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TO: OUTAGAMIE COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK PROJECT FAMILIES and FFA ADVISORS

FROM: Sarah Grotjan, Dairy/Livestock Educator

Welcome to the 2018 Outagamie County Youth Livestock Program. Project information and educational activities for beef, swine, sheep and goats have been planned by your county youth livestock committee and are included in this mailing. We hope that our 4-H and FFA livestock program projects provide a meaningful and fun experience for your family this year. The County Youth Livestock Committee looks forward to working with you this year.

Officers of this year’s committee are:
- Chair – Jimmy Peters
- Vice-Chair – Bill Maroszek
- Secretary – Dan Rynish
- Treasurer – Diane Jarvais

Your county resource leaders are:
- Beef – Steve Hackl, Dan Kimball
- Swine – Steve Green, Bill Maroszek
- Sheep – Therese Schroeder, Jimmy Peters
- Goat – Dan Rynish, Terry Wolter

All members who plan to have their animals in the market sale have educational meeting and YQCA certification requirements. You must attend one of the countywide project meetings/clinics in each livestock project you are enrolled in or another approved educational meeting in the state or region. All livestock members must be YQCA certified by July 9 (this does not count as an educational meeting). See enclosed sheet with guidelines.

The swine show is a terminal show. All pigs coming to the fairgrounds will go to slaughter.

Animal ID (Rate-of-Gain has been eliminated for all species) There will be no weigh-ins for beef, sheep, swine, and goats for 2017. All Livestock exhibitors must have their animal tags picked up and put in the animal’s ear by April 15. If animals are not tagged by April 15 they are not in the market project. Tags will be available at YQCA and educational meetings prior to April 15. Cost of ear tags will be $1/tag for sheep, goats, beef, and $2 for swine.

Livestock Educational Meeting will be Saturday, March 17, Seymour Municipal Building. Sessions will be as follows: Swine – 8:00 a.m.; Sheep – 9:00 a.m.; Beef – 10:00 a.m.; Goat – 11:00 a.m.

Youth Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training for all livestock members will be:
- Thursday, February 8, 7:00 p.m., FVTC, Room E130ABCD, north parking lot, use entrance 15
- Saturday, April 7, 10:00 a.m. FVTC, Room C190ABC, north parking lot, use entrance 15

Livestock Fitting & Showing Clinics: Your county youth livestock committee will be planning fitting and showing clinics. Dates are Sheep - June 14, 7 p.m.; Goats - June 16, 10 a.m.; Beef - June 21, 6 p.m.; Swine – June 21, 7 p.m. The clinics will give you additional assistance in preparing your animal(s) for the county fair in July. Watch for updates in the 4-H family newsletters.
2018 Area Animal Science Days: to be held June 14 at Kewaunee County is an event where youth in the beef, dairy, horse, sheep and swine projects increase their skills and knowledge of animals through judging and grading experiences. Events include evaluation of dairy cattle, horses and meat animals; dairy showmanship contests; hippology (study of horses); and oral reasons workshops. In addition, each site may offer a variety of workshops for small animal projects, which may include rabbits, poultry, and dogs.

Pen/Stall Fees 2018: The Outagamie County Fair Board will be implementing Pen/Stall Fees for all Open and 4-H animal species exhibits housed during the fair. Payment will be required with the animal entries by the normal entry deadline. There will be no refunds for animal exhibits entered, but not brought to the fair.

The following Pen/Stall Fee Schedule will be in place for each animal entry for the Outagamie County Fair.

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Open and 4-H Exhibitors will have the opportunity to make money by working for the fair on Monday immediately following the fair as a way to recoup their pen/stall entry fees or to make even more money if they so desire. This job opportunity is being offered to all exhibitors, parents, and other interested persons 14 years of age or older who would qualify for a work permit. The current minimum wage will be offered for this temporary employment. The work will include cleanup of all buildings, stalls, pens, fixtures, displays, etc. Workers will be utilized where needed, trying to match workers with appropriate jobs.

Wisconsin State Fair and Other National Exhibitions will require certification in YQCA for 2018 events.

