

Welcome to the 2023-2024 Livestock Project!

Thank you for joining us! We are looking forward to working with you this year and hope you are excited for the livestock project as well! It is our hope that you learn something new and make some great memories along the way!

This packet is “packed” with lots of important information that you will need throughout the year. It has everything from basic livestock and meat animal rules to fairbook rules that are really important for livestock project members to know. Please keep handy so you can refer to it when needed.

If at anytime throughout the year you have questions please feel free to ask at anytime! We have lots of people, including some youth members/mentors, that are ready to help you if you need it! The best place to start is always the Livestock Committee email. It is checked regularly and we will always be able to help you find an answer to your question! If you have a species specific question, you may also call the superintendent for your species. Their numbers are listed on the bottom of the chart on the last page.

If you are planning to sell on the Livestock Auction, Buyer Signature sheets should be emailed to the Livestock Committee no later than July 15, 2024. Again, it is best to email them in if possible (paper trail) but if you would prefer to turn in the paper copies they can be turned in to the Pierce County Extension Office. If the office is closed please feel free to drop them in the drop box outside of the office.

Our email is: [piercecountylivestockcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:piercecountylivestockcommittee@gmail.com)



Be sure to follow us on Facebook &/or Instagram or check out our website at: [www.piercecountylivestock.weebly.com](http://www.piercecountylivestock.weebly.com) for more events that may pop up between newsletters.



# 2024 PIERCE COUNTY LIVESTOCK PROJECT RULES

PIERCE COUNTY FAIR: AUGUST 8-11, 2024 | 51ST ANNUAL LIVESTOCK AUCTION: AUGUST 9, 2024

FAIR THEME: SMALL TOWNS, BIG HEARTS

## Our Mission:

*The primary objective of the Pierce County Livestock Animal projects is to educate members and to provide them with a “real world”, hands-on experience that will not only teach them life skills but will also teach them proper herd management, animal health & feeding techniques so they may learn the necessary skill set to produce quality animals for meat and other essential products for the consumer.*

### AG DAY TRAINING DATES

**PLEASE NOTE:** These will all be held at the Ellsworth High School

Saturday  
Dec 9, 2023                      8:45am-2pm

Saturday  
Dec 30, 2023                      8:45am-2pm

Saturday  
Jan 27, 2024                      8:45am-2pm

If we would need to cancel for weather, a snow date will be planned for February

### MEAT ANIMAL WEIGH IN DATES

**PLEASE NOTE:** All species will be weighed in at the Scale House at the Pierce County Fairgrounds

Beef                                      Sun, Dec 3rd  
11am-2pm                              “Snow” date:  
Dec 10th

Goats                                      Sat, April 20th  
9-10am

Sheep                                      Sat, April 20th  
9-10am

Swine                                      Sat, April 20th  
10am-noon

## SHOW ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to **SHOW** an animal at the fair, anyone **planning to show beef, goats, sheep or swine MUST:**

Attend a **MANDATORY** Ag Education Day. This day will include the project rules meeting, the YQCA, & workshops. **Project members in grades 3-8 will be required to have ONE parent or legal Guardian the rules meeting portion of the day.**

**Failure to complete any of the requirements above will make you ineligible to show at the 2024 Pierce County Fair**

## AUCTION ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to **SELL** an animal at the 2024 Pierce County Meat Animal Auction (anyone **planning to sell beef, goats, sheep or swine**) **MUST:**

Be enrolled in the beef, goat, sheep or swine project on Wisconsin 4-H Online by November 1, 2023 & complete all requirements listed above.

# 2023-2024 additional important dates to remember:

- ◆ **Auction Packets will be available the last week of May**

- ◆ **Auction BIO Information - Due July 15, 2024**

A Google Form will be emailed out to all Meat Animal Exhibitors planning to sell on the auction around the first week of July. Pictures will be taken at the Ag Education Day.

- ◆ **YQCA Certificates & Workshop Sheets**

YQCA Certificates & Workshop will be turned in at the Ag Education Day for all exhibitors planning to show beef, dairy, goats, sheep or swine at the fair.

- ◆ **Buyer Signature Sheets - DUE July 15, 2024**

All youth members planning to sell must turn in the Buyer signature sheets. These sheets will be sent out in the auction packet along with the auction posters & buyers letters.

