



December 2025

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

Welcome to the 2026 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 – Melanie Nooyen

Your county resource leaders are:

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

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:

- family learning day appropriate for species
- meat processing workshop
- judging teams/quiz bowl
- fitting & showing clinics

Livestock Judging:

Practices will begin in late Jan. or early Feb. Please keep an eye out for an email blast with more information as time gets closer. Coach contact information will also be coming soon.

YQCA Requirements:

All members must be YQCA certified by June 12, 2026, 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@wisc.edu. We will host two in-person trainings at Seymour High School on January 5, and February 10, 2026 at 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@wisc.edu.

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.

Contact Steve Hackl (beef superintendent) 920-843-2305, Steve Green (swine superintendent) 920-362-4025, Tim/Therese Schroeder (sheep superintendents) 920-284-5272 (Therese also has the goat market tags). If you have any questions, need help, or need to pick up tags.

Livestock Educational Meeting:

March 14, 2026, 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.

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

- Beef – Thursday, May 14th, 6 pm-7 pm
- Sheep – Thursday, May 14th, 7pm-8pm
- Swine – Saturday, May 16th, 8:30 am-10 am
- Goats – Saturday, May 16th, 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.

2026 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 24-28, 2026

- **It is recommended that livestock exhibitors have liability insurance.**
- Decorating may be done any time after 1 pm Sunday June 21, 2026
- Entry day is Wednesday, June 24, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. For weight classes, check the fair premium book on the county fair website www.outagamiecountyfair.com.
- Pigs, sheep and, goats can be brought in on Tuesday, June 23- Contact superintendent for more info.

Animal Fee 2026:

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 26, 2026, 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 on March 3rd and 10th, 2026. This year youth will be learning about how to make brats and will be able to take home the brats that they make. The cost is \$40 per youth. Info to come.
- 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, 2026.

2026 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 2026 Wisconsin State Fair Junior Livestock please visit:

<https://wistatefair.com/competitions/category/junior-livestock/>

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.

SAVE THE DATE:

- January 5, 2026 First in-person YQCA training held at 7pm at the Seymour HS
- January 15, 2026 ALL market beef animals must be tagged
- February 10, 2026 Second in-person YQCA training held at 7pm at the Seymour HS
- March 14, 2025 All species educational meeting 9am- 10:30am
- April 15, 2026 ALL market Swine, sheep, and goats must be tagged
- April .., 2026 Fair entries open
- May .., 2026 Fair entries close
- May 14th Beef and sheep showing and fitting clinics
- May 16th Swine and goat showing and fitting clinics
- June 20, 2026 Animal Fees due ???
- June 12, 2026 Members wanting to sell must be YQCA certified and have sent in their certification
- June 21, 2026 Exhibitors may begin decorating the barns starting at 1pm
- June 24-28, 2026 Outagamie County Fair
- June 24, 2026 Drug History reports and all other forms needed for all animals due at unloading/weigh-in
- June 24, 2026 Sale slips due at weigh-in
- June 26, 2026 County Youth Live animal Market Sale starting at 6:30pm
- June 28, 2026 Thank you's due at 12:30pm