

2022

Northern District Fair

General Rules

For

Market Livestock Feeding Projects

NOTICE:

Official Fair Book Entry Forms and online entry (northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com) must be received by the Northern District Fair, must be postmarked by the last Sunday in July, each year

Changed all Cadillac Area Livestock Department (CALC) to Northern District Fair Livestock Department (NDF Livestock)

CHANGED ALL Committee to Department

MARKET RECORD BOOKS: will be Due entry day at the fair. There will be an amendment page which will be given out the day of the auction

RULES FOR MARKET CORNISH & BOILER FEEDING PROJECT:

Changed the time for Pollorium testing from 8 a.m. To 1 p.m.

Beef & Dairy Beef will weigh-in at Evert in October.

NOTE: NDF LIVESTOCK MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. THEY ARE HELD AT THE FAIR OFFICE IN CADILLAC TBA . AT THIS TIME COME TO THE FAIRBOARD MEETINGS THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6 P.M. EVERYBODY IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.

NOTE: All market animal exhibitors MUST belong to an organized livestock club in order to exhibit and sell at the Northern District Fair. Club name, Leader name, and phone number MUST be provided when registering for your project.

Revised: March 17, 2022

GERENAL RULES

For all Market Livestock Feeding Projects entered at the Northern District Fair

To give the BUYERS a Better Quality project, these rules are ABSOLUTE!!!!

1. Each animal must be a YOUTH or FFA project, and be in good health. Age limits for YOUTH and FFA members is no less than 6 years old, and no more than 19 years old, as of JANUARY 1 of the current fair year.
2. Weight requirements for Market Livestock are as follows: NOTE: The first two species listed below are REQUIRED to weigh-in at Marion on required date. The next three species listed below are REQUIRED to weigh-in the First Saturday of May at the Northern District Fairgrounds between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. or Osceola Fairgrounds at their required time.

STEERS	1000 pounds and up
DAIRY STEERS	1100 pounds and up
SWINE	220 to 300 pounds
LAMBS	100 pounds and up
GOATS	40 pounds and up
TURKEYS	Toms 20 pounds and up Hens 18 pounds and up (MUST be ordered through NDF Livestock)
BROILERS	6 pounds and up (MUST be ordered through NDF Livestock)
CORNISH	2 to 5 pounds (MUST be ordered through NDF Livestock)

***** ALL OVERWEIGHT OR UNDERWEIGHT ANIMALS WILL BE SENT HOME RIGHT AWAY OFF THE SCALES.*****

3. Swine will be weighed in beginning at 3:00 p.m. ON ENTRY DAY OF FAIR; and all other Large Animals will follow the swine. ALL EAR TAGS MUST BE CLEANED BEFORE ANY WEIGH-IN DAY. The small animal barn will be **open entry day starting at 7:00 a.m. Poultry will be tested from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.** All weigh-ins will be by the Livestock Superintendent or DEPARTMENT. The weights will be used as the official sale weights.
4. All market exhibitors must be present with their animals at weigh-in, except by permission of the Northern District Fair Livestock Department.
5. All owners of animals must be present to show and sell their animal(s), except by permission of the Northern District Fair Livestock Department.
6. Your market animal project(s) must be registered on forms provided by the Northern District Fair Livestock Department, by the following dates:

