



**MARKET
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PCYMS Market Steer Department

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Event	Location	Date	Time
Last day to register online	FairEntry	Wednesday, May 15, 2026	Until 9:59 p.m.
Haul-In/Vet Check	Green Parking Lot	Wednesday, August 12, 2026	12:00 p.m. (Noon) to 3:30 p.m.

All animals must be entered in [FairEntry](#).

The Superintendent will assign stalls and pens. Do not unload until granted permission by the Fair Veterinarian.

PCYMS Market Steer Department Rules, Regulations and Eligibility

- Exhibitors must fit and show their own animal. Exhibitors not caring for or arranging for care (sharing Herdsmanship) of their animals will be disqualified and asked to remove them.
- Each Exhibitor is responsible for fitting their own animal. A parent or junior leader may assist by holding the animal for fitting.
- If an Exhibitor does not plan to show up after entry day, please notify the Superintendent before animals are entered on Wednesday, August 12, 2026.
- Pens must be cleaned by 10:00 a.m. daily.
- Herdsmanship is required of all Exhibitors who bring animals to the Fair. Premiums are not paid for Market Sale Herdsmanship.
- Each exhibitor may be enrolled in 4-H or a member of an FFA Chapter and be actively caring for the animal(s) exhibited as a 4-H project or an FFA livestock project. Open Class is the exception to this rule. 4-H and FFA members must be enrolled as a member of Pierce County 4-H or an FFA Chapter. Each 4-H and FFA member must follow the rules and regulations of their respective organization and the Pierce County Fair. If any disciplinary action is taken of an Exhibitor during the Fair, the PCYMS Committee reserves the right to review all actions and may result in not being allowed to sell.
- The Intent to Sell shall be completed to be eligible for the sale and be postmarked by May 15th for steers, lamb, swine, and goats. And June 15th for poultry and rabbits. Intent to Sale forms can be uploaded to [FairEntry](#), mailed to Market Animal Sale Committee, PO BOX 1365; Graham, WA 98338 or emailed to info@pcyms.org Copies of the Intent to Sell form are available on the PCYMS website at www.pcyms.org
- The Market Sale Sifting Committee shall inspect all animals entered in the division during weigh-in. If the animal does not meet weight limits, the exhibit will be eliminated from the auction. However, the Exhibitor may change his/her entry and show it in the appropriate division, class & lot, not associated with the Market Sale. Exhibitors must be present for inspection and weigh-in. **NO PROXIES ALLOWED WITHOUT PRIOR SALE COMMITTEE APPROVAL.**
- No animal previously sold at any youth sale shall be allowed to be resold at the Pierce County Youth Market Sale.
- If you choose to participate in the Pierce County Youth Market Sale, you may not cross enter that project animal into any neighboring county fair market animal sales or the 2026 Pierce County Fair. For the current year (the Northwest Junior Livestock Show, Puget Sound Livestock Show, and Washington Junior Lamb Carcass Show are not county fairs.)
- Open to market steers only; dairy steers and dairy crosses not permitted. The Show Committee has the right to change this rule at any time. Animals must be dehorned and tied with a halter and necktie.**
- Steers may be divided in up to 4 equal weight classes after all weighing is completed. Final decision on what class animals will enter will be up to the Superintendent. Classes may be added or deleted at the discretion of the Superintendent.
- Steers must be halter-broke and led into the show and sale rings. Any animal that cannot be safely handled will be withdrawn from the Show by the Exhibitor or the Superintendent if necessary. No nose leads. **SHOW HALTER MUST BE USED!**
- Full clipping of your animal must be done at home. Only touch-up is allowed at the Show**

LIVE WEIGHT, GRADING, & AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR MARKET ANIMALS:

If the weight of an animal is contested, it must stay in the immediate vicinity of the scale to be re-weighed.

- o **MARKET STEER:** 1050 pound minimum to 1500 pound maximum. Must grade either select or choice to qualify for the sale. The desired age of steers should be less than 24 months of age. Only steers awarded a blue or red ribbon in their Market Class will be allowed to sell at Auction.

- In the event, the animal is over the maximum weight listed in the exhibitor guide, and the animal receives and blue or red ribbon, it will still be eligible for sale but sold at auction price per pound up to the maximum weight listed. If no maximum weight is listed, the buyer will pay the actual weight of the animal.
- No steers having horns longer than 2 inches will be permitted.

QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Each exhibitor is required to complete the Youth for Quality Care of Animals. In person classes are strongly encouraged however there is an online program available at <https://yqcaprogram.org>
2. Proof of Completion is required by midnight, May 15th of each sale year. Your certificate of completion must be uploaded to [FairEntry](#).

ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION:

Animals should be tagged, branded, or tattooed with proper premise or scrapie tags prior to arriving at the Fairgrounds. Tags will be available prior to the sale.

