

# WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

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## Attention 2020 Wisconsin State Fair Junior Market Steer Exhibitors

Those who wish to exhibit in the 2020 Wisconsin State Fair Performance Steer Division must have their steers weighed at one of the following locations:

March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Equity Livestock Contact: Bill Hilleman	Richland Center 608.604.6787	9 to 10 am
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Tietz Livestock Contact: Diane Jarvais	New London 715.630.0811	9 to 10 am
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Milwaukee Stockyards Contact: Brian Bolan	Reeseville 608.576.7312	9 to 10 am
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Kewaunee County Fairgrounds Contact: Shawn Prodel	Luxemburg 920.255.1232	9 to 10 am
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Polk County Fairgrounds Contact: Jordon Hibbs	St. Croix Falls 715.651.6516	9 to 10 am

*\*\*Please contact a weigh in site coordinator in advance to confirm participation. If you would like to participate in the performance steer division but there is not a weigh in site listed within 60 miles of your residence, please contact the Wisconsin State Fair Agriculture Office via email at [entryoffice@wistatefair.com](mailto:entryoffice@wistatefair.com) or by phone at 414.266.7050 prior to March 1<sup>st</sup>.\*\**

**Each steer weighed in will need 840 ear tag and DNA identification on file with Wisconsin State Fair. 840 ear tags and DNA kits can be purchased in advance online at: [entry.wistatefair.com](http://entry.wistatefair.com).**

### DEWEY WACHOLZ PERFORMANCE STEER DIVISION

**Weigh-in & Ultrasound: Monday, August 10: 10 am to Noon**

**Live Show Judging: Tuesday, August 11: 8 am**

This program emphasizes the exhibitor's ability to select and raise steers which will be evaluated on the components of rate of gain, visual appraisal and ultrasound carcass.

### QUALIFICATIONS

- 1) Steers must be entered in the Performance Steer Division when entries are made. Performance steers are eligible to exhibit in the market steer division and bred and owned division with an additional entry fee and appropriate entry on the junior entry form.
- 2) Steers must be weighed, 840 ear tag and DNA identified at one of the official Wisconsin State Fair beef weigh in sites on March 7<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020. An unlimited number of steers per exhibitor may be weighed and identified but no more than 2 may be exhibited in the Performance Division at the Fair. Performance steers are subject to all rules for drug residue and unethical practices listed in the Junior Beef section as well as the "Junior General Rules and Regulations" section located on [www.wistatefair.com](http://www.wistatefair.com).
- 3) Overall placing will be based on:

**Rate of Gain Component (40%):** Steers will be weighed at the Fair on Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> The Fair weight and the weight recorded at the official Wisconsin State Fair weigh in site (March 7<sup>th</sup> or March 14<sup>th</sup>) will be used to calculate rate of gain.

**Visual Appraisal (Live Show) Component (20%):** Steers will show by official Fair weight. No adhesives or paints or like products can be used. The top steers in the live show will be selected from the top two placing in each class.

**Ultrasound Carcass Component (40%): Ultrasound data will be collected at the Fair.** Steers will be evaluated on estimates of USDA yield and quality grades which determine carcass value. These grades will be estimated by using ultrasound to measure 12<sup>th</sup> rib fat thickness, ribeye area and marbling score. Value-Based Beef Carcass Evaluation favors carcasses which grade USDA Choice or higher and USDA Yield Grade 2 and lower.

- 4) **The Performance Steer Division is non-terminal;** therefore, performance steers must be taken home when released on Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### AWARDS/PRIZE MONEY

Grand Champion Performance Steer	\$500 & Banner
Reserve Grand Champion Performance Steer	\$400 & Banner
Third Overall Grand Champion Performance Steer	\$300 & Rosette
Fourth Overall Grand Champion Performance Steer	\$200 & Rosette
Fifth Overall Grand Champion Performance Steer	\$150 & Rosette
Sixth – Tenth Overall Grand Champion Performance Steer	\$100 & Rosette
Champion Rate of Gain	\$200 & Award
Reserve Champion Rate of Gain	\$100 & Award
Champion Ultrasound Carcass	\$200 & Award
Reserve Champion Ultrasound Carcass	\$100 & Award
Champion Visual Appraisal	\$200 & Award
Reserve Champion Visual Appraisal	\$100 & Award
11 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$50
21 <sup>st</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$40
31 <sup>st</sup> – 40 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$30
41 <sup>st</sup> and Beyond	\$20

If you have any further questions, please contact Wisconsin State Fair at [entryoffice@wistatefair.com](mailto:entryoffice@wistatefair.com).