

**2024**  
**NORTHERN DISTRICT FAIR**  
**General Rules for**  
**MARKET LIVESTOCK FEEDING PROJECTS**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

1. **NEW!!!!** Market Record Books are due (location to be announced) NO LATER THAN NOON on THURSDAY of Fair. Failure to turn in a Record Book by the deadline will result in a 10% penalty deducted from your market check. No exceptions!!
2. Self-feeders will be allowed, but **MUST** be kept CLEAN all week!
3. All Market Poultry are to be CLEAN when they arrive on entry day. Excessively dirty birds will be sent home!
4. ALL ANIMALS ARE TO REMAIN ON THE GROUNDS UNTIL 6:00 am SUNDAY MORNING AFTER FAIR. Early removal **MUST** have approval from the Livestock Department, and cannot be removed until AFTER 9:00pm on the last Saturday of Fair. Early removal without prior permission will result in the exhibitor being banned from showing at the Fair the following year, and 10% will be deducted from their Market Check. ALL exhibitors who are granted early removal permission must still be present at 8:00am on Sunday after Fair to clean barns/pens/cages. NO EXCEPTIONS!!
5. Poultry exhibitors who do NOT bring the required extra birds to Fair on entry day will be required to decorate their cages/pens with a poster and pictures of their birds, explaining why their birds are not there. They will also be required to pick up an extra barn duty slot each day throughout the week. This will be enforced!

**UPDATED APRIL 27, 2024**

**NOTE: All market animal exhibitors MUST belong to an organized Livestock Club or 4H Club in order to exhibit and sell at the Northern District Fair Market Livestock Program. Club name, Leader name and phone number, MUST be provided on the Required Market Livestock Registration Form, or reported in the online registration through FairEntry at: [northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com](http://northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com)**

## GENERAL RULES

1. Each Animal **MUST** be a YOUTH, 4H or FFA project, and be in good health. Age limits for Youth and FFA members is no less than 5 years of age, and no more than 19 years of age, as of January 1 of the current Fair year.
  
2. Weight requirements for Market Livestock are listed below. NOTE: Steers and Dairy Steers are required to weigh-in at either the Osceola County weigh-in at Evert, or at the Northern District Fair weigh-in at the Cadillac Fairgrounds. Dates and times to be announced. Lambs, and Goats are required to weigh-in the **FIRST SATURDAY OF MAY**, at the Northern District Fairgrounds, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. NOTE: Northern District Fair exhibitors may weigh-in at the Osceola weigh-in in Evert, and we will honor those weights for Cadillac projects. **NOTE: Date and Time may change, due to circumstances beyond our control.**

STEERS	1000 pounds and up
DAIRY STEERS	1100 pounds and up
SWINE Market Class Swine Roaster Class Swine** Heavyweight Class Swine**  **NOTE: Roaster and Heavyweight swine will NOT compete for Grand and Reserve Champion, but they will sell at Auction, after the Market Class Swine.	220-300 pounds 180-219 pounds Over 300 pounds (sells at 300 pound maximum)
LAMBS	100 pounds and up
GOATS	50 pounds and up
TURKEYS (18-week project) (MUST be ordered through NDF)	Toms – 20 pounds and up Hens – 18 pounds and up
BROILERS (8-week project) (MUST be ordered through NDF)	5 ½ pounds and up
CORNISH (4-week project) (MUST be ordered through NDF)	2 to 5 pounds
RABBITS Pen of 3 (70 days old) Single Fryer (70 days old) Single Roaster (less than 6 months)	3 - 5 pounds each 3 – 5 pounds 5 – 9 pounds

**\*\*\*ALL OVERWEIGHT AND UNDERWEIGHT ANIMALS WILL BE SENT HOME IMMEDIATELY OFF OF THE SCALES (except for Swine)\*\*\***

3. Swine will be weighed in beginning at 3:00pm to 6:00pm ON ENTRY DAY OF FAIR. All other animals will follow swine. **\*\*ALL EAR TAGS MUST BE CLEANED PRIOR TO WEIGH-IN\*\***

4. The Small Animal Barn will be open at 8:00 a.m. Rabbits can enter between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Poultry can enter from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Poultry must be Pullorum tested prior to entering the barn. **NO Pullorum testing after 1:00 p.m.** Small Animal Market Weigh-ins will be done as they enter – Poultry BEFORE 1:00 p.m., following Pullorum testing, and Market Rabbits before 4:00 p.m.
5. All Market Livestock exhibitors MUST be present to show and sell their animal(s), except with prior permission of the Northern District Fair Livestock Department.
6. All Market Livestock exhibitors MUST be present with their animals at weigh-in, except with prior permission of the Northern District Fair Livestock Department.
7. All Market Livestock projects must be registered with the Northern District Fair via online FairEntry system at: [northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com](http://northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com), OR on Official Registration Forms available from your 4H/Club leader, or online at [northerndistrictfair.org](http://northerndistrictfair.org).

