

Iosco Junior Market Livestock Rules (JML)

2026

The Iosco Junior Market Livestock is under the jurisdiction of the Iosco Livestock Advisory Board. This board is composed of Kelby Ruckle, Tim Beebe, Josh Johnson, Jason Hall, and Miranda Hall. This committee will set the current JML budget, oversee all JML aspects, and will address any disputes regarding the program rules if the JML Executive Board and Market Livestock Coordinator are unable to resolve them.

GENERAL RULES:

1. A member must be between the ages of 8 and 19 as of January 1st of the current year to be eligible to market a rabbit, poultry, hog, goat, lamb, or steer project. The Iosco Livestock Advisory Board recommends members to be between the ages of 12 and 19 of the current year to be eligible to market a finished steer project.
2. Anyone planning to sell livestock at the Iosco County Fair must belong to the Iosco County Junior Market Livestock (JML), abide by all JML rules, Iosco County Fair rules and follow state health guidelines.
3. All members showing and selling rabbit, poultry, hog, goat, lamb, or steer must be registered by March 1 of the current year. Registration questions please reach out to Miranda Hall (989) 387-9122.
4. The Iosco Junior Market Livestock main form of communication is Facebook.
5. The executive board shall consist of nine (9) JML members as follows:
 - President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director, which are elected by membership at large.
 - One (1) Small Animal Member, elected by species.
 - One (1) Steer Member, elected by species.
 - One (1) Swine Member, elected by species.
 - One (1) Lamb/Goat Member, elected by species.
6. Youth nominated for executive board must be 12 years of age as of January 1 of the current year.
7. Executive Board terms shall be one (1) year.
8. If an executive board member vacancy occurs, the Iosco Livestock Advisory Board will immediately appoint a member to fill the vacancy.
9. Standing Committees will consist of Buyer Appreciation, Banner Sponsors, Arena Planning, Buyer Dinner.
10. Each member will be limited to the selling of one species and one animal within that species. A member enrolling in a youth program in another county with the intent to sell an animal in that county's sale may not sell an animal in Iosco County.
11. All members must attend a minimum of three (3) Junior Market Livestock Association meetings between the months of January and June. One JML meeting will be offered each month.
 - a. January 4th, 2pm, Eagle Point Plaza
 - b. February 8th, 2pm, Eagle Point Plaza
 - c. March 8th, 2pm, Eagle Point Plaza
 - d. April 12th, 2pm, Fairgrounds

- e. May 17th, 2pm, Fairgrounds
- f. June 14th, 7pm, Fairgrounds

12. All members must attend the **July 19th 2026, 7pm** meeting to be eligible to sell.
13. All members must attend 3 species educational meetings February through July in order to be eligible to sell. Educational meetings will be held at the discretion of species leaders.
14. Members may weigh-in a floater (one extra animal/pen). Members must select which animal they will show and sell at the weigh-in on the first day of the fair.
15. A 3% commission will be charged to the members, to cover the cost of JML.
16. All members must complete a buyers sheet. These forms must be turned-in to the JML coordinator by **June 14th, 2026**.
17. Members must register and exhibit an Educational Project related to their species in the youth department at the fair, called an enrichment day project. Exhibited projects must abide by Iosco County Fair rules. Enrichment Day Interviews will be conducted on **Friday July 24th, 2026, 6:00pm**.
18. Members must register a market record book. A completed record book must be turned in by **10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2026** to the JML shed. Members from the ages of 8- to 12-year-olds will complete the Intermediate Market Record Book, members 13-19 will complete the Advanced Market Record Book. First year members, regardless of age, will complete the Intermediate Record Book. Record Books that receive a placing of a "C" ribbon, will be reviewed by the Iosco JML Advisory Board.
19. Each member is **required** to participate in pre-approved fair related community service project(s). Eight (8) hours total of community service and one grandstand clean up the week of the fair. Four (4) of the eight (8) hours of community service **MUST** be completed at the Iosco County Fairgrounds. Additional community service projects may be approved. Please contact the JML Coordinator to get additional community service projects approved. Failure to complete eight (8) hours of approved community service will result in an automatic 100 dollar per hour of uncompleted community service to be withdrawn from your livestock check and donated to Iosco County JML.
20. All market animals will be weighed in on Monday of fair week by the livestock coordinator with two (2) executive board members present to verify. All large animals will be weighed on the JML scale and there will NOT be an opportunity to re-weigh animals. Weights are final and will be used for the auction.
21. All animals must be trained to show and fitted for show. The Iosco JML Advisory Board reserves the right to remove any animal from the show ring or sale arena not under the control of the member.
22. All members must register and exhibit their own sale animal in showmanship classes and market classes to be eligible to sell.
23. A member will be responsible for the care, feeding and delivery of his/her animal until the animal is delivered to the place of the buyer's designation. If the animal dies after the sale, but before delivery, the member will replace the animal.
24. Animals and display areas must be kept clean and neat at all times. Individual species and/or barns may require barn duty slots during fair.
25. Appropriate show attire is to be worn at the show and auction.
26. Checks will not be issued to any youth until all the buyers settle for all animals in the sale. Should a buyer default on their purchase, the lost revenue will be paid to that member. The money will come out of the Market Livestock account first, unless funds are not there, then equal percentages will come

