

Livestock Project Newsletter

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We hope that each of you are actively involved in your livestock projects. One of the most important things to ensure your safety is to be working with your animal - getting use to a halter, teaching it to lead, and getting to know your animal in general. You will have a much more rewarding fair experience if you are prepared.

Please read this letter carefully and note the items related to your project requirements and deadlines that need to be completed.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Steve Hackl, committee chair at sjhackl85@gmail.com or Nicole at the extension office Nicole.Platkowski@outagamie.org or contact the resource leaders for the species you are enrolled in.

County Fair Livestock Superintendents: These individuals have been appointed by the Fair Association to be in charge of the youth livestock during county fair. Be sure to show your support and appreciation for their hard work. **Beef** - Steve Hackl, 920-843-2305 & Sarah Rohloff, 920-676-5098; **Sheep** - Tim/Therese Schroeder, 920-284-5272 & Jimmy Peters, 920-412-5254; **Swine** - Pat Rynish, 920-450-0090 & Steve Green, 920-362-4025; **Goats** - Morgan Wolter, 920-366-3205 & Scott Wedemeyer 715-881-0149

Educational Activities – Youth are required to have **one educational requirement per specie(s) enrolled in**. We had one face to face event on March 15 and then you have the online versions for fulfilling the educational requirements or you can attend the Fitting and Showing Clinic for the species you are enrolled in. You have received emails regarding these opportunities and we are listing them here also. All educational activities are due June 13, 2025.

Please complete the proper verification form and return to Nicole Nicole.Platkowski@outagamie.org or mail to the Extension Office, Attn: Nicole, 3365 W Brewster St, Appleton WI 54914.

You can find educational activities for Beef, Sheep, Swine and Goats at this link:

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/anisci-educational-programs/>. Scroll down the page and look through the many options. Choose a recording or learning activity for your species.

Also, on this page is the **Educational Verification Form**. Please click on the hyperlink, print, fill out, and **return to Nicole by June 13, 2025**.

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

Sale Poster Contest: The livestock committee has again decided to award \$25.00 dollars in dairy bar coupons to the youth the puts up the most sale posters in businesses. You must submit a picture for proof/confirmation for validation. Take a picture of yourself with the poster at the place of the displayed. First come first serve. Submit (e-mail) the photo to donaldj@frontiernet.net only one photo per business will be accepted. Posters will be ready at the species showing and fitting clinics. Any questions can be directed to Diane Jarvais 715-630-0811.

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February Livestock Newsletter and Project Guidelines can be found here:

<https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/livestock/> go to 4-H Youth/Project Opportunities/Livestock.

State Fair Exhibitors –

Age Requirement Animal Shows: Participation in Wisconsin State Fair Junior livestock and small animal shows (beef, dairy cattle, boer and dairy goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine) is open to any Wisconsin resident 12-19 years of age as of January 1st of the current year and have completed YQCA certification. **Youth Expo:** Participation in the Wisconsin State Fair Youth Expo Department is open to any Wisconsin resident 12-19 years of age as of January 1st of the current year.

Junior Livestock entry deadline is May 21. For updates and reminders go to

<https://wistatefair.com/competitions/junior-livestock/>. Questions regarding entering the 2025 Wisconsin State Fair can be emailed to: entryoffice@wistatefair.com or call 414-266- 7052 (Monday-Friday). Mailing address: WI State Fair, Entry/Agriculture Dept., 640 S 84th St, West Allis, WI 53214.

County Fair Animal Health Regulations

Health rules for exhibiting livestock at county fair in June are posted at www.outagamiecountyfair.com select entries/contests then health rules. Note – swine require a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI), also known as a health certificate, which needs to be signed by your veterinarian. The swine show is a non-terminal show. All hogs coming to the fairgrounds must be accompanied with a paper copy of a negative test PRRS and PEVD virus per farm. If you have further questions regarding the health rules, please consult with your veterinarian.

The fair must maintain records of persons who have exhibited at the fair and the identification of animals shown for five years. Acceptable forms of animal identification for breeding animals are: 1) An official metal ear tag number, 2) A breed registration number, 3) A breed registration tattoo. Breeding sheep need a scrapie tag. For market animals, an official ear tag number purchased from the Livestock Committee prior to the fair may be used. The number must be on the fair entry form. **Premise ID is to be included on the fair entry form.** Premise ID's can be applied for or renewed at www.wiid.org. The premise ID is where the animal is raised.

Animal Fees REQUIRED for ALL Open and Junior Fair animal exhibits housed during the fair.

- Animal Fee totals will be determined after your online entry has been received. Exhibitors will receive an email with the amount due and payment options within 10 days after entry deadline.
- Animal Fees must be paid to the Outagamie County Fair by June 20 for the Junior Fair. Under Jr. Fair there is a link on their website where you can pay.
- There will be NO refunds for animal exhibits not brought to Fair.

