



2023 Shawano County 4-H Market Livestock Program Rules

SIGNIFICANT NOTES AND DATES FOR 2023

Weigh-in: Beef: Saturday, February 25th – 8 am to noon, Paul McClone Livestock, N4774 High Line Rd, Bonduel, WI 54107

Sheep and Goats: Thursday, May 11th – 5pm – 7:00 pm, Shawano Fairgrounds

THERE IS NO INITIAL WEIGH IN FOR SWINE

ANIMALS MUST BE TAGGED PRIOR TO WEIGH IN. The tag must be in the flesh of the ear.

All male market animals must be castrated by initial weigh-in or May 21 for swine. All market beef animals must be halter broke.

- Final weigh in for beef, sheep and swine, is scheduled for Wednesday of the Shawano County Fair – 8 am- 3:30 pm
- Exhibitors are responsible for ear tagging and collecting a DNA hair sample from all animals to be shown at the Fair. Tags and DNA sample kits must be purchased prior to species weigh-in day (or May 1 for sheep, goats and swine). Exhibitors are responsible for sending or bringing DNA samples to the Shawano County 4-H Office. Samples must be postmarked or dropped off by the third Friday of May.
- The Shawano County Show is a terminal show for SWINE but non-terminal for beef, sheep and market goats. The Livestock Key Committee, as advised by the WI State Veterinarian, can invoke a terminal show at any time for any species. As a terminal show there will be no breeding stock or feeder pigs allowed in the swine show.
- All exhibitors must complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) for one credit. This is offered both online and in-person training.
- Per Shawano Area Ag Society Ruling: An exhibitor who sold a livestock animal in another county fair in 2023 is not eligible to sell in the Shawano County Fair livestock auction.
- Per Shawano Area Ag Society Ruling: All livestock exhibitors are limited to two market animals, but not more than one swine for 1st year Shawano County Swine exhibitors, even if not enrolled in another livestock project.
- All market animals sold in the auction must go to a processor.
- All animals must be identified before arriving at the fair.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have questions, the individuals listed below are your best resources to get the answers you need.

Livestock Planning Committee Representatives

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Joel Nischke, Swine Chair (715) 584-2095
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**ALL PROJECT MEMBERS MUST ENTER IN THE
MARKET CLASS, SHOWMANSHIP CLASS, AND CARCASS CONTESTS
TO SELL THEIR ANIMAL IN THE AUCTION!**

EXHIBITOR WRISTBANDS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES ON THE FAIRGROUNDS DURING THE FAIR.

**EACH EXHIBITOR ASSUMES ALL LIABILITIES IN CASES OF SICKNESS, DEATH OR INJURY TO HIS OR HER ANIMAL,
IMMEDIATE SELF, FAMILY MEMBERS, OR GUESTS.**

**Failure to comply with ANY of the following rules will result in the exhibitor's
animal being withheld from the auction**

