

**RICHLAND COUNTY MEAT ANIMAL SALE
FOR DEPARTMENTS 102, 103, 104, 105, 107 & 108
SATURDAY OF THE FAIR – 5:00 P.M.**

RULES OF THE SALE

IDENTIFICATION – Steers – All steers will be required to be officially identified by ear tag and DNA sample by the first Saturday in February of the current year. At the Fair, DNA will be sampled on champions, reserve champions, class winners and all steers that have lost an ear tag. Steers that do not match DNA will forfeit all monies received above base price from the Richland County Meat Animal Sale, and the exhibitor will be banned from show for two (2) years.

Lambs/Goats – For the market lambs/goats shows and sale, market lambs/goats must be identified by official scrapie tag. No more than 9 market lambs/goats per exhibitor can be identified.

Hogs – At the Wednesday check-in of the Fair, all market hog identification information must match the spring identification forms. If they do not, the exhibitor will be barred for that year's junior swine show and Meat Animal Sale. The Swine Show can be made terminal by State Veterinarian.

Rabbits – All rabbit meat Roasters must be officially identified by July 15; Fryers and Meat Pens by August 15. All roasters, fryers, and meat pens are eligible for the sale, as long as they meet the standards as defined in the American Rabbit Breeders Association Book of Standards.

Poultry - Market Classes (Poultry Dept. 107, Class F) are eligible for the sale if all other eligibility requirements are met.

OWNERSHIP – Each exhibitor must own their own animals in the meat project. There will be no changing of animal ownership among family members or changing animal identification numbers after the fair weigh-in. If an exhibitor is caught switching animal ownership after this time, the exhibitor will receive only the base price of the animal after the sale.

SHOWMANSHIP - Each exhibitor must participate in the showmanship class of the exhibitor's species (Beef, Sheep/Goats, Swine, Rabbits, or Poultry) unless prior approval of non-participation in showmanship is obtained from the Meat Animal Sale Committee. Exhibitors seeking approval of non-participation must contact the Sale Committee in writing by August 15.

WEIGH-IN – AT THE FAIR – All market animals will be weighed in and checked by a committee and/or superintendent from the respective organizations (Beef, Sheep/Goats, Swine, Rabbits, or Poultry) as follows: Steers, Lambs/Goats and Hogs weigh-ins will be announced at check-in; Poultry – Thursday evening; and Rabbits – Friday at the show. The weighing committee of each species and/or superintendent reserves the right to reject or penalize filled or shrunk animals.

WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS - Minimum weights are: **STEERS** - No minimum weights but must live grade at Select Plus to be eligible to sell. Breed classification will be determined at steer identification; **LAMBS** - 80 lbs.; **GOATS** - 50 lbs.; **HOGS** - 220 lbs. **Maximum weights** paid on the sales are: **STEERS** - Light Dairy Steers and Beef Breeds -1,400 lbs., Heavy Dairy Breed Steers - 1,500 lbs.; **LAMBS** - 150 lbs.; **GOATS** - 115 lbs.; **HOGS** - 290 lbs. Animals over these weights are allowed to be sold in the Meat Animal Sale; however, the youth will only be paid for the maximum weights. **RABBITS** weight requirements are: **Fryer** – 3.5-5.5 lbs.; **Roaster** - 5.5-9 lbs. **Meat Pen** - each rabbit 3.5-5.5 lbs. **POULTRY** weight requirements are stated under the Poultry Dept. 107, Class F - Market Class.

GRADE REQUIREMENTS - The animals must meet a USDA grade requirement to sell. **Steers** will be graded by an independent grader and must grade Select Plus or higher. Grading will be done at the scale during fair weigh-in. Decisions by the grader are final; **Hogs** will be graded by the official judge. Hogs must grade #1 or #2

SALE ANIMALS – Each exhibitor may sell only one animal, except poultry (2 roasters or broilers) or rabbits (market pen of three rabbits). Exhibitors are encouraged to participate in showmanship for ALL of their livestock entries. **Exhibitors can choose which animal they will sell** in the Meat Animal Sale if they meet all of the sale requirements, including participating in showmanship for the species they intend to sell. **Exhibitors of champion and reserve champion animals are not required to sell that animal** if they have participated in showmanship for each market animal exhibited. If the exhibitor of a champion animal has not participated in showmanship for ALL of their market animal species, they will be required to sell the champion or reserve champion animal or the species for which all of the requirements have been met.

ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP – Each exhibitor must be a member of their respective organizations: Richland County Beef Producers, Richland Area Sheep and Goat Producers, Richland County Pig Project Club, Richland County Rabbits-R-U's, or Richland County Feathered Friends.

SALE REQUIREMENT – All sellers (Beef, Sheep/Goats, Swine, Poultry and Rabbits) in the Richland County Meat Animal Sale will be required to participate in Quality Assurance training or educational workshops set by each of the species' associations. Each species association has its own set of requirements. The requirements and meetings dates will be posted in the Clover Power Press and through emails and FFA Advisors will be notified. All Education Reports and YQCA documentation must be turned into the Extension office by **July 15**. All sellers and parent(s) guardians must sign an acknowledgement of the rules and regulations of the sale and return it to the Richland County Extension office by **July 15**. Species groups will provide a list of members eligible to sell to the Meat Animal Sale Committee. All potential sellers are to talk with two prospective buyers of their choice and get the buyers' signature on the provided MASC Signature Card. The Buyers Card is due to the Extension Office by **August 15**. **Failure to complete the Buyers Card on-time will result in double commission.**

SALES COMMISSION - All participants will pay 5% of the amount paid by the buyer.

BUYERS - A base price will be established on beef steers, dairy steer, market hogs, market lambs and market goats. Buyers will have the option of purchasing the animal at full bid price and taking possession of the animal; or the buyer can pay the difference between the full bid price and the base price, with the exhibitor retaining ownership of the animal. Commission will be taken on the amount paid by the buyer and will come out of the exhibitor's check.

IMPORTANT DATES: (If deadline falls on a weekend, forms can be placed in the drop box located by the front door of the Extension Office.)

January (last Saturday) – Beef Weigh-in

February (first Saturday) – Beef Weigh-in and Beef Identification Deadline

May 15 – Pig Identification Deadline

June 15 – Sheep & Goat Identification Deadline

July 15 – Rabbit Identification Deadline (Roasters only)

July 15 – Education Reports and YQCA certificates are due to the Extension Office

July 15 – Meat Animal Sale Acknowledgement Form due

August 1 – Fair Entry Deadline (www.fairentry.com)

August 15 – Rabbit Identification Deadline (Fryers and Meat Pens only)

August 15 – Buyers Cards due to the Extension Office

August 15 – Deadline to submit a written request to the Meat Animal Sale Committee if they are unable to participate in showmanship.

I have read and understand the Richland County Fair Meat Animal Sale Rules, and understand that not meeting the expectations set forth in these rules can result in double-commission on my animal sold, or ineligibility to participate in the sale.

Exhibitor Name (Please Print)

Complete a **separate** form for each species. Check which species this form is for below:

Beef	Goats	Poultry	Rabbits	Sheep	Swine

Exhibitor Signature

Date Signed

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date Signed

Richland County Fair Meat Animal Sale Committee Representative Signature

Date Signed