County Fair Entry Day: Entry of animal exhibits to the county fair activity is Wednesday, June 25, 10 am-6 pm. All market animals need to be brought in by the time of scheduled weigh-in and ultrasound times (see General Fair Information). Should it be a warm day, please give careful consideration to the transport of your animals. Livestock may be brought to the fairgrounds with superintendent's prior approval to the date of Tuesday, June 24.

After Fair Cleanup - Workers Needed

Adults and youth 14 or older are invited to participate in cleanup on Monday following the fair. Work will start at 8:00 a.m. Please send an email to Outagamiecofair@yahoo.com if you are able to work, please indicate in the email your age.

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Keep the Livestock Expo and washing racks clean – the county fair is an opportunity to promote agriculture to the public. Please clean up from clipping & shearing. No feeding on the wash racks!

General Fair Information

-All members need to sign the “Code of Conduct” form (one per family) and return to the Fair Association. Go to

<https://outagamiecountyfair.com/junior-fair/> to get more information and the form.

• **Weigh-In/Ultrasound:** Remember that your animals may only be weighed one time! Weigh in will be in the livestock expo judging arena. Exhibitor must have carcass paper entry tag present at time of weigh-in/ultrasound.

- Meat goats and sheep will be weighed Wed. from 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Swine will be weighed Tues. 3-7 p.m.; Wednesday 7 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Ultra-sounding will be 12:00-3:30 p.m.
- Beef will be weighed Wed. from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Animal ID & Vet Check/Drug History form.

Please bring 1 per species per **exhibitor** when you weigh in animals. No drug history slip, no weigh in. Forms can be found at

<https://outagamiecountyfair.com/junior-fair/>

Tents that are up to clip and fit your animals are to be up the day of the show only and cleaned up from leftover preparation.

Photo needed: Each exhibitor must present a photo (**horizontal** - no smaller than 3" x 5" and no larger than 4" x 6") of the exhibitor and animal to be sold in the envelope provided by the livestock committee to the Announcers Station in the Livestock Expo with your name and club on the back. After the animal is sold, the exhibitor picks up the photo and presents this to the buyer.

Ear Tag Replacement: Any project member that needs to have an animal ear tag replaced must contact the respective project superintendent prior to county fair.

Livestock Judging Schedule

If any superintendent feels that your animal is out of control/dangerous, they have the right to pull that animal out of the ring. All swine, sheep & beef animals will be judged in the Livestock Expo building.

The schedule for the judging of livestock at the county fair this year is as follows. Members are responsible for having their animal in the show ring when their class is called.

Wednesday, June 25, 4:00 p.m. – Dairy Arena

Pet Goat
Meat goat breeding stock
Market goat
Dairy goat breeding stock (milkers, never freshened)
Pee Wee Showmanship
Showmanship
Open class goat classes

Thursday, June 26, 7:45 a.m.

Swine market classes
Swine breeding stock classes
Swine showmanship classes
Open Class swine classes
Pee Wee Showmanship

Thursday, June 26, 3:30 p.m. or half hour after completion of swine show -

Sheep breeding stock classes
Sheep market classes
Pee Wee showmanship
Sheep showmanship classes
Lead line classes
Open Class sheep classes

Friday, June 27, 8:00 a.m.

Feeder calf classes
Pee Wee Showmanship
Beef market classes
Beef breeding stock classes
Beef showmanship classes
Open Class beef classes

*If an exhibitor is unable to exhibit their project, they may have another junior exhibitor from our county who is enrolled in the livestock project show their animal. This does not apply to any showmanship classes. The substitute must have **your** exhibitor number displayed on their back*

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Beef Exhibitors

- The bedding pack will be no higher than 8" to help offset the cost of manure disposal.

Swine Exhibitors

- The swine show is a **non-terminal** show.
- There is *only one designated* spot for unloading – all hogs must be unloaded at the loading dock.
 - Make sure you have all your health papers, and rope test results with you when you unload.
- Registered breeding swine exhibitors- make sure you have your registration papers with you at unloading.

All Livestock Animal Exhibitors

- 4-H Livestock Committee will only pay for the trucking of the Market Sale animals. Upon release from fairgrounds, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to arrange and pay for trucking of animals that are not in the Market Sale.
- Special Sales Slip Must be submitted: Market animal sale slips will be handed out per species and turned in by **6pm Wed night**. Sale order will be posted by **noon Thurs**. **Any changes** must be made by **6pm Thurs night**. Anything **turned in after 6pm Thurs** will be not listed in the program but can be sold at the end of the sale. Each exhibitor is responsible for placing the sales slip in the proper box within the allotted time. Turn in completed exhibitor bio sheet along with sales slip.
- A bio form will be enclosed in this mailing. Please fill it out and bring it fair for each youth planning to sell. Turn in bios with sales slip on Wed. night. Please place in allocated boxes. Please have legible handwriting as these will be announced while youth are in the sale ring with their animal.
- Each exhibitor must present a photo (no smaller than 3" x 5" and no larger than 4" x 6" [horizontal] see example to the right) of the exhibitor and animal to be sold in the envelope provided by the livestock committee to the Announcers Station in the Livestock Expo. Photos must be turned in 30 min after the market animal show (of your respected species) which is before showmanship. Put your name and club on the back. After the animal is sold, the exhibitor picks up the photo and presents this to the buyer.



