

Linn County 4-H/FFA

2024 Market Animal Information

Beef

- Can be either a heifer or steer, must be castrated before initial weigh-in
- Born between January 2023 and April 2023 are suggested birth dates
- Animal must have a rate of gain of **2 pounds per day or more** from initial weigh-in to county fair weigh-in
- Weigh-in dates and times (Must attend one of these days)

February 7, 5-7PM @ Linn Co. Fair and Expo

February 10, 9-11AM @ Lebanon FFA Land Lab

- Final fair weight requirements **1,000 lbs to 1,500 lbs and the 2lb rate of gain** to sell in the auction. **All steers must be in this weight range to sell. No exceptions.**
- **Recommended weight range at the initial weigh in is 700-1150 lbs for steers**

Goats

- Can be either a doe or wether, must be castrated before initial weigh-in
- Born between November 2023 and January 2024 are suggested birth dates. (Goats must be less than a year old to sell in the auction)
- Goat must have a rate of **.15 pounds per day or more** from initial weigh in to county fair weigh-in
- Goat must have a Scrapie tag in place at initial weigh-in (this tag needs to come from the breeder of the goat)
- Initial weigh-in weigh requirement 80lbs or less
- Weigh-in dates and times (*must attend one*)

May 7, 5-8PM @ Linn County Fair and Expo

May 8, 5-8PM @ Lebanon FFA Land Lab

- Final fair weight requirements **60lbs to 110 lbs and meet the .15 lb rate of gain** to sell in the auction. **All goats must be in this weight range to sell. No exceptions.**
- **Recommended weight range at the initial weigh in is 50-80 lbs for goats**

Lambs

- Can be either ewe or wether, must be castrated before initial weigh-in
- Born between November 2023 and January 2024 are suggested birth dates (Lambs must have lamb's teeth to sell in the auction)
- Lamb must have a rate of gain of **.25 pounds per day or more** from initial weigh-in to county fair weigh-in
- Initial weigh-in weight requirement 120 lbs or less
- Weigh-in dates and times (*must attend one*)

May 7, 5-8PM @ Linn County Fair and Expo

May 8, 5-8PM @ Lebanon FFA Land Lab

- Final fair weigh requirements **110lbs to 160lbs and meet the .25lb rate of gain** to sell in the auction. **All lambs must be in this weight range to sell. No exceptions.**
- **Recommended weight range at the initial weigh in is 70-120 lbs for lambs.**

Hogs

- Can be a gilt or barrow, must be castrated before initial weigh-in
- Born between December 2023 and January 2024 are suggested birth dates
- Initial weigh-in weight requirements 185lbs or less
- Weigh-in dates and times (*must attend one*)

May 7, 5-8PM @ Linn County Fair and Expo

May 8, 5-8PM @ Lebanon FFA Land Lab

- Final fair weight requirements **220lbs to 300lbs. All hogs must be in this weight range to sell. No exceptions.**
- **Recommended weight range at the initial weigh in is 110-185 lbs for hogs.**

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Market Chickens (Pen of 3)

- Bird will be weighed individually at the fair and recorded by the Superintendent. Fast-growth and slow-growth breeds will compete together for an overall market chicken broiler/fryer champion, reserve champion, and subsequent placing of blue and red ribbon pens for auction order. Individual live weight requirements as noted in each class below.

Fast-Growth Broiler/Fryer

Includes Cornish Cross Strains

Weight : 6-9 pounds

Recommended age: 6-8 weeks

Slow-Growth Broiler/Fryer

Includes Freedom Ranger, Red Ranger, Rainbow Ranger, Ranger Classic and Ranger Gold breeds

Weight: 5-9 pounds

Recommended age: 9-11 weeks

Market Rabbits (Pen of 3)

Weight: 4-7 pounds

Age: less than 13 weeks

Once weighed in, rabbits will be placed in their respective classes (fryer or roaster).

Market Turkeys

- Hens and toms will compete together for an overall market turkey champion, reserve champion, and subsequent placing of blue and red ribbon pens for auction order.
- Market turkey should include the broad-breasted strains

Broad Breasted Tom:

Weight: 20-40 pounds

Age: recommended 18-20 weeks

Heritage Tom

Weight: 20-40 pounds

Age: less than 30 weeks

Broad-Breasted Hen:

Weight: 15-20 pounds

Age: recommended 18-20 weeks

Heritage Hen

Weight: 15-40 pounds

Age: recommended 18-30 weeks

For all market animals, it is important to do your "homework" as a variety of factors contribute to each individual animal's final weight.

Reminder:

Please review livestock auction rules in addition to this general information.