

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.