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DATE: December 7, 2023

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

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

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

If you potentially will be showing beef in the market division at the Grant County Fair, see below for the self-identification/weigh-in process. All market division beef need to be id'd if showing at the Grant County Fair. Each member can identify up to 5 beef animals per member within immediate family. **Deadline for all beef id and weigh-ins is Friday, January 5, 2024, by 4:00 pm** into 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, by dropping off at the Extension Office by January 5, 2024 before 4:00 pm or by mailing in with a postmark no later than January 5.

To participate in the optional rate of gain, animals can only be weighed between December 1 and January 5 to be eligible.

- The Belmont Sale Barn will be open for beef weigh-ins on December 16 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.
- Bloomington Livestock Exchange will also be open for the use of their scales on December 31 from noon - 3:00 pm. Bloomington Livestock Exchange's address is 9663 Cty Hwy A, Bloomington.
- Note: These locations are not required. These are just two options for exhibitors who wish to utilize their scale date. Other scales can be used with proof of weight to meet the Rate of Gain requirement. Again, rate of gain is optional and not a requirement to show or sell at the Grant County Fair.

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.

RFID Tags: Market cattle that will be shown at the Grant County Fair will need to be tagged with a radio frequency tag (RFID/EID). You can use your own RFID/EID tags or pick them up from the Grant County Extension Office.

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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.

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 5.
- Members can identify up to 5 beef, dairy, or dairy/beef cross per member within immediate family.
- 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, 2024.
- Each beef, dairy beef, dairy, goat, sheep, poultry and rabbit exhibitor planning to sell at the fair and all swine exhibitors 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.

Steps to ID Your Beef Animal

1. Members can identify up to 5 beef, dairy, miniature, or dairy/beef cross steers/market heifers, per member 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 are available for pick-up at the Grant County Extension Office Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. Call the Extension Office at 608-723-2125 if you need to make other arrangements to pick up tags outside of office hours.
2. **Tag your animal with the RFID/EID (Radio Frequency identification) tags.**
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. **If you are participating in Rate of Gain**, proof of the animal's weight needs to be turned in with your completed information. Animals can only be weighed between December 1 and January 5. 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. Note the weight and date weighed on the id form. Rate of Gain is optional and not required to show or sell.
 - Scale location options for Rate of Gain
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5. Completely **fill out the Grant County Fair Beef Id Form**. Contact the Extension Office for additional forms or visit:
<https://grant.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-forms-and-applications/4-h-forms/>
6. The deadline to turn in all of your id information is **Friday, January 5, 2024 by 4:00 pm**. ID information can also be postmarked January 5 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 5, 2024.