Stoughton Fair Meat Animal Sale Official Rules

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The following describes the rules and regulations of the Stoughton Fair Meat Animal Sale.

# GENERAL RULES

1. Auction entries will be completed through Fair Entry Online like the rest of the fair. You must be entered by May 31 to be eligible for the sale. You do not need to have a specific animal selected at time of entry –only the species to be sold.
2. The meat animal sale is open to all exhibitors that show market animals. The sale is broken into 2 categories: large and small animals.
3. Each exhibitor may sell one lot in each category.
4. Each entry must be of a meat breed.
5. Each entry must be shown in the correct class.
6. Each exhibitor must also show in the showmanship class for the species they are selling.
7. See below for head/lot limits for each species.
8. Beef steers are expected to be castrated at least 60 days in advanced.
9. If an exhibitor is disqualified in any show due to cheating, misconduct, etc. they will not be allowed to sell.
10. All exhibitors are expected to market their animal to potential buyers and invite them to come to the auction.
11. All exhibitors must display a thank you card next to their identification/barn card. All other forms of thanks are up to the exhibitor.
12. All exhibitors selling at the sale will be expected to certify that the animals being sold are drug free at the date of sale. This is a regulation with state and federal laws regarding meat animals. Drug free forms will be provided at the check in site.
13. If an animal is deemed unhealthy or unfit it will not be allowed to sell. The final decision will be made by a staff veterinarian.
14. Each exhibitor will be expected to sign an affidavit stating that the animal originated in the United States of America.
15. Any issues exhibitor has needs to be brought to the attention of the Meat Sale Committee by Friday of Fair Week.
16. Exhibitors MUST be present to sell. If an exhibitor cannot be present they MUST be pre-approved by sale superintendent.
17. The Stoughton Fair Meat Animal Sale Committee reserves the right to interpret and enforce the rules and regulations, accept or reject any entry entirely, partially or conditionally.
18. Rules are subject to change due to industry and animal health regulations. A final copy of the sale rules will be posted by June 1st at [www.stoughtonfair.com.](http://www.stoughtonfair.com/) The official rules posted at [www.stoughtonfair.com](http://www.stoughtonfair.com/) will be used.

# Small Animal Sale – Boer Goats, Chickens, Ducks, Rabbits, Turkeys

1. All exhibitors selling under the Small Animal Auction will be expected to dress and deliver the animal, if requested to do so, by the buyer within 2 weeks of the Stoughton Jr. Fair. Exhibitors must include their name, full address and final dressed weight along with “Not Inspected” on the outside of the package before delivering dressed rabbits and poultry to the buyer.
2. Animals must meet current industry standards based on quality and weight. The following rules will be used as guidelines for the sale.

Chickens: Broilers: 3-5.5lbs. Roasters: 5.6-10 lbs. Rabbits: 3-5 lbs

Boer Goats: Minimum Weight: 60 lbs. Maximum Weight: 80 lbs. Ducks: No Guidelines

Turkeys: No Guidelines

1. Lot Limits: Chickens – 20 (10 Broilers, 10 Roasters); Ducks – 5; Boer Goats – 15; Turkeys – 15; Rabbits - 15

# Large Animal Sale - Beef, Swine, Sheep

1. Animals that are to be sold must meet industry standards. Special Weight considerations will be used for “miniature meat breeds” (ie: Lowline Angus) and will be determined by sale superintendent. Weight regulations will be put into place and are as follows:

Beef Steers (Straight or Crossbred Beef Breeds): Minimum Weight: 1100 lbs. Maximum Weight: None Dairy Steers (Dairy or Dairy Cross Breeds): Minimum Weight: 1200 lbs. Maximum Weight: None Swine: Minimum Weight: 225 lbs. Maximum Weight: 295 lbs.

Sheep: Minimum Weight 110 lbs. Maximum Weight 160 lbs.

1. If an animal does not meet the weight regulations listed above, they will be ineligible to sell regardless of number of lots selling.
2. LOT LIMITS: There will be 60 head of animals sold. Limits per species are as followed: Beef – 15; Sheep – 15; Swine – 30. NEW in 2020: If there are extra lots available, extra lots can be “borrowed” by another species determined by sale superintendent. Extra lots will be distributed as needed.
	1. The animal sold will be the animal loaded on Sunday. You MAY NOT switch animals, even if it is approved by your buyer.
	2. Market animal weights are set by industry standards. These weights help ensure the consumer receives a quality product.