Rosholt Fair, plaques are awarded to the champions, reserve champions, rate-of-gain champions, showmanship champions and the outstanding exhibitor award recipients in each species. All animals weighed on and off (which meet the requirements to qualify for the sale) are eligible for the rate-of-gain championships. At the end of the carcass contest, plaques are given to the Grand and Reserve Champion carcass in each species.

Three Clean Barn Award winners (one per species) will be selected at the Rosholt Fair. Criteria are listed in the fair book on page 8. Each youth organization selected for the Clean Barn Award will receive a \$50.00 cash prize from the Market Animal Committee. The winners will be announced at the Carcass Contest.

2025 MARKET ANIMAL PROJECT RULES:

A. PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Only current, active members of Portage County 4-H, FFA or any other recognized Portage County youth organization under adult leadership with a market animal education program that has been approved by the Rosholt Fair Board, are eligible to participate in the Portage County Market Animal Project. **Participants must be in grades 3 through one year beyond high school graduation and not to extend beyond the age of 19 as of December 31, 2024.**
2. All animal exhibitors in the project must have or obtain a Premises ID to be in the program. Premises IDs can be obtained by visiting <http://www.wiid.org/> or calling toll-free (888)808-1910.
3. **Each exhibitor who sold an animal in the previous Market Animal Sale MUST have submitted a copy of the thank-you letter that was sent to his/her buyer no later than October 15th of the sale year in order to be eligible to participate in the Market Animal Project the following year. New project members should refer to the details about thank-you letters on page 8, G11.**
4. The registration deadline for the 2025 Market Animal Project was December 15, 2024.

B. WEIGH-ON

1. **Age of project animals.** Market beef must be born on or after January 1 of the previous year. Market swine and lambs must be born on or after January 1 of the current year.
2. Project animals may be market beef steers or heifers, swine barrows or gilts, sheep wethers or ewe lambs. Males must be castrated (testicles physically removed) prior to weigh-on. Any banded scrotum must be healed and devoid of testicular tissue as determined by the veterinarian or committee. No emasculating (crushing).
3. **Limit of two head per species**, per exhibitor, to be weighed on for the Market Animal Project. Families with two or more project members who only weigh on one animal per species each, may weigh on up to two additional joint project animals per family. These “floater” animals may be shown and sold by any of the market animal project members in that family. At the time of weigh-off, each “floater” animal must be assigned to a specific project member. **Market animals may not be a managerial project.**
4. Ear tag(s) will be placed in ear(s) of all beef and sheep project animals at the time of weigh-on.
5. Beef cannot weigh more than 1,100 pounds at weigh-on. They must be dehorned prior to weigh-on. **Scurs are not attached to the skull with bone and do not pose a safety hazard.** Beef must be haltered during the weigh-on process.
6. It is recommended that lambs do not weigh more than **90** pounds at weigh-on. All lambs’ tails must be docked prior to weigh-on.
7. All animals will be weighed on only once. Handling of animals is the responsibility of the exhibitor or exhibitor’s family.
8. “Good faith clause”: **Participants have the right to accept or reject the scale weight. If the weight is rejected, the animals will not be allowed in the sale.**
9. The swine show is a terminal show. All animals must be sent to a state or federally inspected facility for processing.

10. Swine must be identified by May 5. Members must tag, photograph, and electronically submit two photos for each tagged hog: one photo of the entire animal and another photo of the animal showing its tag number. Include project member name with correlating ear tag. Ear tags and ear taggers (if needed) will be distributed at the March 6 Practical Applications meeting, between 7:00 and 8:00 pm. Photos must be submitted no later than May 5 to: portageco.map@gmail.com. **YOU WILL RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION E-MAIL AFTER PHOTOS ARE SUBMITTED.** If you do not receive a confirmation e-mail shortly after submission, your photos were not received and you should submit them again.

11. Original ear tag(s) must remain in the animals' ears. If a tag is displaced (lost or removed for health reasons), the project member must contact Dr. Barb Kasprovicz or Jeremy Spoelstra immediately, or the animal could be disqualified from the Market Animal Project.

C. EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

All participants **MUST** attend **THREE** educational meetings to be eligible to participate in the Market Animal Sale. Each event in the table below qualifies as an educational meeting.

