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DATE: December 1, 2022

TO: 4-H Beef Members, Leaders and FFA Advisors

FROM: Ryan Weigel, Livestock Auction Advisory Committee Chair and Charisse Orth, 4-H Program Educator

Charisse Orth

RE: Beef Identification and Weigh-In for Grant County Fair

***Reminder* ALL Market Division animals need to be identified if showing or selling at the Grant County Fair.**

Reminder: Market heifers (not breeding stock) can be exhibited in the market classes with the market steers and will be included in the champion drive for Champion Overall Market Beef and are allowed to be sold in the meat animal auction. It is important to note that if a heifer is shown in the market classes, she cannot also be shown in the breeding classes.

New Tags: Market cattle that will be shown at the Grant County Fair will need to be tagged with a radio frequency tag (RFID/EID) instead of the traditional Grant County Fair tags. You can use your own RFID/EID tags or pick them up from the Grant County Extension Office. *If you plan to take your animal to the State Fair, you will need to use #840 tags to meet their requirements. If you are not taking your animal to State Fair, you can use either RFID/EID tags.*

Exhibitors wishing to show beef in the market division will need to **self-identify their beef animal(s) and submit by Friday, January 6, 2023 before 4:00 pm to the Grant County Extension Office.** The enclosed information sheet will go into the details of how to identify/weigh-in. We will accept id forms, pictures and proof of animal weight by: e-mailing to jenny.dixon@wisc.edu or by dropping off at the Extension Office by January 6, 2023 before 4:00 pm. To participate in the optional rate of gain, animals can only be weighed between December 1 and January 6 to be eligible. Complete id/weigh-in forms, pictures and proof of animal weight, can also be postmarked no later than January 6, 2023. The Belmont Sale Barn will be open for beef weigh-ins on December 17 from 9:00 am - 11:00 am for exhibitors wishing to utilize their scales for proof of weight for rate of gain. Their address is 26770 Sale Barn Lane, Belmont, WI. Again, rate of gain is optional and not a requirement to show or sell at the Grant County Fair.

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All exhibitors are to submit their Grant County Fair beef ID form, including the premise identification number, to Grant County. All premises that contain or host livestock are required by the State of Wisconsin to have a Premise ID. The Premise Identification Program is the first step in a national animal identification program to help ensure the health and safety of the nation's meat supply.

Please remember to fill out the Beef Id Form completely, including circling bred or owned.

Bred/Owned Definition:
any animal whose dam is owned by the exhibitor or a member of the immediate family (father, mother, brother, sister, or legal guardian only), at the time of birth, and is born on the local property that is owned or managed by the immediate family of the exhibitor. The animal must be cared for from birth to exhibition by the exhibitor on the local property. The dam does not have to be owned by the exhibitor/family at the time of breeding.

Enclosed is the information on the steer identification process along with the id form. This information and form can also be found at:
https://grant.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-forms-and-applications/4-h-forms/

If you have any questions regarding the beef identification/weigh-ins, please contact the Grant County Extension Office at 608-723-2125 or the Grant County Fair Office at 608-723-2135.

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Steps to ID Your Animal

1. Members can identify up to 5 beef, dairy, miniature, or dairy/beef cross steers/market heifers within immediate family. You can use your own RFID/EID tags if they meet the requirements, or pick them up from the Grant County Extension Office. Tags will be available for pick-up at the Grant County Extension Office starting in December. Office hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. 608-723-2125.

2. **Tag your animal with the RFID/EID (Radio Frequency identification) tags.** These can be #840 or #960 tags. *If you are potentially going to show your animal at the State Fair, you will need #840 tags to meet the State Fair Requirements. If you are not taking the animal to the State Fair, you can use either RFID/EID tag numbers. Check with State Fair for full requirements.*

3. Once the tag is attached in the animal's ear, take a close-up picture that shows the **tag number clearly.** This picture will need to be clear enough to read all of the numbers on the tag. The picture does not need to be of the full animal, just a close-up of the tagged ear.

4. <u>If you are participating in Rate of Gain</u>, proof of the steer/market heifer's weight needs to be turned in with your completed information. Animals can only be weighed between December 1 and January 6. Proof of weight can be a weight slip from a scale or a picture of the weight read-out on a scale. Please label your proof of weight slips or picture to correspond to a specific ear tag number. (rate of gain is optional and not required). The Belmont Sale Barn will be open for beef weigh-ins on December 17 from 9:00 am - 11:00 am for exhibitors wishing to utilize their scales for proof of weight for rate of gain. Their address is 26770 Sale Barn Lane, Belmont, WI.

