

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 at nicole.platkowski@wisc.edu 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 Wedemeyer, 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 12, 2026.

Please complete the proper verification form and return to Amy Beck at Amy.Beck@wisc.edu or mail to the Extension Office, Attn: Amy Beck, 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 Amy by June 12, 2026**.

Sale Poster Contest: The livestock committee has again decided to award \$20.00 dollars in dairy bar coupons to the youth the puts up the most sale posters in businesses and \$10 in dairy bar coupons to the 2nd place youth. 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 donalddj@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.

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. 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 24, 10 am-6 pm. All market and breeding animals need to be brought in by the time of scheduled weigh-in and ultrasound times of their respective species (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 23.

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.

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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

▪ **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 and ultra sounded 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. 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.

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. All goats will be judged in the Dairy arena.

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 24, 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 25, 7:45 a.m.

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

Thursday, June 25, 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 26, 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 with you when you unload.
- Registered breeding swine exhibitors- make sure you have your registration papers with you at unloading.

NEW for 2026 ATTN Lamb Exhibitors

All sheep are required to be rough- shorn prior to arrival. This means lambs must have baby wool shorn off and yearling ewes must have their fleece off. This ruling includes all wethers, rams, and ewes that are commercial or crossbred, and purebred Hampshire, Suffolk, Southdown, Shropshire, Dorset, Dorset Advantage, Oxford, etc. The only exception to this rule will be for any fitted or wool sheep breeds i.e Fitted Hampshires, Suffolks, Corriedales, Natural colored (not to be confused with wether style naturals), Rambouillets, Targhees, etc. All sheep will be subjected to at will body inspections done by superintendents after sheep are in place. All blankets, wraps, and tubes must be removed for inspections. Superintendents will work with youth and families accordingly if they have other things they need to attend to if they are checking their animals. If you have questions, contact Therese Schroeder at tschroedersheep@yahoo.com or 920-284-5272.

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**. If any changes need to be made, contact Diane Jarvais at 715-630-0811. 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 and bio sheet in the proper slot located on the backside of the Announcers Stand within the allotted time.
- A bio form will be enclosed in this mailing. Please fill it out and bring it fair for each youth planning to sell. 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. Please turn photos in the correct slot on the backside of the Announcers Stand 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.



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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. After the sale, a slot on the backside of the Announcers Stand will be available at the fair for exhibitors to deposit their unsealed thank you letter(s) by Sunday 12:30 p.m. The exhibitor needs to supply the thank you card(s) and stamped envelope(s) (not sealed). Please write legibly in detail, and sincerely. 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: Issar Inn will be catering this year that will be after the Livestock Sale on June 26th at the Outagamie County fair. The meal will begin after the conclusion of the sale for all exhibitor families, buyers, and bidders. 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. Extra tickets must be purchased from Diane Jarvais at donaldj@frontiernet.net by June 10th, 2026. Extra tickets are \$15 per person.

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.

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 26: *The live animal sale begins at 6:30 pm. Small and large animals will be sold together in the same sale this year.* 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 2025, so the exhibitor may show and sell any species in 2026).

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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Animal Stalling Fees 2026:

- 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.

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).

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.

Please keep an eye out for further information and mailings as we approach County Fair. Good luck to all youth showman at the 2026 Outagamie County Fair!

***Thank You County Youth/Adult Livestock Committee:** On behalf of the project members and families, we would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to the members of the 2026 Youth/Adult 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.*