Species deadlines:

**Dairy Steers – Beef Steers.....November 1**

**Turkeys....February 15**

**Swine – Goats – Lambs....May 1**

**Cornish and Broilers....May 1**

**Rabbits....May 1**

8. Entry into the Fair can be ONLINE at: [northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com](http://northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com), or on the official Fair Book Entry Forms, AND must be received/postmarked by the Northern District Fair by the LAST SUNDAY IN JULY. All projects must adhere to MDARD/USDA rules.
9. All market animals that make weight and are properly registered MUST sell at the Market Livestock Sale.
10. Each Youth, FFA, or 4H member may show and sell **up to four (4) market animals (4 separate Species)** at the Northern District Fair Market Livestock Sale. The 4 market animals may consist of 3 Large animals and 1 Small animal, 1 Large animal and 3 Small animals, or any other combination of animals, but only one animal PER SPECIES will be allowed. Please note that Cornish and Broilers are the SAME species, Single Fryer Rabbit and Roaster Rabbit are the SAME species, and Dairy Beef and Market Beef are the SAME species, so only one per species may be shown. SMALL ANIMALS: Rabbits, Chickens, Turkeys, Goats. LARGE ANIMALS: Lambs, Beef, Swine. Please note that pens of 2 hogs will count as 2 Large animals.
11. The sale order for the Market Livestock Sale will be determined by the judging results, and shall be: Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, then remaining animals in show placing order, by species. Swine shall be Market Class Swine, followed by Roaster Class, then Heavyweight Class swine.

12. All Poultry projects will be processed during the Fair. Each Poultry exhibitor is **required** to provide a cooler or insulated bag for their birds, and to arrange delivery or pickup with their Buyer immediately following the Livestock Sale. Poultry can be stored in the cooler for pickup/delivery on Saturday or Sunday, but must be picked up before 9:00am on Sunday. **\*\*ALL POULTRY MUST BE DELIVERED TO YOUR BUYERS NO LATER THAN THE MONDAY FOLLOWING FAIR!! IF POULTRY IS REQUESTED TO BE DELIVERED AFTER MONDAY, IT MUST BE FROZEN! ASK YOUR BUYERS AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS AT THE SALE!\*\*** This is the exhibitor's responsibility! Failure to deliver your processed poultry to your Buyers in a timely manner may result in you not being allowed to show at Fair the following year. This is for the health and safety of our Buyers! We strive to deliver a quality product every year.
13. Market Rabbit projects will be processed on Friday of Fair, unless otherwise requested by the Buyer. Exhibitor must arrange with their Buyer immediately following the Sale for pickup or delivery. Rabbits can be stored in the cooler for pickup Saturday or Sunday of Fair, but must be picked up by 9:00am Sunday. Processed rabbits must be delivered no later than Monday following Fair! If your Buyer requests delivery at a later date, rabbits must be frozen! Please make arrangements with your Buyer **AT THE SALE!** This is the exhibitor's responsibility.
14. All animals must be properly cared for (feed, water, and pens cleaned twice daily) and under the complete control of the exhibitor for the entire length of the Fair, as determined by the Barn Superintendent and the NDF Livestock Department.
  - \*Pens must be thoroughly cleaned no later than 10:00 am and again by 6:00 pm **EVERY DAY**. Pens are to be cleaned on show days **BEFORE** the show begins! Pens are to be cleaned on Sale day no later than 5:00 pm. All bedding must be completely removed at least once/day or as needed! You cannot just top off old bedding with clean shavings!
  - \*Animals are to have water **at all times**, and feed available as the species dictates.If the Superintendent and/or Livestock Department feels the pens and/or animals are not being properly cared for, a verbal warning will be issued to the Exhibitor and Parents. A Verbal Warning Form shall be signed by all parties. If the situation does not improve, the Exhibitor and Parents will be notified by the Superintendent and the Livestock Department that 10% of their Market Check will be withheld. Failure to improve the cleanliness and care will result in a daily deduction of 10% from the Market Checks until the situation is improved.
15. Market Checks will be mailed to the exhibitor by October 15. Any exhibitor who's Buyer has not yet paid for their market livestock purchase by that time, will receive their check upon receipt of Buyer payment. Buyer photos will be included with your Market Checks. Each Exhibitor is required to deliver a Buyer photo and a Thank-you note to each of their Buyers.
16. Use of the wash rack will be **PROHIBITED** during weigh-in on entry day. No animal shall be washed before weigh-in is complete! All market animals need to be washed **BEFORE 5:00 p.m.**, and in their clean pens on sale night.