out of members' checks. Default payments will be made within 45 days after the sale. All JML checks written will be voided after ninety days.

Species Specific Rules:

Market Steer Rules

1. Steers must be born after January 1, 2025.
2. All steers being raised for the sale must be on feed and under the member's ownership and management on or before January 1 of the current year.
3. All steers must be weighed in on January 11, 2026. All steers will be tagged with a county tag and have RFID Tag numbers and starting weight recorded for official entry for beginning rate of gain. The second weigh-in will be held on April 26, 2026. Weigh-ins are mandatory.
4. All market steers must be castrated prior to the first weigh-in.
5. All steers must be tagged with an RFID tag prior to the first weigh-in and species leaders will verify these numbers at the weigh-in.
6. To sell, market steers must weigh between 1,000 pounds and 1,600 pounds.
7. No heifers or bulls will be included in the sale.
8. Steers are required to be shown to the MLS Committee no later than one (1) week prior to fair and the Monday of the fair week. Exhibitors must demonstrate that the steers are trained and ready for show.
9. Market steers must be checked in at the fair by 11:00 am and remain in their stalls.
10. All steers are required to follow state health guidelines and fair requirements.

Market Dairy Steer Rules

1. Steers must be born after September 1st, 2024.
2. All steers being raised for the sale must be on feed and under the member's ownership and management on or before January 1 of the current year.
3. All steers must be weighed in on January 11, 2026. All steers will be tagged with a county tag and have RFID Tag numbers and starting weight recorded for official entry for beginning rate of gain. The second weigh-in will be held on April 26, 2026. Weigh-ins are mandatory.
4. All market steers must be castrated prior to the first weigh-in.
5. All steers must be tagged with an RFID tag prior to the first weigh-in and species leaders will verify these numbers at the weigh-in.
6. To sell, market steers must weigh between 1,500 to 2,000.
7. No heifers or bulls will be included in the sale.
8. Dairy steers are required to be shown to the MLS Committee no later than one (1) week prior to fair and the Monday of the fair week. Exhibitors must demonstrate that the steers are trained and ready for show.
9. Market dairy steers must be checked in at the fair by 11:00 a.m. and remain in their stalls.
10. All dairy steers are required to follow state health guidelines and fair requirements.

Market Beef Feeder Steer Rules

1. Steers must be born after January 1 and May 30 of the current year.
2. All steers being raised for the sale must be on feed and under the member's ownership and management on or before June 1 of the current year.
3. All steers must be weighed in on June 7, 2026. All steers will be tagged with a county tag and have RFID Tag numbers and starting weight recorded. Weigh-ins are mandatory.
4. All market steers must be castrated prior to the first weigh-in.
5. All steers must be tagged with an RFID tag prior to the first weigh-in and species leaders will verify these numbers at the weigh-in.
6. No heifers or bulls will be included in the sale.
7. Dairy steers are required to be shown to the MLS Committee no later than one (1) week prior to fair and the Monday of the fair week. Exhibitors must demonstrate that the steers are trained and ready for show.
8. Market steers must be checked in at the fair by 11:00 a.m. and remain in their stalls.
9. All steers are required to follow state health guidelines and fair requirements.

Market Dairy Feeder Steer Rules

1. Steers must be born after January 1 and April 30 of the current year.
2. All steers being raised for the sale must be on feed and under the member's ownership and management on or before June 1 of the current year.
3. All steers must be weighed in on June 7, 2026. All steers will be tagged with a county tag and have RFID Tag numbers and starting weight recorded. Weigh-ins are mandatory.
4. All market steers must be castrated prior to the first weigh-in.
5. All steers must be tagged with an RFID tag prior to the first weigh-in and species leaders will verify these numbers at the weigh-in.
6. No heifers or bulls will be included in the sale.
7. Steers are required to be shown to the MLS Committee no later than one (1) week prior to fair and the Monday of the fair week. Exhibitors must demonstrate that the steers are trained and ready for show.
8. Market steers must be checked in at the fair by 11:00 a.m. and remain in their stalls.
9. All steers are required to follow state health guidelines and fair requirements.