DATE / TIME	COMMITTEE	LOCATION	EVENT
JANUARY 4 11:00 AM	COMMITTEE MEETS 9:30 AM	PORTAGE CO. LIBRARY STEVENS POINT	KICK-OFF MEETING - This meeting introduces the project. Members receive rule books and an explanation of the rules.
JANUARY 14 6:00 PM	n/a	JENSEN CENTER AMHERST	YQCA* - This training session will be geared toward middle school and high school students. Prior to attending an in-person YQCA training, online registration must be completed by going to yqcaprogram.org , and signing up for <i>Instructor-Led Training</i> for a small fee.
FEBRUARY 8	n/a	UW-MADISON CAMPUS MEAT SCIENCE & ANIMAL BIOLOGIC DISCOVERY BUILDING	STATE 4-H MEAT EVALUATION CONTEST - For details: https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/meats-judging-contest/
FEBRUARY 6 7:00 PM	COMMITTEE MEETS 6:00 PM	JENSEN CENTER AMHERST	NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION/SPECIES MEETINGS - You will only receive credit for this meeting if you are a 1 st or 2 nd year project member, or if you are older and help present information at the meeting. You must notify the Market Animal Committee by the previous month if you plan to help present (see committee members on page 10). Register ahead for this meeting. YQCA* - This second training session will also be geared toward middle school and high school students. Prior to attending an in-person YQCA training, online registration must be completed by going to yqcaprogram.org , and signing up for <i>Instructor-Led Training</i> for a small fee.
MARCH 6 7:00 PM	COMMITTEE MEETS 6:00 PM	JENSEN CENTER AMHERST	PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS - This is an educational workshop for Market Animal Project members. Swine ear tags and taggers (if needed), will be distributed from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Swine project members or a member of their family, must be present to pick up the tags.

MARCH 15 9:00 AM	n/a	UW-MADISON CAMPUS	4-H LIVESTOCK QUIZ BOWL AND SKILLATHON - For details https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/livestock-quiz-bowl-skillathon-contest/ See Dr. Barb about joining the team.
TBD	n/a	TBD	BEEF, SWINE AND SHEEP WORKSHOPS - All details TBD
APRIL 15 6:00 PM	COMMITTEE MEETS 5:30 PM	PORTAGE COUNTY ANNEX, STEVENS POINT	YQCA* - This third training session will be geared towards elementary and middle school students. Prior to attending an in-person YQCA training, online registration must be completed by going to yqcaprogram.org , and signing up for <i>Instructor-Led Training</i> for a small fee.
MAY 20 7:00 PM	COMMITTEE MEETS 6:00 PM	ROSHOLT FAIR PARK EXHIBIT HALL	SALE PROMOTION & RECORDS/ETHICS & SPORTSMANSHIP- Members receive bidder slips and information about record maintenance. If you cannot attend this meeting, it is your responsibility to pick up bidder slips at the UW-Extension office.
JUNE	n/a	TBD	AREA ANIMAL SCIENCE DAY - Registration due in May. Details will be published in the 4-H <i>Courier</i> newsletter. In order to count as an educational meeting, you must participate in a livestock section and must attend for the entire day.
JULY 17-20	COMMITTEE MEETING TBD	AMHERST FAIRGROUNDS	AMHERST FAIR - To receive credit, exhibitor must participate in market class and showmanship class in beef, sheep, or swine.
JULY 31 - AUGUST 10	n/a	WISCONSIN STATE FAIRGROUNDS	STATE FAIR - To receive credit, exhibitor must exhibit beef, sheep, or swine and compete in a livestock showmanship class . Judging does not count.

*YQCA is a national training program mandatory each year for all market species (beef, sheep & swine). YQCA training must be completed no later than **July 1** to be eligible for the Market Animal Sale. YQCA training can be completed by youth up to age 18 as in-person/instructor-led or completed online at yqcaprogram.org for a fee. In order to receive the YQCA certificate for *Instructor-Led Training* youth must complete both a pre-training test and a post-training test. Young adults age 19-21 are required to complete the web-based course. There is no instructor-led session for this age group.

