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

Welcome to the 2025 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 – Steve Hackl
- Vice-Chair – Therese Schroeder
- Secretary – Keira Leitermann
- Treasurer – Diane Jarvais, Melanie Nooyen

Your county resource leaders are:

- Beef – Steve Hackl, Diane Jarvais
- Swine – Steve Green, Pat Rynish
- Sheep – Tim/Therese Schroeder
- Goat – Morgan Wolter, Scott Wedemayer

**All members who plan to have their animals in the market sale must have educational meeting and YQCA certification requirements met.**

**Educational Requirements:**

All youth must complete an educational activity for each livestock project enrolled in or another approved educational meeting in the state or region. Virtual or non-virtual activities will meet this requirement, however, all members must have a completed Project Meeting Attendance Verification Form and submit it to the Outagamie County Extension office. You can find this form at <https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/files/2020/02/livestock-verify-meeting-2020.pdf>

Youth that would like to submit a research paper on a topic, please verify the topic with the resource leader of your project species, and upon completion, submit the paper to the resource leader and send a copy to the Extension office.

**Additional opportunities for Educational Requirements include:**

- meat processing workshop
- fitting & showing clinics.

**YQCA Requirements:**

**All members must be YQCA certified by June 13, 2025, if they wish to sell in the market sale. YQCA is not required to show at the Outagamie County Fair but is highly recommended. If you are selected as a grand or reserve champion, you cannot sell if you are not YQCA certified, regardless of age or years showing.**

All YQCA information was emailed to all members in December. Youth may choose either in-person or online training. To become certified, all youth must register, pay for, and complete the training. Details on navigating the YQCA website were included in the email. Any questions, please contact Amy Beck at [amy.beck@outagamie.org](mailto:amy.beck@outagamie.org)  
We will host 2 in-person trainings at Seymour High School on January 6, 7:00 p.m. and February 25, 7:00 p.m. **All youth must pre-register** for Outagamie County in-person training at <https://YQCAprogram.org>. NO walk-ins allowed.

A quiz to verify your attendance will be given during the presentation and must be handed in to the instructor before leaving the training. YQCA does not count as an educational meeting for beef sheep, swine or goat projects. Outagamie County Extension will verify all youth who have completed their certification. Make sure that when certification has been completed parents or youth email Amy Beck at [amy.beck@outagamie.org](mailto:amy.beck@outagamie.org).

### **ID Tags**

Resource leaders will distribute animal ID tags at all in-person Outagamie County YQCA trainings and at the March 15 Educational Meeting. For anyone who cannot pick up their tags at one of the trainings contact the superintendent of your species and make arrangements for pick up. Cost of tags are Sheep, Goats, Beef, \$2; Swine \$3. Each member is allowed to purchase up to 5 tags per species. All tags must be picked up by April 15 and animals tagged by April 15 to qualify for sale

### **Livestock Educational Meeting:**

March 15, 2025, 9 am-10:30 am at Seymour Municipal Building. This will be an educational meeting that will work towards the exhibitor's educational meeting requirements for all species. We will be learning about livestock gestation.

**Livestock Fitting & Showing Clinics, Seymour Fairgrounds:** Your county youth livestock committee will be planning fitting and showing clinics. Dates are:

- Sheep – Saturday, May 10, 10am-11:30am
- Beef – Thursday, May 15, 5:30pm-7pm
- Swine – Saturday, May 17, 8:30am-10 am
- Goats – Saturday, May 17, 10 am-11:30 am

These clinics will give you additional assistance in preparing your animal(s) for the county fair in June. Watch for updates in the 4-H family newsletters.

### **2025 Area Animal Science Day:**

Wisconsin State 4-H is working with host counties on final dates, but they will be in the last half of June. More information to follow.

### **Outagamie County Fair Activity June 25-29, 2025**

- **It is recommended that livestock exhibitors have liability insurance.**
- Decorating may be done any time after 1 pm Sunday June 22, 2025
- Entry day is Wednesday, June 25, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. For weight classes, check the fair premium book on the county fair website [www.outagamiecountyfair.com](http://www.outagamiecountyfair.com).
- Pigs and goats can be brought in on Tuesday, June 24- Contact the superintendent for more information.

### **Animal Fee 2025:**

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

- Sheep Entry \$5
- Beef Entry \$5
- Swine Entry \$5
- Goats Entry \$5
- Small Animal Entry \$2

### **Drug History:**

All exhibitors must have a market animal drug history form per species of animal per exhibitor 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 the county fair.

### **County Youth Livestock Sale:**

The sale will be on Friday, June 27, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. The sale will be a live animal sale.

### **Annual Meat Processing Workshop:**

This takes place at Haen's Meats in Kaukauna, WI. This year youth will be learning about how to make bacon and will be able to take home the bacon that they make. The cost is \$40 per youth. The meat workshop will be on March 4th and 11th, 2025 starting at 6:30pm. If you attended this event you will meet your educational requirements for all 4 species.

### **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, is for the first year of college or technical school, and the second half, \$500, 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 were 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 United Veterinary Service in Bear Creek or printed from their website: <https://unitedveterinaryservice.com/>. Applications are due March 31, 2025.

### **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 found in the 4-H Family Handbook.

### **2025 WISCONSIN STATE FAIR**

Junior show exhibitors **must** declare a Volunteer Adult Contact at the time of entry. Options include  
either: A) Group  
B) Individual

For details and information regarding exhibiting at the 2025 Wisconsin State Fair Junior Livestock please visit: <https://wistatefair.com/competitions/category/junior-livestock/>

## SAVE THE DATE

- January 6, 2025 First in-person YQCA training held at 7pm at the Seymour HS
- February 25, 2025 Second in-person YQCA training held at 7pm at the Seymour HS
- March 15, 2025 All species educational meeting 9am- 10:30am
- April 15, 2025 ALL market animals must be tagged
- April 15, 2025 Fair entries open
- May 25, 2025 Fair entries close
- June 10, 2025 Animal Fees due
- June 13, 2025 Members wanting to sell must be YQCA certified and have sent in their certification
- June 22, 2025 Exhibitors may begin decorating the barns starting at 1pm
- June 25-29, 2025 Outagamie County Fair
- June 25, 2025 Drug History reports and all other forms needed for all animals due at unloading/weigh-in
- June 25, 2025 Sale slips due at weigh-in with Bio
- June 27, 2025 County Youth Live animal Market Sale starting at 6:30pm
- June 29, 2025 Thank you's due at 12:30pm