17. All Steer, Goat, and Lamb exhibitors must have control of their animals! THERE WILL BE A MANDATORY PRACTICE RUN ONE HOUR AFTER THE EXHIBITOR MEETING. Any animal deemed uncontrollable will be sent home by the Barn Superintendent and NDF Livestock Department.
18. **ALL EXHIBITORS MUST BE ON THE GROUNDS NO LATER THAN 8:00 A.M. ON SUNDAY AFTER FAIR TO CLEAN PENS/CAGES/BARNs. ALL PENS AND CAGES MUST BE CLEANED BY 11:00 A.M. ON SUNDAY. EACH EXHIBITOR IS RESPONSIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN EACH BARN THAT THEY HAVE ANIMALS IN. FAILURE TO HELP CLEAN YOUR BARN(S) MAY RESULT IN 10% OF YOUR MARKET CHECK BEING WITHHELD. DO YOUR PART TO HELP!!!**
19. All Steers and Lambs must be castrated, dehorned, and properly ID tagged PRIOR to May weigh-in. If horns grow back, they must be redone before Entry Day. All Goats of Dairy breeding must be castrated, dehorned, and ID tagged PRIOR to May weigh-in. All Goats of Meat breeding must be castrated, and ID tagged PRIOR to May weigh-in. Dehorning of Meat breeds is optional, per the breed standards of that individual breed.
20. ALL ANIMALS ARE TO REMAIN ON THE GROUNDS UNTIL 6:00am SUNDAY MORNING AFTER FAIR. Early removal MUST have approval from the Livestock Department, and cannot be removed until AFTER 9:00pm on the last Saturday of Fair. Early removal without prior permission will result in the exhibitor being banned from showing at the Fair the following year, and 10% will be deducted from their Market Check. ALL exhibitors who are granted early removal permission must still be present by 8:00am on Sunday after Fair to clean barns/pens/cages. NO EXCEPTIONS!!

### **MARKET RECORD BOOKS**

**You MUST use APPROVED Northern District Fair Record Books, which will be provided either at weigh-in, or when poultry is picked up. Record Books are also available at any time on the Northern District Fair website: [northerndistrictfair.org](http://northerndistrictfair.org)**

After being signed by the Barn Superintendent, your completed Record Books must be turned in by noon on **THURSDAY of Fair week**. Location will be announced at the mandatory exhibitor meeting on Sunday evening. RECORD BOOKS MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE EXHIBITOR! Proper completion of your Record Book will be determined by the NDF Livestock Department. If a Record Book is not turned in and on time, or not completed by the exhibitor, 10% OF THE SALE CHECK WILL BE DEDUCTED.

## CLEANLINESS POLICY

As an exhibitor at the Northern District Fair, I agree to maintain a clean pen and provide appropriate care for my animal(s) from the day of their arrival on the fairgrounds until their departure from the fairgrounds. ANIMALS ARE TO BE **CLEAN ON ENTRY DAY!** EXCESSIVELY DIRTY ANIMALS WILL BE SENT HOME. Pens/stalls/cages are to be cleaned AT LEAST twice a day, **before 10:00 a.m. each morning, and before 6:00 p.m. each evening.** (Pens must be cleaned PRIOR to showing begins on show days, and before 5:00 on Sale Day.) Each day, the Barn Superintendents will inspect the pen cleanliness. If your pen/stall/cages are not cleaned satisfactorily, or your animals are not properly cared for, the Barn Superintendent will issue you a VERBAL WARNING, and have you and your parent sign a Warning Form. If the Pen/stall/cage cleanliness is still found to be unsatisfactory following the Verbal Warning, the exhibitor and parent will be notified that 10% of the Market Check will be withheld for each day the issue continues. Lack of care or cleanliness may result in the Exhibitor not being allowed to show at Fair the following year.