**** Steers & Dairy Steers, Turkeys, Cornish, Broilers. . . . December 1st**

**** Swine, Lambs, Goats, Rabbits, Cornish, Broilers . . . April 1st (Animals must be in possession by May 1st)**

7. Official Fair Book Entry Forms and online entry (northerndistrictfair.fairentry.com) must be received by the Northern District Fair, **must be postmarked by the last Sunday in July**, each year. All projects must adhere to USDA rules as printed on their web site in the Fair Book.
8. All market animals making weight and properly registered must be sold in the Auction.
9. Each YOUTH or FFA member may sell **up to three (3) market animals** at the sale at the Northern District Fair.
10. The sale order for all species will be determined by the judge as Grand & Reserve Champions first, then the remaining animals in show placing order, by species.
11. All Small animal market projects must be processed and delivered to the buyer within two weeks of the sale, unless otherwise requested by the buyer. If a processing issue comes up, you are to notify the buyer immediately.
12. All animals must be properly (feed, watered, and pens cleaned daily) cared for and under the complete control of the exhibitor for the entire length of the Fair, as determined by the Barn Superintendent and/or the Livestock Department, or they will be promptly removed from the Fairgrounds and all monies from all market animals will be forfeited. Any unruly animals will be dismissed by the Barn Superintendent.
13. Market Checks are to be picked up in person or a self-addressed stamped envelope for mailing the second Wednesday in September, during the regular NDF Livestock meeting. Any member whose Buyer has not paid for said animal by the meeting date will receive their check upon receipt of payment of Buyer.
14. Use of the Wash Rack will be PROHIBITED starting at 3:00 p.m. on entry day until after the Mandatory Meeting following weigh-in. All market animals need to be washed before 5:00 p.m. and in pens on sale day.
15. All animals need to be properly cleaned before show and sale.
16. ALL STEER, GOAT, LAMB EXHIBITORS MUST HAVE CONTROL OF THEIR ANIMALS DURING A PRACTICE RUN ONE HOUR AFTER THE MANATORY MEETING. ANY UNCONTROLLABLE ANIMALS WILL BE SENT HOME BY THE BARN SUPERINTENDENT AND LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT.

17. **ALL EXHIBITORS MUST BE ON GROUNDS BY 8 AM SUNDAY OR 10% OF THE MARKET ANIMAL(S) CHECK WILL BE DEDUCTED. ALL PENS AND CAGES MUST BE CLEANED BY 9:00 AM ON SUNDAY. EACH EXHIBITOR MUST HAVE SUPERINTENDENT SIGN THE CLEAN PEN RELEASE FORM. (ENCLOSED IN FAIR PACKET)**
18. ALL LARGE ANIMALS & GOATS NEED TO BE CASTRATED, DEHORND, AND PROPERLY ID TAGGED WEEK PRIOR TO MAY FIRST. IF HORNS GROW BACK, THEY MUST BE REDONE BEFORE ENTRY DAY OF FAIR.

MARKET RECORD BOOKS

You MUST use the approved NDF Livestock Record Books obtained when the animals are registered/weigh-in with the NDF Livestock. Record Books will be available at weigh-in for Large animals, and will be provided to Small animal members either when poultry is picked up or when rabbits are registered.

After being signed by the Barn Superintendent, these completed Record Books must be turned in to the Livestock Superintendent on First day of fair. **RECORD BOOKS MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE EXHIBITOR!!!!** If Record Book is not turned in and on time, or not completed by the exhibitors, **10% OF THE SALE CHECK WILL BE DEDUCTED!!!!** **COMPLETION OF THE RECORD BOOK WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE NDF Livestock!!!!** No 3-ring binders or page protectors. Official NDF Livestock Record Book ONLY!!! No exceptions to this rule.

CLEANLINESS POLICY

As an Exhibitor of the NDF, I agree to maintain a clean pen and provide appropriate care for my animal(s) from their arrival to the fairgrounds until their departure from the fairgrounds. **At 10:00 am each morning and 6:30 pm** each night the project area superintendent will do a barn check and a warning (yellow tag) will be issued at this time if pen(s) and care are found to be unsatisfactory. **The yellow tag will be issued by two (2) superintendents from two different species.** Any pen that was issued a warning at 10:00 am will be tagged with a yellow tag and re-checked at noon. If the pen(s) is still found to be unsatisfactory at noon, a red tag will be issued and will result in a **\$25.00 fine** for the exhibitor. The Livestock Department must check and sign the red tag. The project superintendent will make an attempt to notify the exhibitor's leader, before fines are assessed. An additional **\$25.00 fine** will be assessed everyday thereafter, if pen(s) and care are still found to be unsatisfactory. The fine(s) will be deducted from market livestock sale proceeds or premium checks. Fines may be issued after agreement of project area superintendent and Northern District Fair Livestock Department.

SHOWMANSHIP SWEEPSTAKES RULES

SENIOR: This class is made up from the 15-18 year old that win a first place in a showmanship class. This person can only compete from one species as long as said person has not won showmanship sweepstakes as a senior.

INTERMEDIATE: This class is made up from the 10-14 year old that win a first place in a showmanship class. If this person has won (intermediate) showmanship sweepstakes, they may move up to the compete in the senior level.

