

GUIDELINES FOR YOUTH SMALL ANIMAL PROJECTS

1. The Marquette Co. 4-H and youth small animal committee shall consist of any and all interested members and leaders of the small animal clubs who carry organized projects.
2. The meetings of the small animal committee will be scheduled as deemed appropriate by the membership.
3. Marquette Co. youth small market animals shall be a Pen of 3 Market Chickens, Pen of 3 Market Rabbits, or 1 Market Turkey.
4. All market animals will be sold in the following order: Grand champion animals of each species first, then the reserve animal of a species followed by the remainder in judged order. The judge will determine the sale order.
5. All small animal market projects must include a completed record book to be turned in to the superintendent by 9:00 a.m. on Thursday. Any entries in the small animal market classes that fail to turn in a completed record book will forfeit any/all premiums earned in the small animal market classes.
6. Small Animal Record books are available on the Marquette County Fair website or by contacting the Small Animal Barn Superintendent. Books from other fairs will not be accepted. The Market Record book should be unique to the current year's project exhibited at the Marquette County Fair.
7. Record books must be started on the day chicks arrive or the day the doe rabbit is bred.
8. All small animals must remain on the fairgrounds until close of fair.
9. All exhibitors are responsible to butcher, properly prepare, and deliver the meat to the buyer within one week's time.
- 10. Pre-entry date for Market Chickens, Turkeys and Rabbits is June 1st to be sent to the Livestock Superintendent.**
11. In order to be sold at the sale all market animals must be shown in both the market class and showmanship classes by its owner.
12. Minimum weight limits for small animal market animals to be shown in market classes and sold at the youth auction:

Pen of 3 Chickens – 18 lbs Turkey – 12 lbs Pen of 3 Rabbits – 9 lbs.

Market Chickens

1. Market chickens shall be purchased approximately 8-10 weeks before the starting date of the fair.
2. The small animal committee will approve the vendor and/or breeder for market chickens and MUST be listed on record books, along with the date of purchase.
3. Pullets or cockerels are approved for this project.
4. Each pen of three Market Chickens are required to be color coded so that they are easily identifiable. Bands, animal safe paint, colored electrical tape or zip ties may be used as identifying markers.

Market Rabbits

1. All market rabbits must come from a doe owned and bred by the exhibitor.
2. Youth market rabbits must consist of a pen of three rabbits, from the same litter, not over 69 days old.
3. Does/mother of the youth market rabbits must be entered into the market breeding stock class and exhibited at the fair.

Market Turkeys

1. Market turkeys shall be purchased approximately 15-20 weeks before the Marquette Co. Fair.
2. The vendor and/or breeder for market turkeys MUST be listed on record books, along with the date of purchase.
3. Toms or hens are approved for this project.
4. All turkeys will be leg banded by the owner upon arrival at the fairgrounds, and recorded with the superintendent.

Small Animal Auction - Saturday Following Junior Livestock sale in the Auction Barn