

REQUIREMENTS FOR FAIR

Weights for Market Hog Minimum – 225 lbs.



Maximum – 300 lbs. Must be 7 months or younger



Weights for Market Lamb Minimum – 100 lbs. Maximum – 160 lbs. Must be 7 months or younger

Weights for Market Steer

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



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

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.



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 Hog



4-H'ers must own or manage their hog at least 60 days prior to our County Fair. The pig should weigh about 40 pounds in early May. It must weigh between 225 and 300 pounds at fair, **any hog in the sale over 300 lbs.** will sell at 300. No vaccinations needed unless there is a history of disease on the member's farm. Worm immediately if breeder did not, and worm again midway through feeding period, and again three to four weeks before the fair, unless the label says longer. Inspect the hog for lice, look like ticks, behind the ears and in areas between front and rear legs. Treat for hog lice with louse dust if necessary.

TIPS FOR FEEDING MARKET HOGS (read 4-H Project materials and ask your Leader for further information)

- If you do not have facilities to process and mix feed, the use of a commercially mixed complete swine feed is probably advisable. Be sure you use a high protein starter for young pigs. Keep the pigs on a growing ration even when the feed salesperson tells you to change to a finishing ration. The growing ration contains more protein and produces a firmer, heavier muscled animal.
- If you would like to feed a balanced ration of your own grains, contact the Extension office for assistance.
- If a complete feed mix is used, there is no need to be concerned about minerals and vitamins.
- Don't feed extra cattle feed, it may be toxic.
- Do not fill pigs up on kitchen garbage, garden produce or grass. These things fill the digestive tract with very little energy output and leaves limited room for necessary ingredients.
- Keep clean, fresh water available at all times. Self-watering nipples work great.
- Have a shelter available with clean bedding to keep them warm while they are still small. Do not have a large area for the pig to run in as they will run off weight.
- Start training with a cane, stick or elastic PVC pipe at least a month or more before the fair, the earlier the better.
- Never hit your pig as it can produce a bruise & scarring which wrecks the meat in that area.
- Never give a shot anywhere but in the neck as it damages meat near the injection site.

We will see you at the Fair!