## SHOWMANSHIP SWEEPSTAKES RULES

**SENIOR:** This class is made up of youth 15-19 years of age that win a first place in a showmanship class. This person can only compete from one species. If the youth has won the Showmanship Sweepstakes in a prior year, they are ineligible to compete again.

**INTERMEDIATE:** This class is made up of youth 10 to 14 years of age that win a first place in a showmanship class. If the youth has won the Intermediate Showmanship Sweepstakes in a prior year, they can move up to the Senior division, if they so choose.

**\*\*If the first-place showman is already competing from another species, or has already won the Showmanship Sweepstakes in a prior year, the second-place showman will be allowed to compete.**

Species to be shown in each division will be: Horse, Swine, Beef, Chicken, Goat, Lamb, Turkey, and Rabbit.

***NOTE: There must be at least 2 animals entered and available in each species in order to hold Showmanship Sweepstakes.***

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## ALL ANIMALS MUST BE IN PLACE BY 6:00 P.M. ON SUNDAY OF FAIR

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### \*\*\*RULES FOR MARKET BEEF STEERS\*\*\*

- 1. ALL BEEF ANIMALS MUST MEET MDARD TB TESTING AND ALL USDA/MDARD REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING RFID TAGGING REQUIREMENTS.**
2. Each animal must be a Youth, FFA or 4H project, and must exhibit dominate characteristics of Beef Breeds.
3. Club members may feed and tag two (2) Market Beef, but may only exhibit and sell one (1) at the Fair.
4. Market Beef animals be properly dehorned (with the exception of Scottish Highlanders), and castrated, in order to show at the Northern District Fair and sell through the Market Livestock Sale. Scottish Highlanders, and other special breeds, must have proper protective covering on the horns.

5. Owners of Market Beef animals must be present to show and sell their animals, except by special permission of the Northern District Fair Livestock Department.
6. All Market Beef will be tied with a halter AND with a neck rope, until removal from the Fairgrounds.
7. The Market Beef shown and sold at the Northern District Fair MUST be registered with the Northern District Fair Livestock Department by November 1 each year. Registration shall be online through the FairEntry system at: [northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com](http://northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com), or by the Registration Forms available at the 4H Extension offices and online at [northerndistrictfair.org](http://northerndistrictfair.org). The Market Beef animal will be weighed and tagged or tattooed at a weigh-in held in Ewart or Cadillac each year. Dates and times to be determined. NOTE: All steers must be properly castrated and dehorned BEFORE WEIGH-IN, or they will not be weighed and tagged. All ear tags MUST be cleaned and readable at weigh-in day.
8. Entry will be online through FairEntry system at: [northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com](http://northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com) If unable to enter online, Official Northern District Fair Entry Forms (found in the Fairbook or on the Northern District Fair website) must be received by the NDF office, or postmarked **by July 31 each year**.
9. ALL EXHIBITORS MUST HAVE CONTROL OF THEIR ANIMALS DURING A PRACTICE RUN THAT WILL BE HELD ONE HOUR AFTER THE MANDATORY MEETING ON SUNDAY. ANY UNCONTROLLABLE ANIMALS WILL BE SENT HOME BY THE BARN SUPERINTENDENT/LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT. This is for the safety and well-being of the exhibitors, as well as spectators going through the barns.
10. It is MANDATORY to have a Buyer "Thank you" sign on your pens immediately following auction!

**\*\*\*RULES FOR MARKET DAIRY STEER FEEDING PROJECT\*\*\***

- 1. ALL DAIRY ANIMALS MUST MEET MDARD TB TESTING AND ALL USDA/MDARD REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING RFID TAGGING REQUIREMENTS.**
2. Each animal must be a Youth, FFA or 4H project, and be of straight dairy breeding, properly dehorned and castrated.
3. Rules are the same as the Market Beef Steer Feeding Project. Minimum weight shall be 1,100 pounds.
4. Entry will be online through FairEntry system at: [northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com](http://northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com) If unable to enter online, Official Northern District Fair Entry Forms (found in the Fairbook) must be received by the NDF office, or postmarked **by July 31 each year**.
5. ALL EXHIBITORS MUST HAVE CONTROL OF THEIR ANIMALS DURING A PRACTICE RUN THAT WILL BE HELD ONE HOUR AFTER THE MANDATORY MEETING ON SUNDAY. ANY UNCONTROLLABLE ANIMALS WILL BE SENT HOME BY THE BARN SUPERINTENDENT/LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT. This is for the safety and well-being of the exhibitors, as well as spectators going through the barns.
6. It is MANDATORY to have a Buyer "Thank you" sign on your pens immediately following auction!

