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## **Green County Market Steer/Market Heifer Weigh-In**

The annual Green County Market Steer/Heifer Weigh-In will be held on Saturday, December 30, 2023 at Equity Livestock, located south of Monroe **from 8:00 – 10:00 AM**. In case of inclement weather the snow date will be Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. An announcement will be made over WBGR radio prior to 8:00 a.m. on the morning of December 30<sup>th</sup>, if the weigh-in will be re-scheduled due to inclement weather.

All exhibitors who plan to show market steers or market heifers at the 2024 Green County Junior Fair must have their market animal weighed and identified at this weigh-in. Each exhibitor can identify a maximum of 5 market animals. U.S.D.A. radio frequency identification tags will be used to identify each market animal for the county fair. Exhibitors will be required to provide the premise ID number for the farm that the market animal will be housed at.

Green County Fair exhibitors must reside in Green County or be a member of a Green County FFA, 4-H Club, or another Green County youth organization having adult leadership and offering educational programs directly related to the Beef project to have their market animals weighed and identified at this weigh-in. Market animals must also be identified and weighed to be eligible to participate in the 2024 Green County Fair Meat Animal Auction, Junior Steer/Heifer Show and the Market Animal Performance Class at the Green County Fair.

A market animal performance class will be held again in 2024. Market Animals entered in the performance class will be scanned for carcass merits and will not be sent for harvest during the fair. This will allow youth to exhibit the same market animal in both the performance and the market steer and market heifer classes with the exception of the Grand and Reserve Champion Performance Market Animal. The grand and reserve champion performance market animal will be selected based on their rate of gain, live show placing and scanned carcass data. To auction, all breeds of beef steers must weigh at least 1,100 pounds and all breeds of beef heifers must weigh at least 1,000 pounds. There is no weigh limit required to show in either a market class or the performance class, however the minimum weights must be attained to auction.

This weigh-in is only for market steers/heifers that will be exhibited at the Green County Fair. Steers/Heifers that will be exhibited only at the WI State Fair will be self-identified by exhibitors and are not required to attend this weigh-in.

The Green County Beef Producers will be assisting with the weigh-in. Record books for the Green County Meat Animal Sale and fair rules will be distributed to all exhibitors at the weigh-in. If you have any questions regarding the weigh-in, contact Jackie McCarville, Green County UW-Extension Agricultural Educator at 608-328-9440.

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