- ◆ **Pre-fair Meeting - August 4, 2024**

There will be a mandatory pre-fair meeting for all exhibitors at 5pm in the Arena Barn on the Sunday before the fair.

- ◆ **Animal Info/Weigh-In cards - NOON ON FRIDAY, August 9, 2024**

These cards are handed out when you check in at the fair. Exhibitors will need to fill out the weigh in side of the card with the animal info for the animals they are exhibiting at the fair, mark which animal will be on the carcass evaluation, indicate if they are planning to send an extra animal to a locker and bring them to weigh-in. After weigh-in, the cards will be handed back to the exhibitor and auction information will need to be filled out & then returned in the **BLACK BOX outside the scale house by NOON on Friday, Aug 9th.**

- ◆ **Extras Sheet - NOON ON SATURDAY, August 10, 2024**

This is the sheet you fill out for any extra animals or for any animals that were sold premium on the auction that will be leaving the fairgrounds & going to slaughter. We need this info as soon as possible to be able to pass it along to the lockers. This sheet will also be emailed out with the drug sheet. Once you have the form filled out, **return it in the BLACK BOX outside the scale house by NOON on Saturday, Aug 10th.**

**\*\*\*NO EXTRA SHEETS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER NOON ON SATURDAY. NO EXCEPTIONS\*\*\***

- ◆ **Carcass Evaluation - AUGUST 21, 2024 - ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED!**

The carcass evaluation will be held in the Seyforth Building at the Pierce County Fairgrounds @ 7PM. If you sold an animal on the auction, you will be required to bring **TWO UNSEALED**, addressed & stamped thank you for your buyer & contending bidder to turn in in exchange for your auction check.

## **GENERAL RULES FOR ALL PROJECT MEMBERS:**

To be eligible to **SHOW** an animal at the fair, **EVERY livestock Project member planning to show beef, dairy, goats, sheep or swine MUST attend a MANDATORY AG EDUCATION DAY.**

**The Ag Education Day will consist the rules meeting, the YQCA & TWO educational workshops. Exhibitors will be required to attend the entire day & will only need to attend one date regardless of the number of species.**

1. **The Rules Meeting** - We will discuss & go over all the rules - Both the general rules as well as species specific rules. Participants in grades 3-8 will be required to have a parent present during this portion of the day. Participants in grades 9 & up are not required to have a parent present however, parents are always welcome! We also encourage parents of high school aged kids that are new to the project to attend.
2. **The YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animal) training** - training may be completed online (yqcaprogram.org) OR in person. The YQCA only needs to be completed once per year regardless of how many species you are showing. It may also be completed in any county in Wisconsin.
3. **Workshops** - A variety of workshops will be offered at the Ag Education Day. Each participant will need to choose two workshops to attend. Workshops will have limited space & will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Youth members in grades 9 & above that have been in the livestock/dairy project for at least two years may also assist with workshops to fulfill this workshop requirement. Project members that are interested should contact the livestock committee via email (piersecountylivestockcommittee@gmail.com) for full details.

To be eligible to sell an animal at the 2024 Pierce County Meat Animal Auction, 4-H and FFA members must be enrolled in the beef, sheep, swine or goat project by November 1, 2023 and complete all requirements listed above.

**Failure to complete any of the requirements above will make you ineligible to show at the 2024 Pierce County Fair**

## **Code of Conduct**

### **As a participant, I will:**

- Be curious to learn.
- Be respectful to self and others.
- Work to positively resolve problems or differences.
- Accept guidance from leaders, volunteers and staff members.
- Follow program rules, curfews, dress codes, policies, and rules of the facility being used.
- Use appropriate language, exhibit good sportsmanship, and be a positive role model.
- Comply with local, state and federal laws.
- Abstain from use of alcohol, illicit drugs, and tobacco during any 4-H or Fair program, activity or educational experience.
- Fully participate in scheduled activities and orientations.
- Respect others' property and privacy rights.
- Abstain from any type of abuse (physical, sexual, emotional and neglect), harassment, hazing and bullying.
- Refrain from all sexual activity/contact during any 4-H or Fair program, activity or educational experience.
- Accept personal responsibility for behavior including any financial damage. · Follow safety rules.