GENERAL MARKET ANIMAL RULES

Pre-Fair

1. Exhibitors may show up to two animals of any livestock market species in market animal classes, although there is a limit to one swine for 1st year Shawano County Fair exhibitors, in either junior fair OR open class. Exhibitors will only be allowed to sell one market animal. If two market animals of the same species are entered, and they fall in the same weight classes, another junior fair exhibitor may show the second animal. This must be pre-approved by the species superintendent. Exhibitors may tag three animals of the same species, but only two total market animals may be entered and brought to the fair and shown in a market class. **Swine exhibitors - please refer to additional individual species requirements.**
2. FOR ANIMALS ONLY SHOWN AT THE SHAWANO COUNTY FAIR - Exhibitors are responsible for ear tagging and collecting DNA hair samples from all animals to be shown at the fair. **Exhibitors are responsible for bringing or sending DNA samples to the Shawano County 4-H office. Samples must be dropped off or postmarked by the third Friday of May.**
3. FOR ANIMALS SHOWN AT THE WISCONSIN STATE FAIR AND THE SHAWANO COUNTY FAIR - Wisconsin State Fair ear tag and DNA hair samples can be used for animals shown at the Shawano County Fair. Exhibitors tagging animals for the Wisconsin State Fair should follow all Wisconsin State Fair rules in regards to ear tag acquisition and DNA samples, however exhibitors must meet Shawano County deadline of the 3rd Friday of May. Wisconsin State Fair exhibitors must turn in a photocopy of their DNA sample submission form with their Shawano County Livestock Contract and sent in with forms by the 3rd Friday of May.
4. Each junior fair exhibitor and one parent/guardian of that exhibitor must sign the Contract (Acknowledgement of Market Animal Show/Sale Rules and Agreement to Comply). Forms can be picked up at the Extension-Shawano County Office. Signed & completed forms must be postmarked by the third Friday and sent (or dropped off) to the Shawano County 4-H office. When submitting contract, please **keep the colored copy**. Turn in White copy to the Extension office.
5. Sheep and goat exhibitors must turn in a completed Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) Affidavit (for each animal) with their contract by the third Friday of May. COOL Affidavit forms are available from the Extension Shawano County Office.
6. Each junior fair exhibitor and one parent/guardian must attend the mandatory informational meeting in January 31st and/or February 11th. If there are conflicts or concerns, please contact the Extension office at 715-526-6136 as soon as possible. These meetings will be held at the Shawano Middle School, LGI room.
7. All new and returning junior fair exhibitors are required to earn **three educational** livestock credits to be eligible to sell an animal in the market animal sale. Exhibitors must sign in at the end of each meeting or, if virtual, complete the virtual educational Google form. (See attached educational requirement document.). Livestock credits must be earned by August 1st.

- All exhibitors need to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) for one credit. This is offered both online and in-person training.
8. To qualify for participation in the livestock auction, animals/exhibitors of all species must be entered in ALL of the following: **A. SHOWMANSHIP CLASS B. MARKET CLASS C. CARCASS CONTEST**
(When entering, double check your entries for your **A, B, Cs!**)
 9. **As part of the fair entry process, due August 1, members need to clearly assign which animals may be shown by specific family members. Maximum of three per exhibitor. In FairEntry program, it is expected you will input the ear tag of the animal(s) you most likely will bring to the fair.**
 10. Each exhibitor must submit a quality, 4x6 color landscape (horizontal) photo (printed on photo paper) of him/herself with his/her sale animal to the Livestock Committee **by August 1st**. A **quality photo** is one where:
 - there is a single animal in the photo,
 - the image is not blurry or too dark/bright,
 - the animal is clean,
 - the exhibitor is dressed in show attire and the animal is posed in a professional manner,
 - and the background is aesthetically pleasing (no pen photos or animal waste).
 - The name of exhibitor, the animal ear tag number, 4-H club and contact phone number must be printed legibly on the back of each photo.
 - If corrections are requested per the Livestock Sub-Committee, final photos must be submitted to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on August 10th.
 11. A tentative auction sale order will be randomly generated by the Extension Shawano County Office. The tentative sale order will be posted on the Extension Shawano County website by the second week of August <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/shawano4h/fair-information/>
 12. **Exhibitors must notify Species Superintendent immediately if an ear tag falls out. Animals will be re-tagged with the Species Superintendent present. Exhibitors are responsible for purchasing their second ear tag and sample kit. Animals that are retagged will have their DNA sampled and submitted for analysis. Auction checks for retagged animals will be held until DNA confirmation is received.**