Note: To receive credit for an event **not** listed on Pages 3 and 4, you must receive **PRIOR APPROVAL** from Dr. Barb Kasproicz. After attending the event, you must provide proof of attendance by completing a Portage County Youth Livestock Educational Event Verification Form which can be found on the Portage County 4-H website https://portage.extension.wisc.edu/files2021/02/Educational_Verification_Form-fillable2-1.pdf (wisc.edu). Completed form must be submitted to the committee **within 7 days** after attending event. Additional educational events that are posted on the Market Animal Committee's Facebook page (<https://bit.ly/PortageMAP>) do not require prior approval, but they do require a verification form. Only one unlisted event per member per year is allowed. Participation in one FFA career development event in either Livestock Evaluation or Meat Evaluation and Technology at a regional or state location will count for an educational meeting with proof of attendance from your FFA advisor. Youth grade 7 or older may satisfy one educational meeting requirement by attending at least three Market Animal Committee meetings. **The only livestock shows that count for an educational meeting are the Amherst Fair and the State Fair.** With the exception of the State Fair, all educational meeting requirements must be completed by August 1.

D. PRIOR TO WEIGH-OFF

1. Market Animal Project records must be personally maintained by project members and kept up to date. All forms included in the Market Animal Project binder (Market Animal Project Record, Market Animal Project Drug History Form, Animal Care Agreement, Species Identification Form, Extra Animal Destination Form, Market Animal Project Member Data Sheet, Wisconsin Owner/Hauler Statement for Sheep) must be completed, signed by your parents and the adult leader of your approved youth organization, and turned in to a committee member **no later than 3pm on Sunday, August 24, 2025** (Rosholt Fair Clean-Up Day) in order to be eligible for the Market Animal Sale. If you cannot attend the Clean-Up Day, please send your Market Animal Project binder with another family or leader. After weigh-off, any changes to the Extra Animal Destination form must be discussed with Sara Hintz.

E. WEIGH-OFF

1. **Project members are responsible for the humane care of their animals from the time the animals arrive at the fairgrounds until the animals leave the fairgrounds. All animals must be given FRESH water and food at least 2 times a day. In addition, the animal pens need to be checked throughout the day for feed, water, and overall cleanliness.**
2. Weigh-off will be held at the Rosholt Fairgrounds: **Friday, August 29, 2025. You MAY NOT unload your animal(s) until they have been inspected by the veterinarian. All animals will be weighed off the trailer from 2 pm to 7 pm.**
3. For Swine only, CVI/health certificate **that was obtained during an on-farm visit within 30 days of the fair**, must accompany hogs at unloading.
4. Each exhibitor or family member may weigh off all animals previously weighed on.
5. Joint project animals (floaters) need to be assigned/designated to one exhibitor at time of weigh-off. **The floater needs to be randomly included on one family member's fair entry form** so that the barn supervisor knows how many animals you are bringing.
6. **No attached horns are allowed. Scurs, or horn caps less than 1.5", are permitted.**
7. **Exhibitors MUST select their sale animal no later than time of weigh-off.**
8. All animals will be weighed off only once. Handling of animals is the responsibility of the exhibitor or exhibitor's family.
9. "Good faith clause": **Participants have the right to accept or reject the scale weight. If the weight is rejected, the animal will not be allowed in the sale.**
10. **Any unmanageable animal that poses a threat to the safety of exhibitors, fairgoers or other animals will be sent home. The decision to send home an animal deemed unmanageable will be made by three members of the Youth Exhibit Committee.**
11. Exhibitors or designee **MUST** attend the weigh-off meeting held at 8:00 pm in the Pinkerton Building.

F. MARKET ANIMAL SHOW

1. All project animals weighed off that meet sale requirements are allowed to show in the Market Animal Project Class (Class B). **When signing up for fair exhibits, enter ALL project animals under Class B. Class C should only be used for non-project animals.**
2. After the final weigh-off, all project animals will be divided into classes based on their weights. Weight classes will be determined by members of the Records Committee. Class divisions will be based on the similarity of weights within a class and the difference in weight between the heaviest animal in the previous class and the lightest animal in the next class.
3. Animal health requirements for County Fairs will apply to the project animals in the Market Show and Sale. Requirements can be found in the fair book, and can change from year to year.
4. Only exhibitors are allowed in the Show and Sale Ring.
5. If the exhibitor has two animals in the same class, they must ask another Rosholt Fair animal exhibitor to show one of the animals for them.
6. If the exhibitor has two animals in the championship drive, the exhibitor cannot win both Grand and Reserve Champion in the same species.
7. **If an exhibitor is not able to control their project animal in the show ring (animal cannot be led around ring or lined up) and three members of the Youth Exhibit Committee determine that the animal poses a threat to the safety of other exhibitors, animals or the judge, the unmanageable animal will be removed from the show ring and WILL NOT be eligible to participate in the Market Animal Sale.**