### **Consequences for violating any part of this Code of Conduct may include, but are not limited to:**

- Removal from leadership positions held.
- Removal from participation in the event in which the Code of Conduct has been violated (at the individual's expense).
- Forfeiture or repayment of financial support for the event.
- Sanctions on participation in future 4-H or Fair events.
- Suspension of membership.
- Dismissal.

It is the responsibility of all program participants to reinforce the code of conduct and intervene when necessary to enforce the rules.

## **WEIGH IN & TAGGING:**

### **For ALL Market Animals:**

At the initial tagging and/or weigh in, up to FOUR meat animals from each department (2J Beef, 3J Swine, 4J Sheep & 5J Goats), per exhibitor may be tagged with a **MAXIMUM of six total meat animals**.

- All animals will be weighed in & tagged by a Livestock Committee member at the scale house on the dates set by the committee.
- All beef & swine market animals must be tagged with one official Pierce County Tag & one RFID tag.
- All sheep & goat market animals must be tagged with one official Pierce County Tag & one scrapies tag.
- Each exhibitor will receive the first 2 tag sets free of charge, regardless of the number of animals that are weighed in or tagged for the fair. Each exhibitor may purchase up to four additional tag sets for \$4/set. Price is subject to change.
- If an animal(s) that have RFID or Farm tags in their ears prior coming to the weigh in please DO NOT remove them, BY LAW, we need to record that number before replacing it with a Pierce County Tag.
- Weights determined are discretion of the scale master.

### **For Breeding Stock Animals:**

**BEEF exhibitors:** Please have all non-market animals tagged with an official ear tag upon arrival at the fair. For example: DHIA, Veterinarian or RFID tags.

**SHEEP & GOAT exhibitors:** All animals must have a Scrapies tag or a registered tattoo.

### **FAMILY PLAN:**

- Immediate families with more than one sibling in the household may list all animals under the family name.
- At fair time, a maximum of 2 animals per species per exhibitor may be weighed and exhibited at the fair. Animals weighed in under the family name **MUST** be identified upon arrival as to who will be exhibiting

## **LOSS OF AN EAR TAG:**

If your animal loses an ear tag inform the Livestock Committee (NOT THE SUPERINTENDENTS) **IMMEDIATELY** by emailing us at: piercecountylivestockcommittee@gmail.com so a livestock member can come out and retag the animal. If it loses both forms of ID, the animal WILL BE eliminated from participation in the Junior Fair Show at the Pierce County Fair.

## **PREMISE ID NUMBERS:**

The Wisconsin Department of Consumer Trade and Protection requires that all locations that keep any type of livestock (all cattle, goats, pigs, sheep) must be registered. This includes locations that only house animals temporarily for the fair. All exhibitors are required to submit this number to the fair as well. If you do not have a Premise ID number please do so at: <https://wiid.org/premises-registration-renewal/> We recommend doing this as soon as possible as it takes a few weeks to be approved & get your number.

## **WORKSHOPS:**

- Workshops & shows held outside of the Ag Education Day will not be accepted for workshop credit. However, we do encourage exhibitors to take part in these activities and events.
- A limited number of workshops will still be offered outside of the Ag Education Day. However, they are not required & participants will not be required to fill out a Workshop Verification Form for any workshops outside of Ag Education Day.
- Workshops will be listed in the Pierce County 4-H Informant, on our Facebook & Instagram pages as well as our website at [www.piercecountylivestock.weebly.com](http://www.piercecountylivestock.weebly.com)

## **PENNING/STALLING ASSIGNMENTS:**

- **TEXT or EMAIL your animal numbers in to each species to the following superintendent by JULY 25th.**

Beef: Katie Christenson	PH# 715-768-9070	Email: christensonk@ellsworth.k12.wi.us
Dairy: Bob Traynor	PH# 715-977-0499	Email: honeycrestfarms@svtel.net
Goats: Anna Doornink	PH# 715-307-2803	Email: annadoornink@gmail.com
Sheep: Gina Klecker	PH# 715-307-3419	Email: gmklecker@hotmail.com
Swine: Deanna Hines	PH# 612-987-9584	Email: dhines247197@gmail.com
Poultry: Megan Geraets	PH# 715-928-1702	Email: mgeraets@ymail.com
Rabbits: Laura Funk	PH# 651-380-2350	Email: laura@kingofthehill.org