### **\*\*\*RULES FOR MARKET GOAT FEEDING PROJECT\*\*\***

- 1. ALL GOATS MUST MEET THE MDARD TB TESTING AND USDA/MDARD REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING RFID TAGGING REQUIREMENTS.**
2. Goats must be Wethers or Does, and must be properly dehorned (Dairy breeds) and castrated **BEFORE weigh-in in May**. All meat breeds have the option of dehorning or not, based on the breed standards of the Individual goat being shown. All ear tags must be cleaned and readable before weigh-in.
3. Goats (Spring Kids) must be registered with the Northern District Fair Livestock Department by May 1 of each year, and must be in possession of the exhibitor by May 1. Registration shall be online through FairEntry System at: [northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com](http://northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com), or by the Registration Forms available at the 4H Extension offices and online at [northerndistrictfair.org](http://northerndistrictfair.org). All Market Goats are REQUIRED to weigh-in either at the Osceola Fairgrounds in Evert in May, or at the Northern District Fairgrounds in Cadillac, in May.
4. To be eligible for the Market Livestock Sale, the Goat must be a Spring Kid, **born between December 1 and May 1**, and must attain a minimum weight of 50 pounds on entry day of Fair.
5. Entry will be online through FairEntry system at: [northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com](http://northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com) If unable to enter online, Official Northern District Fair Entry Forms (found in the Fairbook) must be received by the NDF office, or postmarked **by July 31 each year**.
6. ALL EXHIBITORS MUST HAVE CONTROL OF THEIR ANIMALS DURING A PRACTICE RUN THAT WILL BE HELD ONE HOUR AFTER THE MANDATORY MEETING ON SUNDAY. ANY UNCONTROLLABLE ANIMALS WILL BE SENT HOME BY THE BARN SUPERINTENDENT/LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT. This is for the safety and well-being of the exhibitors, as well as spectators going through the barns.
7. It is MANDATORY to have a Buyer "Thank you" sign on your pens immediately following auction!

### **\*\*\*RULES FOR MARKET SWINE FEEDING PROJECT\*\*\***

- 1. ALL SWINE MUST MEET USDA/MDARD REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING RFID TAGGING REQUIREMENTS.**
2. All swine MUST have a minimum of ½ inch of hair on the majority of their body to be eligible to show and sell. All swine that do not meet this requirement will be sent home.
3. Each animal must be a YOUTH, FFA or 4H project, and be in good health.
4. Each member may feed two (2) hogs for this project. You can choose to enter and show a single Hog, or a pen of two hogs. You cannot show in both classes. If you bring two (2) hogs to Fair for the single hog class, the first hog to make weight is the hog that will be used for show and sale. The remaining hog will be taken home without being unloaded or weighed. Only two hogs can be weighed in for pen of two.



5. The swine project to be shown and sold at the Northern District Fair must be registered with the Northern District Fair Livestock Department by May 1 of each year. Registration shall be online through FairEntry System at: [northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com](http://northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com), or by the Registration Forms available at the 4H Extension offices and online at [northerndistrictfair.org](http://northerndistrictfair.org). Swine registrations must include 5 photos of your pig – 1 left side, 1 right side, 1 front, 1 back, 1 of ear tags.
6. Hogs must be in your possession no later than May 1<sup>st</sup> each year.
7. Entry will be online through FairEntry system at: [northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com](http://northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com) If unable to enter online, Official Northern District Fair Entry Forms (found in the Fairbook) must be received by the NDF office, or postmarked **by July 31 each year**.
8. Market Class Swine must weigh 220-300 pounds. Swine weighing in at 180-219 pounds will be shown in the Roaster Class. Swine weighing over 300 pounds will be shown in the Heavyweight Class, but will sell at a maximum weight of 300 pounds. NOTE: Roaster Class and Heavyweight Class swine will not be eligible to compete for Grand or Reserve Champion Market Swine. They will sell AFTER the regular Market Class Swine in the Livestock Sale.
9. No oil-based products may be used on swine!
10. All swine must be clean before show and sale. ALL EAR TAGS MUST BE CLEANED BEFORE ANY WEIGH-IN!
11. It is MANDATORY to have a Buyer “Thank you” sign on your pens immediately following auction!
12. MDARD/USDA REGULATIONS PROHIBIT SELF-HAULING OF ANY SWINE. ALL SWINE SHOWN AT THE FAIR MUST BE DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO A LICENSED PROCESSOR BY A REGISTERED LIVESTOCK HAULER. THE LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT ARRANGES WITH APPROPRIATE HAULERS FOLLOWING THE AUCTION. ONLY THESE HAULERS MAY PICKUP/DELIVER SWINE ON SUNDAY AFTER FAIR. ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.