G. MARKET ANIMAL SALE

1. In order to qualify for the sale, two signed bidder slips must be turned in to the committee by each exhibitor and postmarked by August 1. **This rule will be strictly enforced.**
2. Grand and Reserve Champion show animals must be sold in the Market Animal Sale. **If the alternate project animal that was not chosen to be in the sale is selected as the Grand or Reserve Champion, that animal will be the sale animal.**
3. Each exhibitor will be allowed to sell one animal in the sale. If exhibitors show more than one species, they must assume the responsibility of selection of the one species that will go into the sale immediately after the market judging is completed. Selection will be determined by the Market Animal Committee only if the exhibitor does not make a selection. In the event that a member should be the exhibitor of more than one species Grand or Reserve Champion, this member is required to sell all Grand or Reserve Champion animals.
4. The physical appearance of market animals, while being displayed in the sale ring, must be in compliance with the same rules that govern the physical appearance of market animals while being judged in the show ring. Refer to the Portage County Fair Animal Exhibitor's Code of Ethics on pages 5-6 of the Portage County Fair Book. Any market animal whose physical appearance deviates from these rules **WILL NOT** be allowed to enter the sale ring until the deviation has been corrected.

5. Market animals must meet all of the following requirements for each species in order to qualify for the Market Animal Project Show and Sale:

	MINIMUM WEIGHT	MAXIMUM WEIGHT	MINIMUM RATE OF GAIN	QUALITY GRADE	MAXIMUM YIELD GRADE
BEEF	1,000 lbs	None	1.7 lbs/day (Gain at least 308 lbs)	Select (S ^o) or higher	4.0
SWINE	230 lbs	None	None	None	None
LAMB	100 lbs	None	None	Choice or higher	None

- a. Judges will have the discretion to disqualify any animal and remove it from the sale if they deem that it does not meet quality market standards.
 - b. Weights will be determined at weigh-off.
 - c. Rate of Gain for beef and sheep will be computed at weigh-off.
 - d. Quality and yield grade will be determined by the judge.
 - e. Although there is not a maximum weight in place for swine, there is a maximum pay-out weight of 300 lbs. In order to align with industry standards, any swine weighing over 300 lbs will still qualify for the sale if they have met all other requirements, but the maximum pay-out will only be up to 300 lbs.
 - f. Although there is not a maximum weight in place for lambs, there is a maximum pay-out weight of 160 lbs for lambs. In order to align with industry standards, any lamb weighing over 160 lbs will still qualify for the sale if they have met all other requirements, but the maximum pay-out will only be up to 160 lbs.
6. **Market animals exhibited by youth who did not meet all the required market animal project timelines and market animals that did not meet the requirements listed under G5 may be exhibited under Class C. Please note that Class C only allows for one animal per species to be exhibited. Refer to page 2, item 4, Fair Entries in the Portage County Fair Book.**
7. All livestock to be sold must be identified by a Market Animal information card provided by the committee. It shall be the exhibitor's responsibility to have this card properly completed and displayed over the animal's pen or stall.
8. Sale Order:
- a. **Grand champions will be the first 3 animals sold in the sale according to the following rotation:**