- **Please no do not call your numbers in as this way we have a written record of your numbers.**
- When calling be sure to include your name (for all exhibitors in the family),
- Be sure to give each species superintendent honest accurate numbers for animals ONLY—Do not “pad” your numbers.
- Be sure each animal is only counted ONCE. For example, if someone is showing your feeder calf in the Little Beefer class make sure it is only counted one time.
- Do not add in for tack space - this is built in by superintendents.
- If your animal numbers change and you are not bringing the number of animals you originally planned to please contact the species superintendent immediately.

## **UPON ARRIVAL THE FAIR:**

- Be sure to check entry times
- Wednesday entry day is strongly encouraged for the safety of your animal(s) and fairgoers.
- Trucks & Trailers dropping off cattle must enter through the east gate & pull into the Arena barn to unload. (BOTH WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY)
- Trucks & trailers dropping off sheep, swine & goats may enter through the North ENTRANCE & drive between the Arena & Drewiske Barns to unload. (THIS IS WEDNESDAY ONLY)
- ALL Trucks & Trailers MUST exit through the NORTH EXIT.
- Trucks & trailers will only be permitted to park on the grounds for ONE hour.
- Be sure to have all your paperwork ready to turn in prior to unloading. An animal ID form, an auction drug sheet (If you are showing a meat animal) and any additional registration papers or health papers (If required for your species) will be required for your each animal before animals are unloaded and allowed in to the barn.

### **Animal ID forms**

- A separate Animal ID form will be required for each species so if you are bringing more than one species on truckload you will need a copy of the form for EACH superintendent.
- Animal ID Forms are available in the fair book and on the Pierce County Fair website and on the livestock website.

### **Drug sheets**

- A drug sheet will need to be completed for every market animal on the grounds.
- Drug sheets will be emailed out to all exhibitors eligible to sell and can also be found on the livestock website.

### **Intrastate Health Certificate (SWINE ONLY)**

- The Intrastate Health Certificate (AKA Pink Sheet) is a certificate of Veterinary Inspection that must be acquired within 30 days of the fair.
- The certificate should have every exhibitors names on it. No photocopies will be accepted.

### **Registration Papers**

- All purebred beef cattle are required to show a copy of each registered animals papers.
- All purebred goats are required to include a copy of each registered animals registration paper.



## **SPECIFIC RULES FOR THE FAIR: (Please see fairbook for full information)**

- All Pierce County health regulations will be enforced (See fair book). This includes all Federal & State regulations including those regarding the use of drugs and how they are administered to the animal.
- Every animal **MUST** be controlled and willing to lead.
- Animals that needs to be weigh in, **MUST** be weighed by the exhibitor or an immediate family member
- Weights are discretion of the scale master.
- No selling of any animals (not being shown at the fair), animal items including show supplies, bedding or anything intended for personal use.
- No ads, flyers or posters may be hung for any type of commercial type services.
- **NO** walking animals around the fairgrounds. This is strictly prohibited as it a major health and safety concerns.
- Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their animals throughout the fair. The three strike rule will be enforced for all the days the animal is housed at the fair.
  - ~ All animals **MUST** have adequate water throughout the day
  - ~ All animals **MUST** be fed by 10am and 6pm daily

## **ANIMAL CHECKS:**

Periodic checks will be made by barn superintendents & Livestock Committee members

Violations of animal welfare guidelines (3 Strike Rule) will be completed as follows:

1. The 1st strike will be a verbal warning will be given by the project superintendent & an incident report will be started.
2. If a 2nd strike occurs, a written report will be given noting both occurrences and the result of what will happen upon should you received a 3rd strike.
3. After the 3rd strike, the incident report will be turned over to the Fair Manager &/or Veterinarian. The exhibitors fair premium will be forfeited and you will not be allowed to show this animal species for the following year.