**\*\*\*RULES FOR MARKET LAMB FEEDING PROJECT\*\*\***

1. ALL LAMBS MUST MEET USDA/MDARD REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING RFID TAGGING REQUIREMENTS.
2. Each animal must be a YOUTH, FFA or 4H project, and be in good health .
3. Lambs must be shorn PRIOR to coming to Fair.
4. Each member may tag and feed two (2) Lambs for this project, but may only select and bring one (1) for exhibiting and sale at the Fair. If you bring two (2) lambs to the Fair, the first lamb making weight

will be the lamb that will be used for show and sale. The remaining lamb will be taken home without be unloaded or weighed.

5. The Lamb project to be shown and sold at the Northern District Fair must be registered with the Northern District Fair Livestock Department by May 1 of each year. Registration shall be online through FairEntry System at: [northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com](http://northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com), or by the Registration Forms available at the 4H Extension offices and online at [northerndistrictfair.org](http://northerndistrictfair.org). All Market Lambs are REQUIRED to weigh-in either at the Osceola Fairgrounds in Evert in May, or at the Northern District Fairgrounds in Cadillac in May.

6. Lamb(s) must be in possession by May 1<sup>st</sup>, and born after December 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year.

7. All Lambs must be properly dehorned and castrated before the beginning weigh-in in May.

8. Entry will be online through FairEntry system at: [northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com](http://northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com) If unable to enter online, Official Northern District Fair Entry Forms (found in the Fairbook) must be received by the NDF office, or postmarked **by July 31 each year**.

9. ALL EXHIBITORS MUST HAVE CONTROL OF THEIR ANIMALS DURING A PRACTICE RUN THAT WILL BE HELD ONE HOUR AFTER THE MANDATORY MEETING ON SUNDAY. ANY UNCONTROLLABLE ANIMALS WILL BE SENT HOME BY THE BARN SUPERINTENDENT/LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT. This is for the safety and well-being of the exhibitors, as well as spectators going through the barns.

10. It is MANDATORY to have a Buyer "Thank you" sign on your pens immediately following auction!

### **\*\*\*RULES FOR MARKET CORNISH & BROILER FEEDING PROJECTS\*\*\***

1. Each bird must be ordered through the Northern District Fair Livestock Department to be eligible to show and sell.

2. Market Cornish project consists of 5 birds per pen, with 4 birds selling at the Market Sale. The Market Broiler project consists of 4 birds per pen, with 3 birds selling at the Market Sale. The extra bird must stay in the pen all week. The exhibitor may sell that extra bird at any time after the show, but the bird must still remain at Fair until Sunday morning. Poultry exhibitors who do NOT bring the required extra birds to Fair on entry day will be required to decorate their cages/pens with a poster and pictures of their birds, explaining why their birds are not there. They will also be required to pick up an extra barn duty slot each day, and help others clean their pens throughout the week. This will be enforced!

4. Each animal must be a YOUTH, FFA or 4H project, and be in good health and meet all USDA/MDARD requirements.

5. All poultry will be Pullorum Tested upon arrival on entry day of Fair. NO EXCEPTIONS!! Free Pullorum testing is limited ONLY to the number of birds entered in the Fair. There will be a \$2.00

charge per bird if you would like extra birds Pullorum tested prior to making your pen selection. Please note that NO bird may enter the barn PRIOR to being tested negative for Pullorum! **PULLORUM TESTING WILL BE DONE BETWEEN 8:00 A.M. AND 1:00 PM ON ENTRY DAY!**

6. ALL BIRDS **MUST** BE CLEAN WHEN THEY ARRIVE ON ENTRY DAY. Excessively dirty birds will be sent home. ALL birds must be clean on judging day, or they will not be judged. Cleanliness is a large part of your project!