Market Beef/Dairy Cross Feeder Steer Rules

1. Steers must be born after January 1 and May 30 of the current year.
2. All steers being raised for the sale must be on feed and under the member's ownership and management on or before June 1 of the current year
3. All steers must be weighed in on June 7, 2026. All steers will be tagged with a county tag and have RFID Tag numbers and starting weight recorded. Weigh-ins are mandatory.
4. All market steers must be castrated prior to the first weigh-in.
5. All steers must be tagged with an RFID tag prior to the first weigh-in and species leaders will verify these numbers at the weigh-in.
6. No heifers or bulls will be included in the sale.
7. Dairy steers are required to be shown to the MLS Committee no later than one (1) week prior to fair

and the Monday of the fair week. Exhibitors must demonstrate that the steers are trained and ready for show.

8. Market dairy steers must be checked in at the fair by 11:00 a.m. and remain in their stalls.
9. All steers are required to follow state health guidelines and fair requirements.

Market Hog Rules

1. Market hogs must be born after January 1, 2026.
2. All market hogs being raised for the sale must be on feed and under the member's ownership and management on or before May 1, 2026.
3. All market hogs will be weighed in at the Iosco County Fairgrounds on May 3, 2026. All sale participants are responsible for ensuring that their market hog project and floater are tagged with the state required ID tags.
4. All market hogs must be castrated prior to the first weigh-in.
5. To sell hogs must weigh between 220-300 pounds.
6. A mandatory meeting and pre-show for all swine exhibitors will be held on Monday afternoon following the completion of the weigh-in.
7. All hogs sold at the auction must be slaughtered or sold at another market location.
8. Market hogs are required to follow state health guidelines and fair requirements.

Market Lamb Rules

1. All market lambs must be born after January 1, 2026.
2. All market lambs being raised for the sale must be on feed and under the member's ownership and management on or before May 1, 2026.
3. Market lambs will be weighed in on May 3, 2026, at the fairgrounds.
4. All market lambs must be castrated prior to the first weigh-in.
5. To sell market lambs must weigh between 100-175 pounds.
6. A mandatory pre-show and meeting will be held on the Monday of the fair.
7. All market lambs must have a USDA scrapies ID tag.
8. All market lambs are required to follow state health guidelines and fair requirements.

Market Goat Rules

1. All market goats must be born after January 1 of the current year..
2. All market goats being raised for the sale must be on feed and under the member's ownership and management on or before May 1, 2026.
3. Market goats must be weighed and tagged with a club tag on May 3, 2026, at the fairgrounds.
4. All market goats must be castrated prior to the first weigh in.
5. To sell market goats must weigh between 60 pounds and 100 pounds.
6. A mandatory pre show and meeting will be held Monday of fair.
7. All market goats must have a USDA scrapies ID tag.
8. All market goats are required to follow health guidelines and fair requirements.

Market Poultry Rules

1. All market poultry being raised for the auction must be under the member's ownership and management within one week of the chick's hatch.
2. A market pen of broilers will consist of a pen of three (3) birds of the same breed between six (6) and twenty-four (24) weeks of age and weighing a minimum of five (5) pounds to the maximum of twelve (12) pounds. Sex of the bird is not considered.
3. Production pens will consist of a pen of five (5) hens of the same breed between 24 and 26 weeks of age at the time of fair. Birds must be of pure breed and not mixed breed.
4. A market turkey will consist of one bird of either sex between four (4) months and eight (8) months of age and weighing a minimum of fifteen (15) pounds and maximum of thirty (30) pounds.
5. All poultry must be inspected and undergo pullorum testing before they will be accepted for entry.
6. All market poultry will be verified by the Small Animal Leader June 27, 2026. All poultry must have a recorded identification band for auction.
7. All poultry must be inspected and undergo pullorum testing before they will be accepted for entry.

Market Rabbit Rules

1. All market rabbits being raised for the auction must be under the member's ownership and management four (4) weeks prior to the first day of the fair.
2. All market rabbits will be weighed and tattooed by the species leader on June 27, 2026. An identification tattoo is mandatory to sell at the auction.
3. A market pen of rabbits will consist of a pen of three (3) rabbits of the same breed and variety between ten (10) and fourteen (14) weeks of age and weighing a minimum of four (4) pounds and a maximum of seven (7) pounds.
4. Market pens must be of a commercial breed. Mixed rabbits will be allowed but must be a cross of commercial breeds.
5. A market pen does not necessarily have to come from the same litter but must be of the same breed or breed cross.
6. All rabbits must be inspected before they will be accepted for entry.