## **KEEP BARNs CLEAN—INSIDE & OUT:**

- Keep your areas clean & picked up.
- No furniture or large items in the barns—this includes but not limited to couches, clipping chutes, large amounts of feed, bedding or tack. Only bring what you need for a day or two.
- Pick up after your animals—especially by the wash rack, milk house and all concreted areas.
- Put manure all the way into the bunkers and do not put any trash in them.
- Tents, trimming chutes and other prep items may be used but not stored & should be removed after shows.
- Keep aisles and walkways clear at all times. Keep chairs out of the aisles—they are considered a fall/tripping hazard for fairgoers and make it tough to navigate strollers through the barns.
- Do not congregate where visitors walk.
- The area between the Drewiske Barn & Arena barn must be left clear for emergencies.

## **QUIET HOURS:**

Out of respect for our neighbors neat the fairgrounds as well as for safety reasons, there will be quiet hours in the barns from midnight until 5am each night of the fair. Exhibitors preparing to show may be in the barns working quietly with minimal lights (center lights only). **NO** Loud music, blowers or any other type of loud noise will be allowed any time during quiet hours.

## LEAVING THE FAIR:

**The Arena Barn will be closed off & no trucks & trailers will be allowed to enter until 4:30pm**

- When you are able to pull in ONLY animals will be allowed to load on to trucks. Decorations will need to be hauled out separately.
- ONLY animals going directly to slaughter may leave early if arrangements have been made ahead of time with the Livestock Committee. Load out times for animals being released to locker trucks will be conveyed to the superintendents on Saturday of the fair.
- ***Loading animals on the street or anywhere off of the fairgrounds is STRICKLY PROHIBITED!! Anyone found loading animals on the street or anywhere off of the fairgrounds, will lose their fair premiums & all members of the household will be prohibited from showing that species for TWO YEARS.***

Each exhibitor MUST move their animals bedding at least 2 feet out from all walls and fully clean their area before leaving the fair making sure all garbage, tack or anything other than bedding is removed. Failure to do so may result in a loss of herdsmanship premiums or additional cleaning charges.

Be sure to contact the fair manager if you plan to have animals at the fair after 6pm.

## CHECKOUT: SUNDAY 4:30PM

**Absolutely nothing is to be removed before 4:30pm!! This means ALL animals, penning materials, drinkers, feeders, barn decorations are to remain in tact until 4:30PM. An exhibitor found removing items early will forfeit their fair premium & will be prohibited from showing in that animal species for TWO YEARS.**

## **SPECIFIC RULES/INFO FOR MARKET ANIMAL PARTICIPANTS:**

### **ANIMAL REQUIREMENTS:**

- All market animals of every species, may not be shown in any breeding classes.
- All market animals must be dehorned. With the exception of goats, where it is considered “breed acceptable”
- All male market animals must be castrated.
- All other specific animal rules are listed in the chart on the last page. **Also please see fair book with any other additional requirements.**

### **ANIMAL TESTING:**

All Market animals may be subject to random testing at any time for drugs, banned artificial growth hormone or feed additives (such as Ractopamine) that are prohibited by the Fair and/or the Pierce County Livestock Committee. If animals test positive, the exhibitor will be eliminated from the project for this year and possibly the next year.

If any auction animal test positive for any type of foreign matter the exhibitor will be required to pay the buyer the original auction price and any added fees to the buyer, the locker &/or the hauler.

### **RACTOPAMINE TESTING FOR SWINE:**

Ractopamine Hydrochloride (also known as Paylean®) is a feed additive that has been banned in many parts of the country as well as in foreign markets. Pierce County Livestock Committee has also banned the use of this product.

- Be sure to read all your feed labels & make sure animal’s feed is free of this additive.
- All Swine exhibitors will need to sign an affidavit stating their animals are free of Ractopamine. This form will be emailed out to all exhibitors before the fair & turned in upon your arrival at the fair (before unloading) along with all other required paperwork.
- All swine coming to the fair are subject to testing for Ractopamine.

### **SPECIFIC RULES FOR THE CARCASS CONTEST:**

**The carcass evaluation will be held in the Seyforth Building at the Pierce County Fairgrounds on August 21, 2024 at 7:00PM - This is a fair event & ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED.**

- You **MUST** enter the carcass contest class on your fair entry form & be enrolled in the meat animal project for the species you wish to enter.
- If you are taking more than one species, you need to sign up for each species separately
- Animals **DO NOT** have to be sold on the auction to be in the carcass contest.
- Animals that will be entered in the carcass contest must be identified at weigh in and prior to ultra-sounding. No changes will be made once the animal has been weighed and ultra sounded.

