



Out of County

WISCONSIN 4-H ROCKETRY CONTEST—June 17, 1:00 pm, UW-Madison, for members in 6-13 grade. Contact the Extension Office for more details. Registration deadline is April 30.

DARLINGTON CANOE FESTIVAL—Committee would like to invite your 4-H Club to our 43rd Annual Canoe Festival Parade, to be held on Sunday, June 14, at 1:30pm. Horses are also welcome. For more information call the Extension Office or Laura Hinzman or E-mail: ainnerst@firstbankingcenter.com

2009 BADGER DAIRY CAMP DATES—Badger Dairy camp will be held Sunday afternoon June 14 through Tuesday June 16. Youth between the ages of 12 and 18 can apply after March 1 to attend this exciting 3-day program. Visit the website at www.uwes.edu/ces/dairyouth/ to find registration forms and information.

GREEN COUNTY 4-H YOUTH GOAT SHOW—Saturday, May 16, 9:30 am, Registration Fee is \$2 per goat, \$1 per child for showmanship. For more information contact the Extension Office.

NASCO SHOWING AND GROOMING DEMONSTRATIONS—May 9, 8:30 am—3:00 pm, Fort Atkinson. Topics for discussion will include: animal selection, proper clipping techniques, choice of grooming equipment and showmanship. Pre-register by May 4. Call the Extension Office for more information.

4-H SOUTHERN DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM (SDLT) - For the past four years, the Southern District Leadership Team planning committee organized and held the Southern District 4-H Fall Youth Leadership Conferences in Wisconsin Dells. There will be a face to face meeting on Sunday, May 3. These conferences were a huge success! The committee's "job" is to plan almost all aspects of the older youth leadership conference. Open to youth currently in grades 8-11, application deadline is April 3, there is a \$40 fee. Please contact the Extension Office for an application or with any questions.

BADGER BONANZA LAMB SHOW - This year the 2009 Badger Bonanza Lamb Show will feature a double header show in Arlington, WI at the Public Events Center on May 3. For more information contact Maura Wieners, at mwieners@wisc.edu or 262.210.9437, or visit the UW Saddle & Siroin website at www.uwsaddlesiroin.com for frequently updated information.

DNR WORK PLAY EARTH DAY - Wyalusing State Park, Saturday, April 25, 9:30 am—3:30 pm (Rain Date: Sunday, April 26) Hands on work to protect, preserve and prepare the park for a busy upcoming season (will include tree planting, garlic mustard pulling, honeysuckle pulling, raking, trash pickup) Lunch and snacks will be served. Come dressed to get dirty. **Advanced registration is free, but required.** For more information, or to register, please contact Luthien Niland at 608-264-8994 or luthien.niland@wisconsin.gov. Please include in your registration email: Name, Age, and Contact Phone Number.

PULLORUM TESTER SEMINARS—The WI Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection will be offering a pollorum tester training seminar on April 15 in Richland Center at 6:30 pm. Attendance is mandatory for those who would like to renew their Pollorum certification or those that would like to become a Pullorum tester. For a list of dates and locations please contact the Extension Office. There is a \$25 registration fee.



Out of County & Animal Science

WI PORK ASSOCIATION OFFERS CONNECTIONS FOR SWINE EXHIBITORS—The Wisconsin Pork Association is offering two opportunities for youth involved in a 4-H or FFA swine project to make connections with Wisconsin pork producers. The first is the “Buy Wisconsin First” Swine Directory, which features Wisconsin seedstock and show pig producers. Copies of the directory can be received by calling the WPA office at 1-800-822-7675 or emailing wppa@wppa.org WPA will also be offering a show pig sale on Saturday, April 11 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Jefferson. Animals purchased through the sale will be eligible for premiums at local, county, and state fairs. The sale will be held at 3:30 pm; an educational skillathon will also be offered. For more details, call 1-800-822-7675.

