

DAILY RATE OF GAIN CONTEST

1. Beef, sheep and swine that are eligible for this contest must be entered in their appropriate market classes.
2. The same animal or animals that were weighed at the original weigh-in must be weighed again at the weigh-in time during fair week.
3. The difference between the 1st and 2nd weigh-in will be divided by the days between the two weigh-ins.
4. A trophy will be awarded to the animal with the highest rate of gain in each species.
5. Winners will be recognized in the arena at a designated time.

ULTRASOUND EVALUATION FOR SHEEP AND SWINE

The **ultrasound class for market sheep and swine** is required. One market animal must be chosen for ultrasound in both instances. There is no charge to the exhibitor to ultrasound one market lamb or pig for the contest. Any additional animals ultrasounded for muscling or pregnancy testing will be paid for by the exhibitor and is the exhibitors responsibility to pay the ultrasound technician direct at the time of ultrasounding.

Ultrasounding will be conducted at the time of weigh-ins as listed in the schedule on page 1. The data will be measured on the live animal using ultrasound technology. Winners of sheep and swine ultrasound will be recognized in the arena at a designated time.

Dr. Shawn Nicholson, D.V.M., will be the ultrasound technician.

BEEF CARCASS EVALUATION

The **beef carcass evaluation class** is required. One market beef must be chosen for the carcass class. This animal will be sold to the packer for carcass evaluation and pricing on the grid system. All other market beef sold through the sale and to the packer will be sold on the grid system as well. Market beef not going to the packer will be sold live weight based on the weigh-in weight. As the carcass data is collected after the fair, the winners of the beef carcass evaluation will be recognized at a special event in August. Using the value-based grid system to market the beef, the Beef Superintendents may need a commitment before the fair starts as to the animal in the contest and others being sent through the sale. This is in order to schedule the slaughter date with the packer.