**** If the first-place showman is already competing in one species or have won showmanship sweepstakes in the past; the second place person (only) will be allowed to compete.**

Species Shown will be for both levels are as follows: Horse, Swine, Beef, Chicken, Goat, Lamb, Turkey, and Rabbit.

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

*****NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE*****

***** RULES FOR MARKET BEEF STEER FEEDING PROJECT*****

1. ALL BEEF ANIMALS MUST MEET MDA TB TESTING AND ALL USDA REQUIREMENTS.
2. Each animal must be a YOUTH or FFA project, and must exhibit dominate characteristics of beef breads.
3. Club members may feed and tag two (2) steers, but may only exhibit and sell one (1) steer at the Fair.
4. Steers must be properly dehorned (with the exception of Scottish Highlanders or special breeds), and castrated, to show in the fair and sale. Scottish Highlanders or special breeds must have proper protective covering on the horns.
5. Owners of steers must be present to show and sell their steers, except by permission of the NDF Livestock.
6. All steers will be tied with a halter and a neck rope until removal from Fairgrounds.
7. The steers shown and sold at the Northern District Fair MUST be registered with the NDF Livestock by the 1st of December each year. The steer will be weighed and tattooed in Marion each year. NOTE: All steers will be properly castrated and dehorned before BEGINNING weigh-in or will not be tagged and weighed!!! All ear tags must be cleaned before any weigh-in day.

8. Official Fair Book Entry Forms must be received by the Northern District Fair Office **must be postmarked by the last Sunday in July each year.**
9. ALL EXHIBITORS MUST HAVE CONTROL OF THEIR ANIMALS DURING A PRACTICE RUN ONE HOUR AFTER THE MANATORY MEETING. ANY UNCONTROLABLE ANIMALS WILL BE SENT HOME BY BARN SUPERINTENDENT AND LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT.

***** RULES FOR MARKET GOAT FEEDING PROJECT*****

1. **ALL GOATS MUST MEET THE MDA TB TESTING AND USDA REQUIREMENTS.**
2. Goats must be Wethers or Does, and must be properly dehorned and castrated **before beginning weigh-in in May.** All ear tags must be cleaned before any weigh-in day.
3. Goats (Spring Kids) must be registered with the NDF Livestock by April 1st, and must be in possession by May 1st. All Market Goats are REQUIRED to weigh-in on the First Saturday of May.
4. To be eligible for the sale, the Goat (**Spring Kid born between December 1 and May 1**) must attain a minimum weight of 40 pounds.
5. Official Fair Book Entry Forms must be received by the Northern District Fair Office must be postmarked by the last Sunday in July, each year.
6. ALL EXHIBITORS MUST HAVE CONTROL OF THE ANIMALS DURING A PRATICE RUN ONE HOUR AFTER THE MANATORY MEETING. ANY UNCONTROLABLE ANIMAL(S) WILL BE SENT HOME BY BARN SUPERINTENDENT AND LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT.

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

1. **ALL DAIRY STEERS MUST MEET MDA TB TESTING AND ALL USDA REQUIREMENTS.**
2. Each animal must be a YOUTH or FFA project, and be of straight dairy breeding and properly dehorned and castrated.
3. Rules are the same as the Market Beef Steer Feeding Project; it must weigh 1100 pounds minimum.
4. ALL EXHIBITORS MUST HAVE CONTROL OF THE ANIMALS DURING A PRATICE RUN ONE HOUR AFTER THE MANATORY MEETING. ANY UNCONTROLABLE ANIMAL(S) WILL BE SENT HOME BY BARN SUPERINTENDENT AND LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT.

*****RULES FOR MARKET SWINE FEEDING PROJECT*****

1. All swine MUST have a minimum of ½ inch 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.
2. Each animal must be a YOUTH or FFA project and be in good health and MEET ALL USDA REQUIREMENTS.
3. Each member may feed two (2) hogs for the feeding 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 the sale. The remaining hog will be taken home without being weighed.
4. The swine project to be shown and sold at the Northern District Fair MUST be registered with NDF Livestock by April 1st each year, and weighed and tagged on the first Saturday in May.
5. Hogs must be in your possession by May 1st.
6. Official Fair Book Entry Forms must be received by the Northern District Fair Office **must be postmarked by the last Sunday in July, each year.**
7. No oil-based products may be used on swine.
8. All swine must be clean before show and sale. ALL EAR TAGS MUST BE CLEANED BEFORE ANY WEIGH-IN DAY.