GRAND CHAMPION ROTATION	SHEEP	SWINE	BEEF
	2025	2026	2027

- b. Remaining Reserve Champions will be equally distributed in the top half of the sale order. Distribution will be determined by computer randomization.
 - c. Sale order of the remaining market animals will be determined by computer randomization.
9. Neither the Rosholt Fair nor the Sale Committee will make a guarantee as to the selling price.
10. There will be a sales commission of \$35.00 or 4.5%, whichever is greater, deducted from the selling price of each animal to cover expenses and promote the Market Animal Sale.
11. **Each exhibitor who sells an animal in the Market Animal Sale MUST submit a copy of the thank-you letter that was sent to his/her buyer no later than October 15 of the current year in order to be eligible to participate in next year's Market Animal Project.** Copies of letters may be submitted electronically to portageco.map@gmail.com or personally delivered to the UW-Extension office. The electronic submission may be a photo or scanned document. Letters must be legible. You will receive a confirmation e-mail shortly after a copy of your letter was submitted. If you do not receive a confirmation e-mail shortly after submission, your letter was not received, and you should submit the documentation again.
12. **Project members are responsible for the humane care of their animals from the time the animals arrive at the fairgrounds until the animals leave the fairgrounds.**
13. Animals sold at the sale will be released at 8:00 am on Monday, September 1. **If the processing trailer arrives earlier than 8:00 am, animals going to processing plants may be released earlier than 8:00 am.** If the animals are not going to a processing plant, **they must be removed from the fairgrounds no later than 9:00 am on Monday.**
14. **Barn decorations cannot be removed before 6:00am on Monday, September 1. If you have questions regarding barn regulations, talk to your barn supervisor or refer to the Portage County Fair Book, page 3 and 4, rules 27 and 28.**

H. CARCASS CONTEST

1. All animals sold at the sale that have unacceptable meat as judged by the state or federal inspector after slaughtering will be subject to an adjustment between the buyer and seller under the direction of the Committee.
2. Animals found to have retained testicles (cryptorchid) at time of slaughter will be disqualified from the carcass contest.
3. Swine hot carcass must be 170# or more with at least 0.5" back fat or it will be moved to a lower placing.
4. Market Animal Project Members may only enter the animal sold in the sale in the Carcass Contest, unless their sale animal is not processed where the carcass contest is held. Processing of the animal is at the discretion of the buyer.

Interpretations of questions of all the preceding rules, or questions caused by them, will be evaluated by the Market Animal Committee.

I. THE MARKET ANIMAL COMMITTEE ENCOURAGES MEMBERS TO:

1. Exhibit at the Amherst Fair for experience in fitting and showing.
2. Be in attendance for the entire sale to help and support other exhibitors.
3. Be prompt in sending their thank-you notes to the buyers and bidders of their animals. **Thank-you notes are a requirement.** See the participant eligibility requirements on page 2.
4. Take personal responsibility for the handling, feeding, caring, and fitting of their animal(s) throughout the project, beginning with weigh-on and ending on the final day of the fair after barn cleanup. Expectations and consequences are outlined in the Animal Care Agreement. Refer to the Portage County Fair Book, page 6.
5. **Weigh project animals regularly to make sure weight goals are being achieved.**

J. MARKET ANIMAL PROJECT CODE OF CONDUCT

All animal exhibitors need to refer to the International Association of Fairs & Expositions (IAFE) National Code of Show Ring ethics. These guidelines will be enforced. See the Portage County Fair Animal Exhibitor's Code of Ethics in the Portage County Fair Book, pages 5 and 6.

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows and in the sale ring, along with their parents and guardians, will be expected to:

- **Show respect for the rights of others, be courteous at all times and use appropriate language.**
- **Demonstrate sportsmanship in the show ring, contests, and meetings.**
- Be honest and do not take unfair advantage of others.
- Respect the property of others.
- Be available to provide information about your exhibit or give directions if needed.
- All judges, fair and livestock show management, show officials and **bidders and buyers**, shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect. No person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
- All exhibitors shall be treated with respect and good sportsmanship.
- All show animals must remain in barn areas (barns, wash racks, and immediately adjacent walkways) once animals have been checked in by barn superintendent.

2025 MARKET ANIMAL COMMITTEE

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Beef Exhibitor Check List

All requirements listed below must be completed in order for a beef project market animal to be eligible for the Market Animal Sale.