FINAL Livestock Weigh-in/Ultrasound

1. All animals will be officially weighed on Wednesday of the Shawano County Fair, from **8 am – 3:30 pm**.
2. The scale is OFF LIMITS to everyone until the chairpersons are present for final weigh-in.
3. Animals are allowed one pass across the scale.
4. All steers/heifers must be led across the scale by their exhibitor or another junior fair exhibitor.
5. Animals cannot wear blankets or sweaters across the scale.
6. All saleable animals will be ultrasounded for carcass measurements.
 - a. Swine and lamb exhibitors and/or family members must be present to pen their animal after final weigh-in and ultrasounding.
 - b. Beef: The exhibitor, a family member or another junior fair exhibitor must lead their steer through the ultrasound chute. Ultrasounding of beef will begin at **approximately 4:00 pm**.
7. Market animals that do not meet the minimum weight cannot sell in the auction.
8. Animals that do not achieve the minimum auction requirements must still be shown. If an exhibitor does not exhibit his/her animal, (s)(th)he forfeits the privilege to participate in the market livestock auction the following year.
9. *Second animals may be ultrasounded for the carcass contest. The fee will be subtracted from your auction check. If you are not participating in the auction, you will be responsible for paying the fee prior to the conclusion of the fair.*
10. All market animals will be assigned to appropriate weight classes after final weigh-in. The final weight classes will be determined by the species superintendent.

11. Only animals and exhibitors meeting all showing requirements are eligible to compete for Grand and Reserve Champions.
12. If you are planning on having your second animal transferred to a processing plant with the Shawano County auction animals, you **MUST** complete and submit the **“Non-Market Animal Transfer Acknowledgement”** at final weigh-in to the weigh-in staff.
13. If an exhibitor is eligible to and brings two animals, they **MUST** have a buyer identified by final weigh-in for the second animal. If no buyer is identified by that time, the second animal:
 - a. If one is swine and the other is beef or sheep, the swine will automatically be the one identified for the auction and your beef or sheep must go home at the end of the fair.

****Non-auction animal buyers may not get their processor of choice, as auction buyers get first preference.**
14. It is recommended that all market beef animals will be stalled prior to walking across the scale. It will be the discretion of the Beef Superintendent to allow beef animals to go directly from the trailer to scales. If the beef superintendent is not present, it will be up to the Livestock Chair's discretion.

During the Fair

1. Each exhibitor is responsible for personally feeding, caring and fitting his/her animal(s) throughout the fair beginning with weigh-in and ending on the final day of the fair. Immediate family members, other junior fair exhibitors, 4-H and FFA leaders and designated mentors are allowed to assist the exhibitor but should not be the primary animal caregiver.
2. Animals must be fed and watered and pens cleaned **by 10 am daily**. Exhibitors must continue to maintain the pens/stalls and ensure animal well-being throughout the day. Wet and soiled bedding should be removed daily and replaced. The Livestock Committee will assess exhibitors a fee to care for unattended animals.
3. Only sawdust can be used in the Swine Barn.
4. No automatic waterers can be used in the swine barn.
5. Each club/chapter and other junior fair groups with members in the livestock projects will be required to work at the fair. Duties will be posted on a work schedule in the Coliseum at the fair. Duties may include, but are not limited to, set-up and take down of show rings and sale ring work. If a club/chapter or group is interested in a certain work time or job assignment, please contact the Extension Shawano County Office by July 1. (Working in the 4-H food stand or set up or take down days does not count.)
6. Sick or injured animals condemned/excused by Fair Officials, the Fair Veterinarian, or other state official must be removed immediately according to state guidelines. Animals remain the financial responsibility of the exhibitor.
7. Drug and/or DNA testing may be conducted on any animal while on the fairgrounds or at market. Random DNA samples will be collected from a number of animals of each species at the Fair. DNA results will be compared to submitted samples for the individual animals. If DNA samples do not match, the exhibitor will be barred from exhibiting and selling an animal in the auction the following year. In addition, if an animal with non-matching DNA was sold through the auction, the exhibitor will forfeit their auction check and will be paid market value for the animal. Animals will be checked for drug residues and/or DNA at the discretion of the Judge, Fair Veterinarian, Ag Society or Livestock Key Committee. Exhibitors must abide by drug label withdrawal times. The cost of a positive drug test will be the responsibility of the exhibitor.
8. All animals are subject to examination by the Judge, Fair Veterinarian, Ag Society or Livestock Key Committee for any violations of the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics.
9. Requests for DNA sampling of animals will be evaluated by the Livestock Key Committee. If DNA is collected and samples match, the requestor will pay a \$100 administrative and testing fee. If DNA is collected and the samples do not match, the exhibitor will pay a \$100 administrative and testing fee. In addition, the exhibitor will be barred from exhibiting and selling an animal in the auction the following year. If an animal with non-matching DNA was sold through the auction, the exhibitor will forfeit their auction check and will be paid market value for the animal.
10. If your animal is chosen for a DNA sample, you have the right to be present during the sampling.

