

2026 OUTAGAMIE COUNTY YOUTH LIVESTOCK PROJECT ACTIVITIES

(Guidelines and all updates will be posted on the Outagamie County Livestock Youth Facebook page)

4-H and FFA members will have educational activities available to assist them in learning good animal husbandry practices and the technology to produce good quality market animals in a profitable manner. The following activities are available to 4-H and FFA members who are properly enrolled in the club or chapter and in the market animal projects of beef, swine, sheep or meat goat production.

The swine show is a non-terminal show. *subject to change based on state rulings*

All hogs coming to fairgrounds must be accompanied by a paper copy of a negative test PRRS and PEVD virus per farm. All hogs must also be accompanied by the Outagamie County Fair Animal ID & Vet Check Information (check-in) form and a signed Veterinary health certificate that states that the herd was in good health at the time of inspection. Each exhibitor will need one check-in form per species of animal. Each exhibitor must have their own copy of these forms. Any exhibitors who do not have the correct paperwork, or if the hogs have a positive test will not be allowed to unload their animals. There is only one designated spot for unloading – **all hogs must be unloaded at the loading dock only.**

A. Animal ID Tags

Resource leaders will distribute animal ID tags at all in-person Outagamie County YQCA trainings and at the March Educational Meeting. For anyone who cannot pick up their tags at one of the trainings contact the resource leader 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 6 tags per species.

All market beef animals must have market tags and pictures of the animal(s) with tag(s) in their ear uploaded to Fair entry online by Jan 15th to qualify for the fair market sale. All market sheep, swine, and goat animals must have market tags and pictures of the animal(s) with tag(s) in their ear uploaded to Fair entry online by April 15th to qualify for the market sale. Failure to do so will result in those animal(s) getting moved to the end of the sale order.

Replacement tags **will not** be for sale after the specified deadlines. If tags need to be replaced please contact your species resource leader and they will be retagged at county fair by your resource leader/superintendent.

If you do not have an ear tagger or you have difficulty tagging please contact your resource leader for help.

B. Live Judging of Beef, Goats, Sheep, and Swine – June 25-27

Goats on Wednesday, June 24, 4:00 p.m.; **Swine** on Thursday, June 25, 7:45 a.m.; **Sheep** on Thursday, June 25, 3:30 p.m.; **Beef** on Friday, June 26, 8:00 a.m. Fair rules and regulations are found in the premium book, go to www.outagamiecountyfair.com. Premiums and ribbons are provided and animals are ranked in their class. Market animals are also given a quality grade.

C. Showmanship

1. Showmanship provides members an opportunity to exhibit their abilities in showing and handling their animals. Showmanship will be judged after the respective market species are judged. Awards are provided for the top show person.
2. A Supreme and Reserve Supreme Show person will be selected for each species. This competition will be at the end of each respective species showmanship. The top show person selected for each showmanship bracket, will compete for this award.

Livestock Sale Prerequisites are:

1. **Exhibitors will be able to sell only one animal at the sale.** No more than one market steer, market swine, market lamb or market goat per exhibitor, and no more than one species in sale. Rule #8 takes precedence over rule #1.
2. An exhibitor must have one year of experience in 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 2025, then the exhibitor may show and sell any species in 2026). *If a youth is new to showing livestock (beef, sheep, swine, goats) in Outagamie county, they must provide proof of showing livestock in the year previous at another county fair to their county resource leader. *
3. **All exhibitors must complete one county-level project activity for each project species you are enrolled in or you will not be allowed to take that animal to the sale. If the exhibitor attends an out-of-county educational meeting, they must have a completed Project Meeting Attendance Verification Form and submit by June 12 to the Outagamie County Extension office, attention Livestock Education.**

Online activities will qualify however you must complete the Online Activity Verification Form and send by June 12 to the Outagamie County Extension office, attention Livestock Education.

Research papers will also meet the educational requirement. Contact your Resource Leader for approval of topic. Send a copy of your paper to the Resource Leader and the Extension office, attention Livestock Education to Amy Beck, Amy.Beck@wisc.edu.