7. The Market Cornish and Broiler projects to be shown and sold at the Northern District Fair must be registered with the Northern District Fair Livestock Department by May 1 of each year. Registration shall be online through FairEntry System at: [northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com](http://northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com), or by the Registration Forms available at the 4H Extension offices and online at [northerndistrictfair.org](http://northerndistrictfair.org). All Market Poultry will be weighed in Immediately after Pullorum Testing, on entry day, before 1:00 PM.

8. Entry will be online through FairEntry system at: [northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com](http://northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com) If unable to enter online, Official Northern District Fair Entry Forms (found in the Fairbook) must be received by the NDF office, or postmarked **by July 31 each year.**

9. It is MANDATORY to have a Buyer "Thank you" sign on your pens immediately following auction!

### **\*\*RULES FOR MARKET TURKEY FEEDING PROJECT\*\***

1. Each bird must be ordered through the Northern District Fair Livestock Department to be eligible to show and sell.

2. Each animal must be a YOUTH, FFA or 4H project, and be in good health and MEET ALL USDA AND MDARD REQUIREMENTS.

3. The Turkey project shall consist of Two (2) turkeys per pen. One shows and sells. The extra turkey must stay in the pen all week. Exhibitor may sell that extra turkey at any time after the show, but it is to remain at the Fair until Sunday. Poultry exhibitors who do NOT bring the required extra bird to Fair on entry day will be required to decorate their cages/pens with a poster and pictures of their birds, explaining why their birds are not there. They will also be required to pick up an extra barn duty slot each day, and help others clean their pens throughout the week. This will be enforced!

4. All poultry will be Pullorum Tested upon arrival on entry day of Fair. NO EXCEPTIONS!! Free Pullorum testing is limited ONLY to the number of birds entered in the Fair. There will be a \$2.00 charge per bird if you would like extra birds Pullorum tested prior to making your pen selection. **PULLORUM TESTING WILL BE DONE BETWEEN 8:00 A.M. AND 1:00 PM ON ENTRY DAY!**

5. ALL BIRDS **MUST** BE CLEAN WHEN THEY ARRIVE ON ENTRY DAY. Excessively dirty birds will be sent home. ALL birds must be clean on judging day, or they will not be judged! Cleanliness is a large part of your project!

6. The Market Turkey project to be shown and sold at the Northern District Fair must be registered with the Northern District Fair Livestock Department by February 1 of each year. Registration shall be online through FairEntry System at: [northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com](http://northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com)., or by the Registration Forms available at the 4H Extension offices and online at [northerndistrictfair.org](http://northerndistrictfair.org). All Market Poultry will be weighed in Immediately after Pullorum Testing, on entry day, before 1:00 PM.

7. Entry will be online through FairEntry system at: [northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com](http://northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com) . If unable to enter online, Official Northern District Fair Entry Forms (found in the Fairbook) must be received by the NDF office, or postmarked **by July 31 each year**.

8. It is MANDATORY to have a Buyer “Thank you” sign on your pens immediately following auction!

### **\*\*\*RULES FOR MARKET RABBIT FEEDING PROJECT\*\*\***

**\*\*NEW FOR 2024** – There are three (3) options for entering Market Rabbits. Meat Pens shall consist of 3 rabbits, Single Fryers shall consist of 1 young rabbit, and Single Roaster shall consist of 1 older rabbit. Complete rules for each new Rabbit Division are below:

#### **MEAT PEN RULES:**

1. Meat Pens will consist of three (3) rabbits from the same doe and the same litter. It is strongly suggested that they be of the same variety (color). Age limit is 7-10 weeks old (70 days maximum age). Weight limit is 3 to 5 pounds per rabbit. . ALL MARKET RABBITS MUST COME FROM A DOE OWNED BY, AND MUST BE BRED BY THE EXHIBITOR.

2. Rabbits will be judged on the following: A. Meat Type – compact, short in body, well filled out, solid flesh; B. Condition – prime condition, firm, solid, showing no flabbiness or pottiness, with the pelt being tight over the body and showing no signs of neglect or dirt; C. Uniformity – equal in weight, size, appearance, condition, meat type, fur, and overall body type.

3. The Market Rabbit project to be shown and sold at the Northern District Fair must be registered with the Northern District Fair Livestock Department by May 1 of each year. Registration shall be online through FairEntry System at: [northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com](http://northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com), or by the Registration Forms available at the 4H Extension offices and online at [northerndistrictfair.org](http://northerndistrictfair.org). All Market Rabbits will be weighed in Immediately upon entry to the Fair on entry day.