Shows and Auction

1. An exhibitor must show and sell his/her own animal. Exhibitors who fail to show their own animal forfeit the right to sell the animal in the auction.
 - a. Exception: Exhibitors who have a valid conflict with the auction, remain eligible to sell their animal in the auction. **The 4-H Livestock Committee considers unavoidable school functions or family emergencies as valid conflicts.** In the event of an unavoidable school conflict, a written, signed letter from the athletic team coach, athletic director, teacher or other school administrator must be submitted to the 4-H Livestock Committee Chairman on or before final weigh-in. The letter must state the coach/teacher will not excuse the member in question from the event that is in conflict with the Fair. In the event of a personal medical emergency or death in the immediate family, the Livestock Key Committee Chairman should be notified as soon as possible.
2. **Exhibitors or their families will not harass potential buyers, before, during or after the auction.**
3. **At final weigh-in:**
 - a. All exhibitors must state the specific animal they wish to sell in the auction. There will be a card provided at the weigh in table (This will also have your family and club information for you to proof for the auction program). This card must be proofed and ear tag number filled in by the time you leave the scale area with your animal.
 - b. If intending to ship a second animal exhibitors must also submit completed "Non-Market Animal Transfer Acknowledgement" Form.
4. Auction buyers are responsible for all the processing and transportation costs of the animal they purchase and must designate a packing plant of their choice. All animals processed at the designated processors must be transported on provided trucks/trailers. No individual transportation to these processors is allowed. Buyers wishing to send animals to plants other than the designated must furnish their own transportation. Alternate transportation to processing plants must be approved by species superintendents. Market animals going to processing will be released at approximately 4 pm on Monday.
5. After the auction, exhibitors must compose an appropriate letter of appreciation to the buyer of their animal. Letters must be submitted in a non-sealed, stamped envelope addressed to the buyer. Letters must be placed in the designated drop box in the Swine Barn **by 12:00 pm on Sunday of the Fair.**
6. Winners of all grand and reserve championships and showmanship awards must also compose appropriate letters of appreciation to the award sponsors. Letters must be submitted in a non-sealed, stamped envelope addressed to the award sponsor. Letters must be placed in the designated drop box in the Swine Barn **by 12:00 pm on Sunday of the fair.**
7. The following fees are deducted from auction checks: ultrasound expenses, two percent auction sale commission to the Shawano Area Ag Society, two percent sale commission to the Livestock Key Committee, required beef and pork check-offs, if applicable, and an additional fee, set by the Livestock Key Committee, to cover sale and project expenses.
8. No sale checks will be issued to exhibitors until ALL buyers pay for animal(s) purchased. Individual exhibitors will not be issued sale checks until all records are verified and buyer/sponsor thank you letters are submitted.
9. Livestock auction checks, for those members meeting the above requirements, will be mailed to exhibitors.

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| <i>My <u>Name</u></i> | <i>stamp</i> |
| <i>My address</i> | |
| <i>Buyer's name</i> | |
| <i>Buyer's address</i> | |
| <i>City, State, Zip Code</i> | |

ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUAL SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

