



Youth Project Market Animal Weight Guidelines

To maximize productivity and efficiency livestock breeders strive to produce animals that grow fast and become market ready. Some of these livestock are purchased by youth to raise as a project animal with the goal of exhibiting the animal at a fair. Hopefully these animals are productive and efficient for the youth. Ending weights are important for those in the livestock production industry because the producer is paid by either a live animal weight or a dressed carcass weight. Youth project animals typically have to be raised with specific weigh-in dates and weight requirements for the local fair. Each fair may have specific ending weight requirements based on floor buyers and the local market.

In Idaho, market cattle projects need to be owned for a minimum of 150 days and on a uniform