- _____ If the exhibitor sold an animal in the 2024 Market Animal Sale, a copy of the Thank You letter that was sent to the buyer was received by the Market Animal Committee no later than October 15, 2024.
- _____ Exhibitor registered for the Market Animal Project no later than December 15, 2024.
- _____ Exhibitor submitted a signed copy of the Market Animal Project Rules Agreement no later than February 8, 2025.
- _____ Exhibitor is a current, active member of a Portage County youth organization that provides a market animal education program and has been approved by the Rosholt Fair Board.
- _____ Project animals were born on or after January 1, 2024.
- _____ Project animals consist of any combination of market steers and/or market heifers. Total number of project animals does not exceed two.
- _____ All steers were castrated (testicles physically removed) prior to March 1.
- _____ All project animals' horns were removed prior to March 1.
- _____ All project animals were weighed on and tagged on March 1.
- _____ Project animals did not weight more than 1,100 pounds at weigh-on.
- _____ YQCA training was completed no later than July 1.
- _____ Two additional educational meetings from the list on pages 3 and 4, were completed.
- _____ Two signed bidder slips, postmarked on or before August 1, were mailed to the committee.
- _____ All forms in the Market Animal Project binder (Market Animal Project Record, Market Animal Project Drug History Form, Animal Care Agreement, Species Identification Form, Extra Animal Destination Form, Market Animal Project Member Data Sheet) were completed and turned in to a committee member no later than August 24, 2025.
- _____ Project animals do not show evidence of having contagious or infectious diseases such as ringworm, mange, warts or scab.
- _____ Original ear tag was in project animal's ear at time of weigh-off. If ear tag was displaced prior to the weigh-off, the animal was retagged by a market animal committee member.
- _____ Project animals weighed at least 1,000 pounds at weigh-off.
- _____ Project animals' rate of gain at weigh-off was at least 1.7 lbs/day (gained at least 308 lbs since weigh-on).
- _____ Project animals' quality grade, determined during judging, was average select or higher.
- _____ Project animals' yield grade, determined during judging, was less than 5.0.

Swine Exhibitor Check List

All requirements listed below must be completed in order for a swine project market animal to be eligible for the Market Animal Sale.

- _____ If the exhibitor sold an animal in the 2024 Market Animal Sale, a copy of the Thank You letter that was sent to the buyer was received by the Market Animal Committee no later than October 15, 2024.
- _____ Exhibitor registered for the Market Animal Project no later than December 15, 2024.
- _____ Exhibitor submitted a signed copy of the Market Animal Project Rules Agreement no later than February 8, 2025.
- _____ Exhibitor is a current, active member of a Portage County youth organization that provides a market animal education program and has been approved by the Rosholt Fair Board.
- _____ Project animals were born on or after January 1, 2025.
- _____ Project animals consist of any combination of market barrows and/or market gilts. Total number of project animals does not exceed two.
- _____ All barrows were castrated (testicles physically removed) prior to May 5.
- _____ Project animals were tagged and photographed. Photos were electronically submitted to the Market Animal Committee no later than May 5.
- _____ YQCA training was completed no later than July 1.
- _____ Two additional educational meetings from the list on pages 3 and 4, were completed.
- _____ Two signed bidder slips, postmarked on or before August 1, were mailed to the committee.
- _____ Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) or Health Certificate was obtained during an on-farm veterinary inspection for all project animals no more than 30 days prior to the date that animals would be brought to the Rosholt Fair.
- _____ All forms in the Market Animal Project binder (Market Animal Project Record, Market Animal Project Drug History Form, Animal Care Agreement, Species Identification Form, Extra Animal Destination Form, Market Animal Project Member Data Sheet) were completed and turned in to a committee member no later than August 24, 2025.
- _____ Project animals do not show evidence of having contagious or infectious diseases such as mange, rhinitis or scab.
- _____ A CVI/Health Certificate obtained during an on-farm veterinary inspection, was submitted prior to unloading project animals at the fair.
- _____ Original ear tag was in project animal's ear at time of weigh-off. If ear tag was displaced prior to the weigh-off, the animal was retagged by a market animal committee member.
- _____ Project animals weighed at least 230 pounds at weigh-off.

Sheep Exhibitor Check List

All requirements listed below must be completed in order for a sheep project market animal to be eligible for the Market Animal Sale.

- _____ If the exhibitor sold an animal in the 2024 Market Animal Sale, a copy of the Thank You letter that was sent to the buyer was received by the Market Animal Committee no later than October 15, 2024.
- _____ Exhibitor registered for the Market Animal Project no later than December 15, 2024.
- _____ Exhibitor submitted a signed copy of the Market Animal Project Rules Agreement no later than February 8, 2025.
- _____ Exhibitor is a current, active member of a Portage County youth organization that provides a market animal education program and has been approved by the Rosholt Fair Board.
- _____ Project animals were born on or after January 1, 2025.
- _____ Project animals consist of any combination of market wethers and/or market ewes.
- _____ Total number of project animals does not exceed two.
- _____ All wethers were castrated (testicles physically removed) prior to May 3.
- _____ Lambs' tails were docked prior to May 3.
- _____ All project animals were weighed on and tagged on May 3.
- _____ YQCA training was completed no later than July 1.
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- _____ All forms in the Market Animal Project binder (Market Animal Project Record, Market Animal Project Drug History Form, Animal Care Agreement, Species Identification Form, Extra Animal Destination Form, Market Animal Project Member Data Sheet, Wisconsin Owner/Hauler Statement for Sheep) were completed and turned in to a committee member no later than August 24, 2025.
- _____ Project animals do not show evidence of having contagious or infectious diseases such as sore mouth, ringworm or scab.
- _____ Original ear tag was in project animal's ear at time of weigh-off. If ear tag was displaced prior to the weigh-off, the animal was retagged by a market animal committee member.
- _____ Project animals weighed at least 100 pounds at weigh-off.
- _____ Project animals' quality grade, determined during judging, was choice or higher.