Market Goats – Wether and Does

1. All male animals must be castrated prior to initial weigh-in.
2. All goats must be less than 12 months old.
3. All goats must weigh, at minimum, 55 pounds to sell in the auction. Animals that weigh over 120 pounds will be sold at 120 pounds. Market goats must have a rate of gain of .15.
4. Market whether/does must be entered in the market class and may be purebred, grade, or crossbred.
5. Individual exhibitors may identify up to three market goats. If there is more than one exhibitor in a family, each family member may tag up to three additional market goats under the immediate family name (i.e. three family members could tag a total of nine goats under the family name). Individual animals must be assigned to an individual exhibitor by August 1 **with no more than 3 market animals per exhibitor**. Extra market goats will not be weighed at the Fair.
6. If sexually intact, animals of any age must have an official individual scrapies ID. It is important to note that doe goats entered in market classes must have scrapies ID, since they are still sexually intact. If not sexually intact, animals must have an official scrapies ID if they are 12 months or older. Official IDs include scrapies ear tags, USDA silver ear tag, USDA 840 button ear tag or breed association tattoo. Sexually intact animals cannot have been exposed to scrapies.
7. The Goat Show begins approximately at 6:00pm on Thursday of the fair.
8. Meat goats may have horns as it is an accepted practice in their species. Dairy goats must have horns removed and healed over with no regrowth or scurs.

Market Hogs – Barrows and Gilts

1. *Youth in the swine project in their 1st year as a Shawano County Swine exhibitor will be limited to exhibiting one hog at the Shawano County Fair.*
2. All male animals must be castrated by May 21.
3. Animals must weigh a minimum of 230 pounds to sell in the auction. Animals that weigh over 300 pounds will be sold at 300 pounds.
4. The Shawano County Fair abides by Wisconsin County, District and State Fairs 2021 Animal Health Rules and Regulations, which means no pseudo rabies test is required for hogs originating from WI.
5. All hogs must be accompanied by Wisconsin Intrastate Health Certificate (pink form) at final weigh-in. Exhibitors must use the Shawano County ear tag number as the animal identification number on the form. Forms must be signed by the veterinarian.
6. Market barrows and market gilts must be entered in market classes and may be purebred, grade or cross-bred.
7. Individual exhibitors may identify up to three hogs. If there is more than one exhibitor in a family, each family member may tag up to three additional hogs under the immediate family name (i.e. three family members could tag a total of nine hogs under the family name). Individual animals must be assigned to an individual exhibitor by August 1, **with no more than 3 market animals per exhibitor**.
8. The Swine Show begins at 8:30 am on the Thursday of the Fair.

Market Lambs – Wethers and Ewes

9. All male animals must be castrated prior to initial weigh-in.
10. All lambs must weigh, at minimum, 110 pounds to sell in the auction. Animals that weigh over 170 pounds will be sold at 170 pounds. Sheep must have a rate of gain of .2.
11. Market wether/ewes must be entered in the market class and may be purebred, grade, or crossbred.
12. Individual exhibitors may identify up to three lambs. If there is more than one exhibitor in a family, each family member may tag up to three additional lambs under the immediate family name (i.e. three family members could tag a total of nine lambs under the family name). Individual animals must be assigned to an individual exhibitor by August 1 **with no more than 3 market animals per exhibitor**. Extra lambs will not be weighed at the Fair.
13. If sexually intact, animals of any age must have an official individual scrapies ID. It is important to note that ewe lambs entered in market classes must have scrapies ID, since they are still sexually intact. If not sexually intact, animals must have an official scrapies ID if they are 12 months or older. Official IDs include scrapies ear tags, USDA silver ear tag, USDA 840 button ear tag or breed association tattoo. Sexually intact animals cannot have been exposed to scrapies.
14. The Sheep Show begins approximately at 4:00pm on Thursday of the fair.

