

# Attention

## REQUIREMENTS FOR FAIR

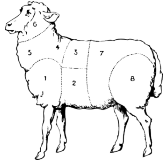
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Weights for Market Hog

Minimum – 225 lbs.

Maximum – 300 lbs. Must be 7 months or younger

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Weights for Market Lamb

Minimum – 100 lbs.

Maximum – 160 lbs. Must be 7 months or younger

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Weights for Market Steer

Minimum – 1,000 lbs. Must be 20 months or younger and born in the prior year

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Weights for Market Goat

Minimum – 65 lbs.

Maximum – 125 lbs. Must be 12 months or younger

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Certification for non-use of animal  
by-product based feeds for Market Steers & Lambs  
*Found on your Market Animal Health Certificate*

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### Ferry County 4-H Market Animal Project Members

**Believe it or not Fair is just around the corner.**

**The sooner you start taming your market animal the better.**

**Here are some tips for when the time comes.**

- **Hang plastic bags around the pen** (*where they cannot reach them*)
- **Play the Radio** (*this helps your animal to acclimate to various & sudden noises*)
- **Have strangers go near them**

All of these things will help your animal to prepare for the noise of Fair.

Included in this packet is information useful to you for feeding & finishing your market animal.

Please take note of the requirements listed above.

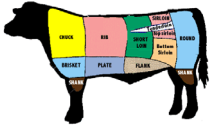
If you have any questions, please contact your local office, WSU Ferry County Extension at (509) 775-5225, X1116 or Colville Reservation Extension at (509) 634-2304.

## Note

### For ALL Market Animals

*Feeding or administering any antibiotic feed or any wormer, medication or tranquilizers are all subject to withdrawal times (a period they cannot be given) before slaughter which happens on the Monday immediately after Fair on Labor Day Weekend. Failure to follow the withdrawal period could cause sickness or even death, is a Federal Offense, and will be traced back to you with substantial fines and penalties along with your Market check being withheld. So please follow all label withdrawal times.*

**We look forward to your participation at Fair.  
Be sure to give us a call if you have any questions!**



# Tips for Feeding Market Steer



Market Steers must be under the 4-H'ers ownership and management 120 days prior to our county fair. Weight limits for market steers is 1,000 lbs. minimum and must be 20 months or younger and born in the prior year. Older, under finished, very large, and non-market looking animals can be given a white ribbon and will not be allowed to sell in the 4-H Market Sale during the Ferry County Fair.

Remember beef cattle are ruminants. That means changing feeds too rapidly, say from high hay or grass to a high grain diet in just a few days can cause rumen problems that can lead to sickness or death. Change feed rations gradually over weeks not days.

Approximately How Much Your Calf Should Eat Per Day Build up to these levels over several weeks		
Weight of Calf (Pounds)	Pounds Hay to Feed	Pounds Grain to Feed
400	8	4
500	8	6
600	7	8
700	5	14
800	4	16
900	3	18
1,000	2	20
1,100	2	22

## General Feeding Rules

- Increase feed gradually
- Change rations gradually
- Feed only the amount of grain that your calf will eat in about one hour
- Keep the feed box clean
- Keep salt & minerals available at all times



## During Final Finishing

- An animal will eat approximately 3% of its body weight in feed each day.
- 10% of the total feed should be high quality roughage like alfalfa or alfalfa-grass hay. More than this will retard finishing.
- When alfalfa fed, additional protein supplement not needed. Compare costs. Use the cheapest grain. Cracked or course, ground or rolled grain is usually about 10% more digestible than whole grain.
- Include at least three ingredients in the ration.
- Be regular. Feed at the same time morning and night.
- Do not leave old feed in the feed box. Clean out before putting fresh feed in. Cut back by the amount left over.
- KEEP CLEAN FRESH WATER AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES.**
- Halter-break your animal when young to prevent stress and the risk of going off feed late in the feeding period.
- More experienced feeders will find variations of these suggestions that work well for them.