4. YQCA does not count as an educational meeting. **All exhibitors planning to participate in the market sale are required to be YQCA certified.** All members must be certified by June 12, 2026, and marked “complete” by the Outagamie County Extension office. Please email your certificate by June 12 to Amy.Beck@wisc.edu.
5. Animals must be weighed in at the county fair at the following **minimum weights for the sale:** Market beef: beef & dairy/beef cross – 1150 lbs, dairy beef – 1275; Market swine – 235 lbs; Market lambs – 115 lbs; Market goats – 40 lbs. **Maximum weights for the sale:** All beef & dairy/beef cross – 1500 lbs; dairy-beef – 1625 lbs; Market swine – 310 lbs; Market lambs – 160 lbs; Market goats – 130 lbs. Non-qualifying animals may still be shown. Animals over the maximum weight limit may be sold at maximum weight limit price.
6. The weigh-in will be taking place Wednesday June 24 on entry day of the fair for all animals: **Meat goats and sheep 11:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.; Beef will be weighed 3:30-4:30p.m, Swine will be weighed from 7am-3:30pm, swine will also be able to be weighed on Tuesday June 23 from 3pm-7pm.** Animals may only be weighed one time unless another weigh-in is requested by the superintendent. Drug history forms are required at weigh-in. Swine forms are due at unloading of animals.
7. Beef steers of quality grades (prime or choice) can be sold at the sale. Steers that qualify for U.S. yield grades (1, 2, or 3) can be sold at the sale. Market swine U.S. grade #1 or #2 can be sold. Market lambs and goats of U.S. prime or choice can be sold. Quality grades will be determined by the judge during the show.
8. All live grand champion and reserve may be sold. Only animals/exhibitors that have met all previous qualifications listed in #3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 may be sold.
9. The Livestock Committee makes the sale rules with an outlook on quality and on the number which can effectively be sold.

10. The committee has the option to add or subtract from the number of animals or type of animals in the sale and carcass contest.

11. Qualified animals for the sale will be allowed in the sale only if the exhibitor submits the proper sale slip of their respective market species. Market animal sale slips will be handed out per species and **turned in by 6pm Wednesday night**. Sale order will be posted by noon Thursday. **Any changes** must be made by 6pm Thursday night. Anything **turned in after 6pm. Thursday** will not be 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 photo's (see #12).

12. 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. Please turn photos in with your sales slip in the correct box to the Announcers Station in the Beef/Swine barn. Do not put your sales slip in your picture envelope!

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.



12. All exhibitors who qualify for the sale must provide a stamped, correctly addressed envelope and exhibitors' return address on the outside of the envelope with a thank you letter to their respective buyer(s). A drop box will be located at the announcers stand inside the livestock barn at the fair for exhibitors to deposit their unsealed thank you letter by Sunday, 12:30 p.m. Location of drop box will be announced during the shows. Exhibitor needs to supply the thank you card and stamped envelope (not sealed). Please write legibly. Thank you letters will be reviewed for legibility and if unacceptable, the exhibitor will be asked to rewrite the thank you letter. Superintendents will mail out all exhibitor thank you letters. Exhibitors that do not provide the necessary thank you letter will not receive sale check until letter has been submitted to the superintendents. ***Mailing addresses will be posted at the fair on Saturday and Sunday, please use postal address provided.*** Any questions should be directed to Superintendents of your species. Watch the Outagamie County Livestock Youth Facebook page for updates.

13. All livestock exhibitors are expected to help throughout the fair. Sign up will be offered through Sign Up Genius. More information including the sign up process will be available soon.

14. All sheep and goats are required to have a scrapie tag or tattoo prior to fair in order to show.

D. Carcass Meats Program

1. The livestock committee encourages all exhibitors to participate in the carcass contest. Those who wish to be in the carcass contest must sign up at time of fair entries. Exhibitors must know which animal is going to be ultra-sounded before the animal hits the scale. Exhibitors must have carcass paper entry tag present at time of weigh-in ultra-sound.
2. Awards will be provided for top carcasses of beef, swine, sheep and goats that are entered in the carcass contest.
3. Exhibitors are allowed only one carcass contest animal per species to be ultra-sounded. All carcass animals must be shown at current county fair
4. Ultra-sounding of animals in the carcass contest will be done on entry day of fair. Please be aware of the weigh-in times listed below. Make appropriate plans to arrive on time for weigh-in / ultrasound. This will allow the carcass results to be finalized in a timely manner.

Weigh-in/Ultrasound Schedule June 24, 2026

Meat Goats and Sheep
Swine
Beef

*Ultrasound times to be determined
day of weigh-in*

** Exhibitors must have carcass paper entry tag
present at time of weigh-in/ultra-sound**

