
DIVISION: QUALITY MEATS

QUALITY MEATS DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE

Check-in (Beef) - Wednesday, July 21, 2021, 5:00-6:00 p.m. at Nordman Feedlots @ 1154 S Blackhawk Rd, Oregon
Check-in (Goats, Sheep & Swine) - Thursday, July 22, 2021, 7:00-8:00 a.m. at the Ogle County Fairgrounds
Judging - Monday, July 26, 2021, at Eickman's Meat Locker, Seward, IL. Judging begins at 8:30 a.m. (*judges and committee only*)
Virtual Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction, Saturday, July 31, 2021, 3:00 p.m.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES:

Due to current guidelines, Quality Meats judging will not be open to the public again this year. Watch Facebook, @Ogle4H and our website, <https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo/4-h-ogle-county> for winner announcements and photos.

QUALITY MEATS COMMITTEE

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QUALITY MEATS RULES - READ ALL RULES VERY CAREFULLY!

1. All *General Rules* and *Animal Department Rules* apply.
2. All youth showing carcass animals are required to have a current certification in Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) during the current show year. Certification must be completed by May 1st.
3. This show is open to all Ogle County 4-H Club members with purebred, crossbred, or grade beef; sheep; or swine projects. Only barrows, wethers, and steers may be shown. To qualify, animals must meet the same requirements as outlined for the regular 4-H show, plus all of the rules that follow.
4. Health certificates are not needed for carcass entries.
5. Each exhibitor may enter one (1) animal in each quality meats class.
6. Weight of animals:
 - a. **Barrows** 240 pounds minimum to 325 pounds maximum live weight
 - b. **Wethers** 45 pounds minimum hot carcass weight
 - c. **Steers** 900 pounds live weight minimum
 - d. **Goats** no weight but must be purchased on or after September 1, 2020 and before May 1, 2021Animals not meeting above guidelines will not be eligible for champion or reserve.
7. Official weight will be pay weight for carcasses sold at the auction.
8. All animals will be taken to the Eickman's Plant at Seward for weighing, slaughtering, and cooling.
9. Beef Market Animals will be delivered to Nordman Feedlots @ 1154 S Blackhawk Rd, Oregon, IL. on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to be weighed. Goats, Sheep & Swine Market Animals will be delivered to the Ogle County Fairgrounds on Thursday, July 22, 2021, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. to be weighed. The committee will deliver all animals to Eickman's Locker from the fairgrounds.
10. The meats judge will commence judging at 8:30 a.m., July 26, 2021.
11. Beef, goat, sheep, and swine taken to Eickman's are the responsibility of the owner. Any beef, goat, swine, and sheep carcasses can be sold at the virtual Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction on Saturday, July 31, 2021, if you register in Fair Entry. All other carcasses should be sold privately or put in one's own freezer.
12. The animals will be judged on the rail and cut-out data collected on July 26, 2021.
13. Barrow carcasses will be judged on inches of backfat (.4" minimum), and loin-eye areas. Currently approved standards for Illinois Pork Carcass Shows will be followed. Loin muscle will be evaluated for color, marbling, and firmness.
14. At the discretion of the Quality Meats Committee any questionable or late castrated hogs will be disqualified.
15. Steers will be judged on a maximum yield grade of 3.99 and minimum quality grade of high select (S+). Carcass gain per day will be used in determination of rankings.
16. Wethers will be judged on a maximum yield grade of 3.99; have at least 0.10 inch of fat cover at the rib eye (2.6 minimum REA); have a quality grade of low choice or better (C⁻), a minimum leg score of 13, and meet minimum rib eye area requirements based on hot carcass weight.
17. Animals entered in these classes that do not make the weight range can be shown in the market class at the 4-H Fair.
18. All animals must be completely castrated and healed steers, wethers, and barrows. Judge will make final decisions. All calves must be steers (not bulls) at tattooing time.
19. **OWNERSHIP DEADLINES** - All quality meats animals must be owned by the member by:

- a. On or After September 1, 2020 for goat
 - b. May 1, 2021 for sheep and swine (Swine do not have to be tattooed.)
 - c. February 1, 2021 for beef
20. All sheep wethers must be sheared before the show.
21. Steers must have been weighed and tattooed on February 20, 2021.

QUALITY MEAT CLASSES

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| 101 | Hog |
| 102 | Sheep |
| 103 | Beef |
| 104 | Goat |

CARCASS AWARDS

Champion Beef Carcass
Reserve Champion Beef Carcass
Champion Pork Carcass
Reserve Champion Pork Carcass
Champion Lamb Carcass
Reserve Champion Lamb Carcass
Champion Goat Carcass
Reserve Champion Goat Carcass