

To: All Dane County Beef, Sheep and Swine Project Members
From: Dane County UW-Extension Office

Welcome to all new and returning Dane County 4-H Beef, Sheep and Swine Project Members!

This cover letter outlines some of the information you will be referring to throughout the year. Included with this letter is your Educational Requirement card that should be taken with you to all Educational Meetings you attend. All educational requirements must be met to be eligible to show your animal at the Dane County Fair.

Educational Meetings

If you want to check to see if an educational event that is not listed on the website will qualify for the fair, contact one of the Committee Chairs in that area.

Beef: Jan Horstmeyer, 837-8866 or John Hornung, 698-1823

Sheep: Romaine or David Ace, 835-5264

Swine: Dick Straub, 216-6305, Blayne/Kelli Outhouse, 608-669-0516

- Meetings will be posted on the Dane County 4-H Website! <http://fyi.uwex.edu/dane4hyouth/>
Click on the Projects tab - the meetings will be posted under livestock, beef, sheep, swine, and MAS/YQCA.
- Meeting notices will be emailed as soon as dates are set. Remember to write these dates somewhere on your cards as a reminder.
- Many volunteers are involved in planning and running educational events. Please be considerate to those who are giving their time to the youth of Dane County. In order to receive full credit for the events, you must arrive on time and be in attendance the entire time.
- You are encouraged to attend as many educational events as possible. Do not wait until the last meeting offered. If something were to happen that you couldn't attend that event and there are no others offered, you would be ineligible to show at the Dane County Fair.

Events that qualify as an educational event every year:

- Sheep and Wool Festival in September (sheep) – check with Chairperson/Superintendent to see which portions of this event qualify.
- Arlington Sheep Days – held in March (sheep)
- Lodi Youth Livestock Day (Beef and Dairy)
- WLBA Show Camp in Milwaukee – June (all species)
- NASCO – usually held in May (all species)
- State level 4-H Contests (check with Superintendent/Chairperson BEFORE attending)
- Others will be posted on the Dane County 4-H web site as they are planned

Weigh-in/Check-In Dates:

Beef: First Saturday in January 9am – 11:30am; Alliant Energy Center (snow date is the second Saturday)

Sheep: First Saturday in May 9am – 11am; Stoughton Fairgrounds

Swine: Third Saturday in April 9am – noon; Dane County Extension Office, 5201 Fen Oak Drive

YQCA Training

This is completely separate from the Educational Meetings! ALL exhibitors (beef, sheep, swine) MUST meet YQCA (formerly MAQA) requirements in order to show and sell at the Dane County Fair. The training is NOT an optional educational meeting – it is a requirement in ADDITION to attending at least one educational meeting per species. Please contact your area superintendent or committee chair if you have any questions.