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

1. Each animal must be a YOUTH or FFA project and be predominately of meat breeding and be a wether or ewe.
2. Lambs must be shorn prior **to coming to fair.**
3. Each member may tag and feed two (2) lambs for the feeding project, but may only select and bring one (1) for exhibiting 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 showing and sale. The remaining lamb will be taken home without being weighed.
4. The lamb project to be shown and sold at the Northern District Fair MUST be registered with the NDF Livestock by April 1st each year, and weighed and tagged the first Saturday in May. ALL EAR TAGS MUST BE CLEANED BEFORE ANY WEIGH-IN DAY.
5. Lamb(s) must be in possession by May 1st and **born after December 1st of the previous year.**

6. All lambs must meet the USDA identification requirements and be properly dehorned and **castrated before the beginning weigh-in May.**
7. Official Fair Book Entry Forms must be received by the Northern District Fair Office **must be postmarked by the last Sunday in July, each year.**
8. ALL EXHIBITORS MUST HAVE CONTROL OF THE ANIMALS DURING A PRACTICE RUN ONE HOUR AFTER THE MANDATORY MEETING. ANY UNCONTROLLABLE ANIMAL(S) WILL BE SENT HOME BY BARN SUPERINTENDENT AND LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT.

*****RULES FOR MARKET CORNISH & BOILER FEEDING PROJECT*****

1. Each bird must be ordered through the NDF Livestock. (5 Cornish equal a pen and 4 Boiler equal a pen)
2. Each bird must be a YOUTH or FFA project and must be a meat bird.
3. All poultry will be Pullorum Tested upon entry. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!! Free Pullorum testing is limited only to the number of birds entered in the fair. Pullorum testing will be done for 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. ONLY day of entry.
4. All poultry projects must be registered with NDF Livestock by April 1st, each year.
5. Official Fair Book Entry Forms must be received by the Northern District Fair Office **must be postmarked by the last Sunday in July, each year.**
6. Mandatory to put Thank You Market Buyers signs on Pens.

***** RULES FOR MARKET TURKEY FEEDING PROJECT*****

1. Each bird must be ordered through the NDF Livestock. (need an additional Turkey per family)
2. Each bird must be a YOUTH or FFA project and must be a meat bird.
3. All Turkey will be Pullorum Tested upon entry. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!! Free Pullorum testing is limited only to the number of birds entered in the fair. Pullorum testing will be done for 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. ONLY day of entry.
4. All Turkey projects must be registered with NDF Livestock by December 1st, each year.
5. Official Fair Book Entry Forms must be received by the Northern District Fair Office **must be postmarked by the last Sunday in July, each year.**

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

1. Meat pens will consist of three (3) rabbits from the same doe and same litter, and it is strongly suggested that they be of the same variety (color). Age limit is 7 to 10 weeks (70-day maximum age), and a weight limit of 2.5 to 5 pounds.
2. Rabbits will be judge 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; 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 feeding project must be registered with the NDF Livestock by April 1st, each year.
5. Official Fair Book Entry Forms must be received by the Northern District Fair Office **must be postmarked by the last Sunday in July, each year.**
6. **The prospective market rabbit litters will be tattooed at a mandatory 30-days prior to the fair at which time the rabbit superintendent will put in an additional special tattoo. If this special tattoo is not on the rabbit, then the exhibitor will not be able to participate. Date, Time, and Place to be determined by Superintendent and Extension Office.**

NOTE: NDF LIVESTOCK MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. THEY ARE HELD AT THE FAIR OFFICE IN CADILLAC TBA . AT THIS TIME COME TO THE FAIRBOARD MEETINGS THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6 P.M. EVERYBODY IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.

*****SUGGESTED WEIGHTS FOR AT WEIGH-IN TIME*****

These are guidelines for each species on weights for at weigh-in time on the first Saturday of May. Beef & Dairy Beef will weigh-in at Evert in October.

STEERS	700 TO 800 POUNDS
DAIRY STEERS	700 TO 800 POUNDS
SWINE	80 TO 90 POUNDS
LAMBS	90 TO 100 POUNDS
GOATS	30 TO 40 POUNDS

All of the above policies may be changed, revised, or re-interpreted at the discretion of the Northern District Fair Livestock Department.