4. Entry will be online through FairEntry system at: [northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com](http://northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com) . If unable to enter online, Official Northern District Fair Entry Forms (found in the Fairbook) must be received by the NDF office, or postmarked **by July 31 each year**.

5. The prospective market rabbit litters will be tattooed at a mandatory tattoo clinic to be held 30 days prior to the Fair, at which time the rabbit superintendent will put in an additional special tattoo in the right ear. The exhibitors are still required to tattoo their rabbits on their own in the left ear. If this

special tattoo is NOT on the rabbit upon entry, then the exhibitor will not be able to show or sell their market project. Date and time and location of the tattoo clinic will be determined by the Superintendent.

6. It is MANDATORY to have a Buyer “Thank you” sign on your pens immediately following auction!

### **SINGLE FRYER RULES:**

1. Single Fryer entries are to consist of one (1) Fryer rabbit. Age limit of Single Fryers is 7-10 weeks old (70 days maximum age). Weight limit is 3 to 5 pounds per rabbit. RABBIT MUST COME FROM A DOE OWNED BY, AND MUST BE BRED BY THE EXHIBITOR.

2. The Single Fryer project to be shown and sold at the Northern District Fair must be registered with the Northern District Fair Livestock Department by April 1 of each year. Registration shall be online through FairEntry System at: [northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com](http://northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com), or by the Registration Forms available at the 4H Extension offices and online at [northerndistrictfair.org](http://northerndistrictfair.org). All Single Fryers will be weighed in Immediately upon entry to the Fair on entry day.

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4. The prospective Single Fryers will be tattooed at a mandatory tattoo clinic to be held 30 days prior to the Fair, at which time the rabbit superintendent will put in an additional special tattoo in the right ear. The exhibitors are still required to tattoo their rabbits on their own in the left ear. If this special tattoo is NOT on the rabbit upon entry, then the exhibitor will not be able to show or sell their market project. Date and time and location of the tattoo clinic will be determined by the Superintendent.

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### **SINGLE ROASTER RULES:**

1. Single Roaster entries shall consist of one (1) Roaster age rabbit. Age limit for Single Roasters is less than 6 months of age. The weight limit for Single Roasters shall be 5-9 pounds.

2. Single Roasters can be purchased from a breeder, but must be in your possession by May 1.

3. The Single Roaster project to be shown and sold at the Northern District Fair must be registered with the Northern District Fair Livestock Department by April 1 of each year. Registration shall be online through FairEntry System at: [northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com](http://northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com), or by the Registration Forms available at the 4H Extension offices and online at [northerndistrictfair.org](http://northerndistrictfair.org). All Single Roasters will be weighed in Immediately upon entry to the Fair on entry day.

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5. The prospective Single Roasters will be tattooed at a mandatory tattoo clinic to be held 30 days prior to the Fair, at which time the rabbit superintendent will put in an additional special tattoo in the right ear. The exhibitors are still required to tattoo their rabbits on their own in the left ear. If this special tattoo is NOT on the rabbit upon entry, then the exhibitor will not be able to show or sell their market project. Date and time and location of the tattoo clinic will be determined by the Superintendent.

6. It is MANDATORY to have a Buyer "Thank you" sign on your pens immediately following auction!

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***All of the above policies may be changed, revised, or reinterpreted at the discretion of the Northern District Fair and/or the Livestock Department.***

***Barn Superintendents shall have authority to enforce these policies.***

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These are the suggested weights for each species at weigh-in time. The weights should be used as guidelines only.

All steer weigh-ins will be held at the Osceola Fairgrounds in Evert, in November (**location and time may be changed**), or at the Northern District Fairgrounds in Cadillac, also in November. Lamb and Goat weigh-ins will be held in May, at the Northern District Fairgrounds in Cadillac or the Osceola Fairgrounds in Evert. NOTE: Locations and times may be changed, but exhibitors will be notified. The Northern District Fair will allow exhibitors to use Evert weigh-in weights for beginning weights for Cadillac.

Market Beef Steers	700 to 800 pounds
Market Dairy Steers	700 to 800 pounds
Market Swine	80 to 90 pounds
Market Lambs	60 to 70 pounds
Market Goats	30 to 40 pounds

Any questions or concerns can be directed to the Northern District Fair's Livestock Department.

You may also email your questions to: [northerndistrictfair@gmail.com](mailto:northerndistrictfair@gmail.com)