ENTRY REGULATIONS:

1. **Each exhibitor may consign up to two (2) units for this sale.** A unit is considered to be a single steer, a single market swine, a single market lamb, a single meat goat, a single market rabbit (fryer/roaster/stewer), a pen of 3 market rabbits (fryers), a single market turkey, a pen of 3 market chickens.
2. Exhibitors may not withdraw their exhibits from the show or auction after weigh-in on the day before the fair.
3. All exhibits will be consigned for sale.
4. The underweight and overweight animals MAY NOT be permitted at the Sale.
5. One weigh-in per exhibitor.
6. Market animals must not be in any type of partnership. If this rule is violated, future entries into the sale may be limited.
7. Exhibitors and/or others may not buy animals for specific return of animals to the seller to be shown at other shows and/or market sales by any exhibitor.
8. NO ANIMAL WILL BE ALLOWED TO SELL UNLESS AN INTENT TO SELL OF SALE RULES IS SIGNED BY EXHIBITOR, LEADER/ADVISOR, AND PARENT/GUARDIAN AND RECEIVED BY SECRETARY BY DUE DATES INDICATED ON INTENT TO SELL FORM.
9. No animal will be weighed without a completed Market Health Record.
10. Sellers of market steers at the final weigh-in must complete and hand in a hauling slip and bill of sale if the animal is branded.
11. Cost worksheets will be required to be posted for every animal by noon on Thursday of fair week.

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Class / Description	Lot	Description	Lot	Description	Points	
Market Herdsmanship Class 200	1	Open Thursday Herdsmanship	5	FFA Thursday Herdsmanship	Ribbon Only	
	2	Open Friday Herdsmanship	6	FFA Friday Herdsmanship		
	3	Open Saturday Herdsmanship	7	FFA Saturday Herdsmanship		
	4	Open Sunday Herdsmanship	8	FFA Sunday Herdsmanship		
Note: Required of all Exhibitors. The number of shifts required is determined by the number of Exhibitors. Register in FairEntry by May 15 2026, 9:59 p.m.						
Market Steer Fitting & Showmanship Class 201	1	Open Showmanship Junior	4	FFA Showmanship Junior	Blue	50
	2	Open Showmanship Intermediate	5	FFA Showmanship Intermediate	Red	38
	3	Open Showmanship Senior	6	FFA Showmanship Senior	White	25
Market Steer Class 202	1	Open Market Steer, 1050-1500 pounds			Blue	20
	2	FFA Market Steer, 1050-1500 pounds			Red	14
					White	10
Market Steer Record Book Class 203	1	Open Record Book Junior	4	FFA Record Book Junior	Blue	30
	2	Open Record Book Intermediate	5	FFA Record Book Intermediate	Red	23
	3	Open Record Book Senior	6	FFA Record Book Senior	White	7
Note: Record books are required of all Exhibitors and must be turned into Superintendent no later than 9 p.m. the Thursday before the sale.						
Educational Display (Poster) (minimum size 14"x22") Class 100	1	Open Educational Display Junior	4	FFA Educational Display Junior	Blue	10
	2	Open Educational Display Intermediate	5	FFA Educational Display Intermediate	Red	7
	3	Open Educational Display Senior	6	FFA Educational Display Senior	White	5
Note: Exhibitor needs to enter animal in Market Sale in order to enter an Educational Poster. One entry per Class per Exhibitor is the limit.						

SALE REGULATIONS:

1. The official judge, while judging for Market Class, may exclude the exhibit from the sale if the animal fails to meet the minimum grade as established.
2. All project animals found eligible for the sale will be weighed for sale weight on Wednesday during weigh-in. Sellers must be present to bring their animals into the auction ring, or they will not be sold. **NO PROXIES ALLOWED WITHOUT PRIOR SALE COMMITTEE APPROVAL.**
3. If a weight is contested on any animal, the animal must stay within the scale area and be re-weighed immediately.
4. Market Steer will be sold by the pound.
5. All sales are final.
6. The Sale Committee and the judge will determine the sale order.
7. USDA requirements for withdrawal of feed additives and medications shall be followed. If the animal is condemned during processing for violation of these USDA requirements, it is the seller's responsibility to absorb the loss.

SELLER'S RESPONSIBILITY:

1. Each Exhibitor/Seller assume the responsibility for securing at least three potential buyers for each animal to be sold.
2. All Exhibitors/Sellers are required to care for market animals until the animal leaves the Fairgrounds or until the livestock release time.
3. Sellers of market steers must provide buyers with a rope halter, which may or may not be returned to the exhibitor. This halter must be left on steer in the barn.

EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS:

1. One entry per Class per Exhibitor per species entered in Market Sale.
2. Posters must be readable from a distance of 10 feet.
3. No copyrighted illustrations or cartoons may be used on posters.
4. The following information should be listed on the back of your poster:
 - Exhibitor's Name
 - Age
 - Resources