5. The deadline to turn in all of your id information is **Friday, January 6, 2023 by 4:00 pm**. (Forms can also be postmarked January 6 at the latest) Return the completed ID form, ear tag picture(s) and proof of weight to the Grant County Extension Office. Here are three different options to get the information to our office:
   - E-mail jenny.dixon@wisc.edu
   - Mail to Grant County Extension Office, 916 E. Elm Street, Suite A, Lancaster, WI 53813
   - Drop off at the Grant County Extension Office by 4:00 pm on Friday, January 6, 2023.

Grant County Fair Beef Identification and Weigh-in Information

Exhibitors wishing to show in the market division at the 2023 Grant County Fair will need to self identify their beef animals. There will not be an in-person identification or weigh-in at the Grant County Fairgrounds.

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If you potentially will be showing beef in the market division at the 2023 Grant County Fair see below for the, self-identification/weigh-in process. Each member can identify up to 5 beef animals. **Deadline for all beef identification and weigh-ins is Friday, January 6, 2023, by 4:00 pm into the Grant County Extension Office.**

Beef identification and weigh-in process:

- Market cattle that will be shown at the Grant County Fair will need to be tagged with a radio frequency tag (RFID/EID) instead of the traditional Grant County Fair tags. You can use your own RFID/EID tags or pick them up from the Grant County Extension Office. Please only pick up the amount of tags you will be using this year.
- Once the tag is attached in the animal's ear, take a close-up picture that shows the tag number clearly. This picture will need to be clear enough to read all of the numbers on the tag. The picture does not need to be of the full animal, just a close-up of the tagged ear. Picture(s) will need to be mailed, e-mailed or dropped off at the Grant County Extension Office by January 6, 2023, before 4:00 pm. Fully completed paperwork can also be postmarked on or before January 6, 2023.
- The completed beef identification and weigh-in form, which is enclosed, will need to be returned to the Grant County Extension Office by January 6, 2023, before 4:00 pm. This form can also be found at: https://grant.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-forms-and-applications/4-h-forms/

If you would like to participate in "Rate of Gain":

- "Rate of Gain" is an option and not required. If a member would like to participate in beef "Rate of Gain" at the Grant County Fair, a proof of weight is required. **Beef animals can only be weighed between December 1 and January 6 to be eligible for rate of gain.** A print out of a scale weight slip or a picture of the weight read -out from a scale is required as proof of steer weight. The date of weighing, along with weight, will need to be documented on the identification/weigh-in form. The weight slips or scale picture(s) will need to be submitted to the Grant County Extension Office by Friday, January 6, 2023, before 4:00 pm, to be eligible for "Rate of Gain". The Belmont Sale Barn will be open for beef weigh-ins on December 17 from 9:00 am - 11:00 am for exhibitors wishing to utilize their scales for proof of weight for rate of gain. Their address is 26770 Sale Barn Lane, Belmont, WI.

Reminder of Fair Requirements

Remember to check the Grant County Fairbook for complete rules and requirements to show and sell beef at the fair. The fairbook can be found online at https://funonforty.co.grant.wi.gov/ at a later date or by contacting Amy Olson, Fair Director, at 608-723-2135.

Below are a few of the rules pertaining to the beef requirements:

- All animals must be castrated and dehorned before the date you weigh-in your steer, no later than January 6.
- Members can identify up to 5 beef, dairy, or dairy/beef cross.
- All exhibitors in the junior fair division shall be members of Grant County 4-H, FFA, FCCLA, scouting programs, breed groups, or any other recognized youth organization under adult leadership and with an approved educational program in the project area.
- Members in good standing who have completed 4th grade by the time of fair are eligible to sell one animal at the Grant County Fair, as long as they have not reached their 20th birthday by January 1, 2023.
- Each beef, dairy beef, dairy, goat, sheep, poultry and rabbit exhibitor planning to sell at the fair and all swine animals must obtain a current YQCA certification. More YQCA details can be found in the Grant County 4-H Echo or by contacting the Grant County Extension Office.