Volunteers Needed: Parents, leaders and members are needed to **help set up, conduct and clean up** from the livestock shows and sale. Every family needs to help make the sale a success. To sign up, go to this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DAAAE2DA1F94-2021#/>.

No Smoking/vaping inside Livestock Expo: Show pride in your livestock project exhibits to our fair attendees.

County Youth Livestock Sale Friday, June 27: *The live animal sale begins at 6:30 pm (small animal at 5:30)* Those of you that meet the county livestock sale requirements set by the livestock committee will have the opportunity to sell your market animal in the sale. Please do your part in helping to have a successful sale. Remember, an exhibitor must have one year of experience in showing a livestock project before being able to sell an animal in their 2nd year. (i.e. an exhibitor only enrolls in the sheep project in 2023, so the exhibitor may show and sell any species in 2024).

Sale Brochures: one is included in this mailing. Please use to promote the sale! If you need more brochures, stop in at the Extension office and pick up additional brochures from Nicole.

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Thank You Letter to Sale Buyers Required: All exhibitors who qualify for the sale must provide a stamped, correctly addressed envelope with return address and thank you letter to their respective buyer(s) with a return address. It is also highly recommended that any youth that received a banner or other awards throughout fair write a thank you to their respective award sponsor. Drop boxes will be provided at the fair for exhibitors to deposit their unsealed thank you letter(s) by Sunday 12:30 p.m. Location of drop boxes will be announced during the shows. The exhibitor needs to supply the thank you card(s) and stamped envelope(s) (not sealed). Please write legibly. Thank you, letters will be reviewed, and if unacceptable, the exhibitor will be asked to rewrite the thank you letter. Superintendents will mail out all exhibitors thank you letters. Exhibitors that do not provide the necessary thank you letter will not receive their sale check until the letter has been submitted to the superintendents. ***Mailing addresses will be posted at the fair on Saturday and Sunday, please use postal address.*** Any questions should be directed to Superintendents of your species. Watch the Outagamie County Livestock Youth Facebook page for updates.



Appreciation Meal: Kelsey's Country Kitchen will be catering this year that will be served during the Livestock Sale on June 27 at the Outagamie County fair. The meal will begin at 5:00 p.m. for buyers only and continue to be available during the entire sale as well as after the sale. Families are welcome to enjoy the meal after the sale. This will allow buyers and bidders to have more options as to when they wish to enjoy the meal. Complimentary tickets will be provided to buyers, bidders, exhibitors and their parents as they have in the past. Buyers tickets will be a different color from the exhibitor/family tickets mailed in late May. Extra tickets will be available for purchase to guests who wish to enjoy the meal.

Facebook Page

Go to our Facebook page **Outagamie County Livestock Youth**. This page will be used to support the livestock youth in Outagamie County. This page will provide them with information, activities, reminders, pictures, and support your livestock project.

Everyone is encouraged to share their success of their projects at fair! Please send any photos you wish to have shared to Steve Green at 920-362-4025.

Livestock Educational Displays: We are continuing to have livestock educational displays put up at fair. These are separate from a display you may bring in under a project. An info flyer will be sent with this mailing with more information.

An Ice-cream Social (TBD) in replacement of the Recognition Banquet at which time checks will be available for pick-up. Date/Time: TBD (planning in August).

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Animal Stalling Fees 2025:

- Beef - \$5
- Swine - \$5
- Sheep - \$5
- Goats - \$5

Stall fees can be paid after your fair entries are completed. Check the Outagamie County Fair website under Youth Exhibitors and there is a link there that you can use to pay your stall fees.

Norman Maass Memorial Scholarship Program: The Norman Maass Memorial Scholarship was established in 1983 by the Maass family. A \$200 scholarship is awarded annually by Maass Livestock & Grain Farm, Inc. of Seymour. Applicants must have participated in the Outagamie County youth livestock program for a minimum of three years, be high school graduates and be enrolled in some post high school program with preference in the area of agriculture study. Applications are due July 21. The form can be found on our website at <https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu> go to 4-H tab/project opportunities/livestock.

***Thank You County Youth Livestock Committee:** On behalf of the project members and families, we would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to the members of the 2025 Youth Livestock Committee for all the time and hard work they have devoted to making this program continue to succeed. Please be sure to acknowledge these dedicated people.*