State Fair Market Animal Identification: Youth interested in showing market beef, sheep, swine or breeding stock commercial heifers/crossbred gilts/wether type ewes at the 2018 Wisconsin State Fair Junior show will need to have their animal projects DNA/RFID identified through the Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium (WLIC) by the respective Wisconsin State Fair eligibility deadlines. To obtain a DNA/RFID request form available on the Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium website: http://www.wiid.org/

Wisconsin State Fair DNA/RFID identification deadlines for market (postmark):
Beef: Tuesday – February 13, 2018
Sheep: Tuesday – May 8, 2018
Swine: Tuesday – May 8, 2018
Breeding stock commercial heifers/crossbred gilts/wether type ewes – Wednesday, June 6, 2018 (postmark)

2018 Entry Deadline: June 6, 2018, 7 p.m. – for mailed and online entries at regular fees. Late entries will be accepted for additional fees through June 13, 7 p.m.

Junior exhibitors will submit all entry information and fees directly to State Fair either online or via the mail. Local County Extension Office/4-H Leader will still be informed of State Fair youth programs but will not be involved in the entry process. Junior exhibitors must be a member in good standing with an approved youth organization by March 1st to be eligible to participate in Junior Fair programs.

Questions regarding entering the 2018 Wisconsin State Fair can be emailed to: entryoffice@wistatefair.com or call 414-266-7000.
Wisconsin State Fair Junior Breeding Show Ownership and Managerial Rules: Existing ownership and managerial program rules have been updated to reflect the changing dynamics of farms and exhibitors.

There are no longer ownership date deadlines or specific name requirements for exhibitors entering and showing registered animals in the junior breeding stock shows and all non-market animal shows. The updated ownership verbiage eliminates the formal Wisconsin State Fair managerial paper submission and any previous registration transfer dates.

Junior exhibitors must submit Fair entries by the June 6, 7 p.m. entry deadline online at http://wistatefair.com/competitions/junior-livestock/ or by mailing a paper entry postmarked on or before June 6. Please note: there will only be one entry deadline date for mailed and online entries at regular fees (June 6). Late entries will be accepted for additional fees through June 13, 7 p.m.. Also, youth will now be required to list a potential substitution entry for each animal entered at the time of entry, in case the official animal entered is unable to be exhibited at the annual Fair. Substitutions will only be allowed from animals declared as such on initial entry.

Additional 2018 entry and schedule information will be available beginning in late January at http://wistatefair.com/competitions/junior-livestock/ or by contacting the Wisconsin State Fair Agriculture Department at entryoffice@wistatefair.com.

State 4-H Meats Judging Contest – Saturday, February 17, UW-Madison Meat Laboratory. For more information go to http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/4hmeatscontest/

Livestock Quiz Bowl & State Skillathon – Saturday, March 3 at the UW-Madison Animal Sciences Building. For more information go to http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/quizbowlskillathon/

Outagamie County Fair Activity July 24-29. It is recommended that livestock exhibitors have liability insurance. Decorating may be done the afternoon and evening of July 24. Entry day is Wednesday, July 25, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. For weight classes, check the fair premium book after April 1 on the county fair website www.outagamiecountyfair.com.

Drug History: All exhibitors must have a market animal drug history form per species upon arrival at the county fair to weigh in animals. A form is enclosed in this mailing. Please keep this form in your files until county fair.

County Youth Livestock Sale: The sale will be Friday, July 27, 5:30 p.m. All prerequisites for the sale are enclosed in this communication. Please keep this letter so that you understand the necessary requirements.

Scholarship Opportunity: United Veterinary Service will once again be offering a $1000.00 scholarship to a graduating senior this spring. Half of the scholarship, $500.00, is for the first year of college or technical school, and the second half, $500.00, is paid for the second year of studies. The scholarship application is available to any student in Waupaca, Shawano, Outagamie, Waushara or Winnebago counties who was enrolled in a supervised animal project in 4-H, FFA or Scouting. There are no restrictions regarding the area of study the student pursues.

The scholarship application can be picked up at the UW-Extension office, contact Sarah Grotjan at 832-5129. Applications are due March 31, 2018.

County Youth Livestock Committee: The committee will continue to work on details and plans for this year’s program. Should you have further concerns or questions about our livestock program, please contact a member of the committee.