

MADISON COUNTY BORN AND RAISED

In an effort to recognize and spotlight excellence in locally raised market animals, and to promote herd improvement, exhibitors whose 4-H/FFA market animals meet eligibility will have the opportunity to participate in the MADISON COUNTY BORN AND RAISED CONTEST (Contest), in addition to the regular Market Show (Show) of each specie. This Contest will run consecutively with the Show and winners will be chosen from the Top Ten placing animals in the Show. If there are not at least three animals in the top 10 that qualify for the Contest, a separate show will be held for all animals that placed with at least a blue ribbon in the Market Quality Class. This show will be held directly after the last Market Quality Show of each specie. To be eligible for prizes in the Born and Raised Contest, animals must be awarded a blue ribbon during the Market Quality Class.

This Contest is open to all 4-H and FFA exhibitors per species that have submitted the appropriate paperwork. Species include Beef, Lamb and Swine. Because recognition will also be going to the Breeder, the market animal must meet the following requirements.

ELIGIBILITY

Animals must be born and raised in Madison County. Proof of eligibility is the responsibility of the exhibitor/breeder. In addition to a Bill of Sale or Proof of Ownership indicating the county in which the animal was born the Madison County Born & Raised Verification Form must be submitted. Both must be submitted at the initial weigh-in of the specie.

The Breeder must acknowledge the Dam of said animal was legally owned and that conception of said Dam took place under the breeder's supervision. NO embryos are allowed. The Breeder must acknowledge that the animal was born in Madison County. The Breeder must acknowledge that the animal was raised in Madison County until the sale or assignment to the exhibitor. "Raised" is defined as the animal being under the care of the Breeder at all times, but can include time outside the county in grazing situations. The exhibitor must acknowledge that the animal is/will be raised in Madison County from the time of tagging to the final weigh-in.

ENTRIES

Entries must be submitted at the initial weigh-in on the Madison County Born & Raised Verification Form. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to get signatures and information from the Breeder. If your alternate animal is also a Born & Raised prospect, all paperwork must be submitted for it also. Born and Raised animals will be the same animal exhibited in that species Quality Market Show.

AWARDS

All Buckle awards for the Born and Raised Contest will be handled through the Madison County Extension Office. Buckle sponsors will be assigned at the discretion of the Extension office. Sponsors are welcome to indicate their willingness to sponsor a buckle and if the Buckle is available, they may choose that Buckle. A Buckle will be awarded to the Champion Born and Raised animal in each market specie of Beef, Lamb and Swine. If additional buckles are requested by a sponsor, those must be ordered through the Madison County Extension Office by June 1 of the current year.

ADDITIONAL AWARDS AND MONEYS

Additional awards and money may be donated by sponsors. Donations must be **declared** prior to the first day of the Madison County Fair **and received before the start of the livestock awards night**. These donations will be submitted to the Madison County Extension Office to be dispersed to the winning individuals during the Livestock Awards Ceremony held on Friday evening of the Madison County Fair. Any donated awards must be designated at the time of donation as to how that award will be utilized. Any donated moneys will be entered into a BORN AND RAISED CONTEST prize pot. If the money is designated to a specific specie, all moneys will go toward that species pot. If the money is not designated to a specific specie, all moneys will be spread amongst the three species. Each specie prize pot will be divided as follows: 50% will go to the winning exhibitor, 30% will go to the reserve exhibitor, 20% will go to the 3rd place exhibitor. If there is not a qualifying blue-ribbon second or third place animal those moneys will be split evenly between the winner (s). If there is not a qualifying blue-ribbon animal, the money will be held for the following year's contest.

RECOGNITION

Buckle sponsor recognition will be done during the Madison County Fair at each specie show of the designated buckle. Each sponsor will be engraved on the back of their corresponding buckle. A banner with all buckle sponsors will be exhibited during the Madison County Fair in the show arena. Sponsors will be invited to present their buckle (s) during the Livestock Awards Ceremony. Other award sponsors will be recognized at the time the award is presented during the shows and they will be invited to present their award during the Livestock Award's Ceremony. Sponsors that donate money toward the Born and Raised Contest prize pot, will have their names on a banner displayed in the show arena during the Madison County Fair, **as long as their donation was declared at least one week prior to the start of the fair**. They will be invited to present the money during the Livestock Award's Ceremony. Money sponsors will also be listed as potential breeders or sellers that might have 4-H/FFA stock available for sale. This list will be available for interested parties at the Madison County Extension office.

QUESTIONS/DISPUTES

All questions or disputes regarding the Born and Raised Contest or the eligibility of animals must be submitted in writing to the Market Animal Livestock Committee within 24 hours of said dispute.