NOTE: A second animal of each species may be ultra sounded to obtain carcass data at the cost of the exhibitor.



## SPECIFIC RULES/INFO FOR AUCTION PARTICIPANTS:



### ***Selling an animal at the Pierce County Fair is a **PRIVILEGE** not a right!!!***

Participants may only sell one animal at the Pierce County Fair & only one per year in any Wisconsin County Fair

#### **BUYER SIGNATURES:**

To be eligible to sell an animal each Meat Animal Project exhibitor will be required to invite and get a minimum of TWO signatures from **TWO DIFFERENT** potential buyers.

- *One of two signatures MUST be from a buyer that has never been invited to our auction previously. A list of all previously invited businesses will be included in the auction packet.*
- *Buyers that have more than one business &/or have multiple locations will only count as one signature - THIS INCLUDES SPOUSES THAT OWN DIFFERENT BUSINESSES.*
- If the Pierce County Livestock Committee suspects a “false” signature, we will check it out & we may contact the business to confirm it.
- Siblings **MAY NOT** have duplicate signatures from the same buyer even if that buyer bought animals from multiple family members last year.
- Exhibitors may not have signatures from any sort of direct relative such as a parent, sibling, grandparent, aunt, uncle, etc. even if they are a business owner.
- Auction packets will be sent to each exhibitor in MAY. Buyer signature sheets will be included in that packet.
- Buyer signature papers are also due no later than July 15, 2024 but may be turned in as soon as they are completed. Any exhibitor that does not turn their buyer contact and workshop verification paperwork by JULY 15, 2024 will not be allowed to sell on the auction! **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- If the Committee questions any buyer signatures due to any of the circumstances listed above, you will be contacted and have 5 days to turn in a new or corrected signature sheet.

**Falsifying a signature IN ANY WAY will result in automatic loss of privilege to sell at the auction.**

**Exhibitors:** Please keep in mind that you will get out of this project what you put into it. As a committee we strive to continually improve our auction but we need you to do your part as well. Please be diligent about contacting potential buyers in a timely matter and take the time to educate them about the options they have when purchasing an animal. The more bidders you invite the better our auction will be!

#### **AUCTION JOBS:**

Exhibitors planning to sell will be required to complete an “auction job” in order to be able to sell animal on the auction at the fair. Jobs will be assisting committee members with livestock related things such as helping with set up or during the auction itself. A link to sign for an “auction job” will be sent out to all members that have turned in their required paperwork.

- This link will be sent out the day after all the buyer signature sheets are due (July 15th.)
- If you do not sign up for an auction job, one will be assigned to you.
- Exhibitors are expected to help until the entire job or shift is completed.
- Any exhibitor that does not complete their auction job to the best of their ability will receive a 5% deduction from their auction premium.
- Exhibitors that contribute at least 5 hours volunteering for our committee throughout year will not be required to complete an auction job at the fair. Email the committee for volunteer options & full details.
- Exhibitors grades 9-13 with at least two years experience in the project can put on a workshop to complete their auction job requirement. Email the committee for complete information.

## THANK YOU CARDS:

Each exhibitor that sells an animal must turn in a **unsealed**, stamped & addressed THANK YOU card for their buyer & the contending bidder in order to receive their auction check. We will post the list of buyers & contending bidders the morning after the auction.

- Include a photo if possible in your buyer thank you.
- Thank you cards will be collected at the Carcass Contest Evaluation. Again, please bring your Thank you cards in unsealed envelopes.
- If you plan to take your buyer a personal thank you, you **MUST** still turn one for us to mail in to be able to collect your auction check.
- **No Thank you=No check**

## COMMISSION:

The livestock committee will deduct the following from sale checks to support the meat animal project.

- \$20 dollar base fee
- 6 percent of any amount received over market price
- Any check off fees for your respective species (Beef, sheep & swine)
- Ultra sounding fees for all carcass contest participants
- SMALL ANIMALS: 10 percent of the total sale

## PROJECT PROTESTS:

If there is an issue regarding any part of the Pierce County Livestock project or it's rules a "Project Protest" can be initiated at any time during the year. Fairbook rules cannot be protested.