Market Beef – Beef Steers, Heifers, and Dairy Steers

1. All male animals must be castrated.
2. Horns must be cleanly removed and healed with no regrowth or scurs.
3. Beef exhibitors must be in the 5th grade or older at time of enrollment to show a market beef. If a 3rd grader shows a feeder calf, they may show THAT animal in market the following year as a 4th grader.
4. Feeder steers can be shown by exhibitors in the 3rd grade or older.
5. Feeder calf classes can be broken down in up to three different weight group for beef, cross-bred, and dairy beef depending on the number of entries which will be left up to the discretion of the beef superintendent.
6. At final weigh-in, the beef exhibitor or another junior fair exhibitor must lead the animal to the scale. An adult may accompany exhibitor. If any exhibitor cannot lead his/her steer(s) by him/herself unaided, the steer cannot be shown or sold by the exhibitor.
7. A market animal may be any combination of the true beef breeds, **crossbreds (1 parent dairy and 1 parent beef or non-identifiable dairy breeds)**, or dairy (any purebred or combination of the following dairy breeds- Holstein, Jersey, Brown Swiss, Ayrshire, Guernsey, Milking Shorthorn).
8. Individual exhibitors may identify up to three market beef (steers/heifers/dairy steers). If there is more than one exhibitor in a family, each family member may tag up to three market beef (steers/heifers/dairy steers) under the immediate family name (i.e. three family members could tag a total of nine beef under the family name). Individual animals must be assigned to an individual exhibitor by August 1 **with no more than 3 market animals per exhibitor**.
9. Beef market animals must meet the following specified minimum weights at final weigh-in:

| | Minimum | Capped | Rate of Gain |
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| Dairy on Dairy | 1,100 | 1,650 | 2.0 lbs/day |
| Beef on Beef Steer/Heifer | 1,100 | 1,575 | 2.0 lbs/day |
| Dairy on Beef Steer/Heifer | 1,100 | 1,650 | 2.0 lbs/day |

10. The Beef Market Show begins at 8:00 am on the Friday of the Fair. The market animal show will be first followed by Showmanship, feeder calves and breeding stock.
11. Market heifers will have their own class if there are 3 or more exhibited. If not 3 market heifers, they will be included in the market steer class.

12. Performance Class Rules

- **Optional class for feeder animals if you intend to carry your project animal over through next year's fair.**
- **Animals must be eartagged and DNA sampled and submitted by August 1.**
- **Animal will be weighed in at this year's fair during regular fair weigh in.**
- **Judging criteria will be based on point system assigned to the following:**
 - **This year's feeder calf ranking in class**
 - **Next year's market animal placing**
 - **Next year's carcass results**
 - **Rate of gain from fair to fair**
 - **Rate of gain from spring weigh-in to fair (if held**

There will be NO exceptions to the rules.

Decisions of Show Judges, 4-H Livestock Committee, and Shawano County Fair Board are FINAL.

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Mandatory Fair Checklist – Market Livestock Project

| Activity | Deadline | Submission Location | Completed |
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| Enrolled in Youth Organization of Choice | February 1 | 4-H Online; FFA; etc. | |
| Ear Tag and DNA <u>hair</u> Sample Kit Purchased | By Species Weigh In or May 1 | Extension-Shawano County Office | |
| COOL Form-Sheep and Goats Only | Postmarked or dropped by Third Friday of May | Extension-Shawano County Office | |
| Contract | Postmarked or dropped by Third Friday of May | Extension-Shawano County Office | |
| DNA Sample Submitted | Postmarked or dropped by Third Friday of May | Extension-Shawano County Office | |
| YQCA and Two Earned Livestock Credits | August 1 | Extension-Shawano County Office | |
| Fair Entry | August 1 | online at www.fairentry.com (preferred) or Extension-Shawano County Office | |
| Sale Animal Photo | Submitted by August 1 | Extension-Shawano County Office | |
| Mentor Designation Form (if applicable) | Final Weigh-in | Final Weigh-in | |
| WI Intrastate Health Certificate (swine only) | Before pigs unloaded Wednesday of Fair | Final Weigh-in | |
| Sale Animal Identified | At table during final weigh-in | Final Weigh-in | |
| Extra Animal Ship Form (Non-Market Animal Transfer Acknowledgement) | At table during final weigh-in | Final Weigh-in table | |
| Thank You Note to Buyer | 12 pm Sunday of Fair | Swine Barn Dropbox | |
| Thank You Note to Award Donor (if applicable) | 12 pm Sunday of Fair | Swine Barn Dropbox | |