

**2022**  
**NORTHERN DISTRICT FAIR**  
**General Rules for**  
**MARKET LIVESTOCK FEEDING PROJECTS**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

1. **NEW!!!!** Market Record Books are due in the Small Animal Barn **NO LATER THAN NOON on MONDAY of Fair.** You will be given a Project Summary Sheet when you turn in your record books. **This must be turned in by NOON on THURSDAY!!** Failure to turn in a Record Book AND a Project Summary by the deadlines will result in a 10% penalty deducted from your market check.
2. NEW Weigh-in dates and times.
3. NEW Swine weights and classes.
4. NEW Goat weights.
5. NEW Cleanliness Policy.
6. Check out our Facebook page for all current information:  
Northern District Fair Livestock Department
7. **NO SELF-FEEDERS TO BE USED DURING FAIR FOR ANY ANIMAL!**

**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, FFA project, and be in good health. Age limits for Youth and FFA members is no less than 6 years of age, and no more than 18 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 on the required date and time (location to be announced). Swine, 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: 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	60 pounds and up
TURKEYS (MUST be ordered through NDF)	Toms – 20 pounds and up Hens – 18 pounds and up
BROILERS (MUST be ordered through NDF)	5 ½ pounds and up
CORNISH (MUST be ordered through NDF)	2 to 5 pounds
RABBITS	2 ½ - 5 POUNDS

**\*\*\*ALL OVERWEIGHT AND UNDERWEIGHT ANIMALS WILL BE SENT HOME IMMEDIATELY OFF OF THE SCALES\*\*\***

3. Swine will be weighed in beginning at 8:00am and ending at Noon 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 7:00 a.m. Rabbits can enter between 7:00 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 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).

Species deadlines:

**Dairy Steers – Beef Steers.....October at Beef Weigh-in (TBA)**

**Turkeys....February 1**

**Swine – Goats – Lambs....May 1 (or at May weigh-in at either Cadillac or Evart)**

**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 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 sell **up to three (3) market animals (3 separate Species)** at the Northern District Fair Market Livestock Sale.
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 on Friday of 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. Poultry can be stored in the cooler in the Civic Center for pickup Saturday or Sunday, but must be picked up before noon on Sunday. NEW IN 2022: Buyer is now responsible for paying for processing of all poultry projects!
13. Market Rabbit projects will be processed on Friday of Fair, unless otherwise requested by the Buyer. Exhibitor must arrange with their Buyer for pickup or delivery. Rabbits can be stored in the cooler in the Civic Center for pickup Saturday or Sunday of Fair, but must be picked up by noon Sunday. NEW IN 2022: Buyer is now responsible for paying for processing of rabbit projects!

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 available to the exhibitor within three weeks after the end of the Fair. 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.
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/BARN(S). 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, Lambs, and Goats must be castrated, dehorned, and properly ID tagged PRIOR to May weigh-in. If horns grow back, they must be redone before Entry Day.

### 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 to the Small Animal Barn Superintendent by noon on **MONDAY of Fair week**. RECORD BOOKS MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE EXHIBITOR! Proper completion of your Record Book will be determined by the NDF Livestock Department. When you turn in your Record Books on MONDAY, you will be given a Market Project Summary Sheet. This Summary is to be completed and turned in to the Small Animal Superintendent no later than **NOON on THURSDAY**. If a Record Book and/or Summary Sheet 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. 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. Extreme 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 15-18 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 October 1 (or at Beef weigh-in) of each year. Registration shall be online through the FairEntry system at: [northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com](http://northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com). The Market Beef animal will be weighed and tagged or tattooed at the weigh-in held in Marion each year. NOTE: All steers must be properly castrated and dehorned BEFORE WEIGH-IN in Marion, 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 the last Sunday in July 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 the last Sunday in July 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.

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### **\*\*\*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 and castrated **BEFORE weigh-in in May.** 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 (or at the May weigh-in at Cadillac or Evert) 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). 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, at a date to be determined.

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 60 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 the last Sunday in July 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, but may only select and bring one (1) for exhibiting and sale at the Fair. If you bring two (2) hogs to Fair, 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.
5. The swine project to be shown and sold at the Northern District ) 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). All Market Swine are **REQUIRED** to weigh-in either at the Osceola Fairgrounds in Evert in May, or at the Northern District Fairgrounds in Cadillac, at a date to be determined.
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 the last Sunday in July each year.**
8. **NEW for 2022:** 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!



### **\*\*\*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). 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, at a date to be determined.
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 the last Sunday in July 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.

3. Each animal must be a YOUTH, FFA or 4H project, and be in good health and MEET ALL USDA AND MDARD REQUIREMENTS.
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. 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!**
5. 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). All Market Poultry will be weighed in Immediately after Pullorum Testing, on entry day, before 1:00 PM.
6. 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 the last Sunday in July each year.**
7. 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.
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. 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). All Market Poultry will be weighed in Immediately after Pullorum Testing, on entry day, before 1:00 PM.

6. 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 the last Sunday in July each year.**

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

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

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 2.5 to 5 pounds per rabbit.

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. ALL MARKET RABBITS MUST COME FROM A DOE OWNED BY, AND MUST BE BRED BY THE EXHIBITOR.**

4. . 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). All Market Rabbits will be weighed in Immediately upon entry to the Fair on entry day.

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 the last Sunday in July each year.**

**6. 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 and the Extension office.

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***All of the above policies may be changed, revised, or reinterpreted at the discretion of the Northern District Fair’s 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 Marion. Swine, Lamb, and Goat weigh-ins will be held in May, at the Northern District Fairgrounds in Cadillac or the Osceola Fairgrounds in Ewart. NOTE: Locations and times may be changed, but exhibitors will be notified.

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. Monthly Livestock Department meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month in the Fair Office at the Northern District Fairgrounds in Cadillac at 6:00 pm, prior to the Fairboard meeting at 7:00 pm. All Livestock Department and Fairboard meetings are open to the public!

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

**[CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR ALL CURRENT INFORMATION:](#)**

**Northern District Fair Livestock Department**