PORTAGE COUNTY MARKET ANIMAL PROJECT - ROSHOLT FAIR 2025 CALENDAR

January 4 January 14	2025 Market Animal Project Kick-Off Meeting In-Person YQCA Training Meeting (MS/HS)
February 8 February 6 February 8	State 4-H Meat Evaluation Contest New Member Orientation/Species Meeting/ In-Person YQCA Training Meeting (MS/HS) 2025 Market Animal Project Rules Agreement Due
March 1 March 6 March 15	Beef Weigh-On Practical Applications Meeting; Swine Ear Tag Distribution State 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl & Skill-a-thon
April 15	In-Person YQCA Training Meeting (Elementary/MS)
May 3 May 5 May 20	Lamb Weigh-On Swine Photos & Copy of Signed Records Binder Due Sale Promotion & Records/Ethics & Sportsmanship Meeting
June ?	Area Animal Science Day
July 1 July 15 July 17-20 July 31- August 10	YQCA Training Due Rosholt Fair Entries Due Amherst Fair WI State Fair
August 1 August 1 August 1 August 24 August 24 August 29-September 1 August 29 August 29 August 29 August 30 August 31 August 31	3 Educational Meetings Due Bidder Slips Must Be Postmarked MAP Graduate Award Applications Due MAP Records/Weigh-On Packet Due Rosholt Fair Pen Set-up/Barn Clean-up Day Rosholt Fair Swine CVI Due Weigh-Off of All Market Animal Projects MANDATORY Meeting for Exhibitors or Designee Market Animal Shows & Market Animal Sale MAP Group Photo Thank-You Card Workshop
September 1 September 4	Loadout Market Animals/Barn Clean-Up Day Carcass Contest
October 15	Copy of Buyer Thank You Letter Due
November 15 November 15	2026 4-H Enrollment Due 2026 Market Animal Project Sign-up Due
December 13	Beef Weigh-On

Rosholt Fair Livestock Judging Schedule

Beef Show

Start time – Saturday at 8:00 am

Judging Order

- Class A - Beef Showmanship
 - Senior
 - Intermediate
 - Beginner
- Class B - Market Animal Project Beef (grouped by weight beginning with lightest weights)
- Selection of Grand and Reserve Market Animal Project Champions
- Class C - Market Beef
- Class D - Beef Breeding Classes
- Selection of Grand and Reserve Breeding Class Champions
- Selection of Outstanding Beef Exhibitor

Swine Show

Start time – After completion of Beef Show

Judging Order

- Class A - Swine Showmanship
 - Senior
 - Intermediate
 - Beginner
- Class B - Market Animal Project Hog (grouped by weight beginning with lightest weights)
- Selection of Grand and Reserve Market Animal Project Champions
- Class C - Market Hog
- Selection of Outstanding Swine Exhibitor

Sheep Show

Start time – After completion of Swine Show

Judging Order

- Class A - Sheep Showmanship
 - Senior
 - Intermediate
 - Beginner
- Class B - Market Animal Project Lamb (grouped by weight beginning with lightest weights)
- Selection of Grand and Reserve Market Animal Project Champions
- Class C - Market Lamb
- Class D - Sheep Breeding Classes
- Selection of Grand and Reserve Breeding Class Champions
- Selection of Outstanding Sheep Exhibitor

Name: _____

Address: _____

Approved Youth Organization: _____

Phone: _____ Premises ID*: _____

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Parent/Guardian Signature _____

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**Market Animal Project
1462 Strongs Avenue
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