The steps will be as follows:

1. Such request must be submitted in writing by **THE EXHIBITOR** to the Committee Chairperson or to the Pierce County Extension Office. Project protest forms are available from The Livestock Committee Chair, on the Pierce County Livestock website, The Pierce County Extension website or at the Pierce County Extension Office.
2. The Chairman will schedule a "Project Hearing" with protest representatives from the Pierce County Livestock Committee

NOTE: The protest committee will consist of the Committee Chair (non voting), Vice Chair, Treasurer & Secretary plus one member at large from each project area—beef, goat, sheep & swine. The exhibitors parent/guardian may not be on the protest committee. In this event, a replacement from the P.C. Livestock Committee will be asked to step in so there are still the same amount of representatives.

3. The EXHIBITOR & at least one parent are expected to attend this hearing. Should the exhibitor &/or parent not attend this hearing, no action will be taken and NO additional hearing will be scheduled.
4. Decision of the protest committee is FINAL
5. Once the meeting is done - It's all done! Any further discussion by the exhibitor and/or his/her parents is prohibited and may result in disciplinary action which could include a loss of fair premiums &/or the right to show the following year

	<b>BEEF</b>	<b>SHEEP</b>	<b>SWINE</b>	<b>GOATS</b>
<b>Date Birth Requirement</b>	Must be born after January 1, 2023	Must be born after January 1, 2024	Must be born after January 1, 2024	Must be born after December 1, 2023
<b>Initial Weigh-in SCALEHOUSE</b>	Sunday, December 3, 2023 11am-2pm (snow date 12/10)  Cattle must be halter broke, dehorned & male animals must be castrated	April 20, 2024 9-10am  Maximum weight limit for all lambs is 90lbs	April 20, 2024 10am-noon  Maximum weight limit for all hogs is 80lbs	April 20, 2024 9-10am
<b>Rate of Gain:</b>	YES	YES	YES	YES
<b>ENTRY DAY (See fairbook)</b>				
<b>Required weight to be eligible to sell at the fair</b>	Wednesday 3-8pm  All market animals must weigh between 1100-1600 lbs to sell	Wednesday 3-7pm  110-160lbs - Sheep under 110lbs OR over 160lbs will NOT be allowed to sell	Wednesday 3-7pm  230-300lbs-Hogs under 230lbs OR over 300lbs will NOT be allowed to sell	Wednesday 3-7pm  Must weigh at least 75lbs
<b>Fair Meat Animal Weigh-in SCALE HOUSE</b>	Thursday, August 8, 2024 11am-1pm	Wednesday, August 7, 2024 7pm	Wednesday, August 7, 2024 Following sheep & goats	Wednesday, August 7, 2024 7pm
<b>Ultra sounding (See fairbook)</b>	Thursday, August 8, 2024 11 am-2pm in the Arena Barn	Sheep, Goats & Hogs: Each animal will be ultra sounded after it is weighed		
<b>Showtimes</b>	Friday 9am, Arena Barn	Thursday 1pm (or immediately following the swine show), Drewiske Building	Thursday 9am, Drewiske Building	Class A (market): Thurs 1pm, Class J: Fri 10am, Classes C-I: Sat. 9am, Drewiske
<b>Special Notes (See fairbook)</b>	Market beef MUST live grade Select + or better to be able to sell on the auction  Beef Fitting Rule: Jr Fair Exhibitors may have adult assistance with fitting beef but the majority of the work MUST be done by the exhibitor. This will be enforced! See fair book	All market lambs MUST be "slick-shorn" for ultra sounding  Animals MUST BE fitted by the Junior Fair Exhibitor OR an immediate family member at the fair	Intrastate Health Certificate required for each pig shown at the PC Fair  No body clipping of swine to be allowed on the fairgrounds. If you choose to clip, pigs MUST have a minimum of at least a 1/2 inch upon entry day of the fair. See fair book	
	All beef MUST be double tied with a halter & a necktie while at the fair		No oiling of any animals for show. This includes Show Sheen or any other product containing oil. Please check ingredient list. See fair book	
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