RICHLAND COUNTY 4-H, RABBITS R US RABBIT SHOW, Sunday, April 26 - Richland Center Community Center. Show is open to all youth, grades 13 and under. An entry fee of \$1.50 per animal must be included with registration form. There is no limit placed on number of entries or entries per class. All rabbits not entered by April 20, entry fee will be \$2.00 per rabbit. Entry fees are due April 20, call the Extension Office for more details.

CHAPTER FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES AT THE WISCONSIN STATE FAIR—Wisconsin State Fair is looking for groups, clubs and/or anyone interested in assisting with Fair-time operations during the 2009 Fair. Responsibilities vary from show ring attendant to other show related projects and stipends range from \$25 to \$250 per day depending on number of volunteers and amount of time worked. Please contact Brian Bolan at brian.bolan@wisconsin.gov or 414-266-7050.

NASCO SUPPORTS LOCAL FAIRS

Nasco has been a supporter of agriculture related youth programs and is offering a rebate program to 4-H members. Grant County will receive a 5% rebate at the end of the fair season on all purchases made through the Nasco Farm & Ranch Catalog. You must use the coupon number below when placing your order: #9800229(x) Grant County. www.eNasco.com/farmland_ranch 1-800-558-9595

COUNTY LIVESTOCK JUDGING DAY

This year’s County Livestock Judging Day will be held **Saturday, May 16** at 9:00 am, at the Fairgrounds in Lancaster. Tips will be given on judging livestock. This qualifies as a Livestock Auction Seminar.

- 8:45 am Registration
- 9:00 am Livestock judging tips and demonstrations & judging contest

Anyone interested in livestock judging at District Area Animal Science Day, June 30 at LaCrosse, but cannot make the County Livestock Judging Day should call the Extension Office by May 16 to sign-up.

KELLY MEIER HORSE SCHOLARSHIP

The Beetown Busy Braves 4-H club offers a \$200 scholarship in memory of Kelly Meier who was a member of their club. The scholarship will go towards camp fees for 4-H Horse & Pony Camp sponsored by the Dubuque Trailblazers held June 14-20.

4-H members grade 3-13 may apply by writing a brief story on what you want to learn from 4-H Horse Camp and what are your future plans or goals in the 4-H horse or pony project. Call the Grant County Extension Office or the 4-H website at <http://grant.uwex.edu> for an application. Applications are due by Friday, April 24.

MIDWEST HORSE FAIR

The 29TH Midwest Horse Fair will be held April 17-19 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison. This event is sponsored by the Wisconsin State 4-H Horse Council. You will see a variety of horse breeds, demonstrations, exhibitions and clinics as well as commercial exhibits. Don’t forget to check out the Wisconsin Horse Association Tack Sale. For more information check out their website at www.midwesthorsefair.com

SWINE ID DATES SET— The dates to identify your swine project for the Grant County Fair are April 18-May 3. Swine project leader and FFA advisors are being asked to help with these weigh-ins. To prevent the spread of disease, all swine must be weighed on the farm. Youth must contact their 4-H swine project leader, FFA advisor or the Grant County Extension Office prior to April 18 to set up a time for weigh-in. Members need to have their swine in a clean dry location and be on hand to help identify their swine. Members may identify up to 10 animals. This can either be done individually or under a family unit. Example: a brother or sister identifying 20 pigs under a family unit will have the option of bringing any 6 of the 20 pigs to the fair. All swine exhibitors must be MAQA certified. All swine members must have an affidavit declaring Country of Origin with their pigs when they arrive at the fair.

Weigh Date	Weight Limit
4-18	43
4-19	44
4-20	46
4-21	47
4-22	49
4-23	50
4-24	52
4-25	53
4-26	55
4-27	56
4-28	58
4-29	59
4-30	61
5-1	62
5-2	64
5-3	65

MAQA CERTIFICATION

All swine exhibitors at the Grant County Fair and Wisconsin State Fair must be MAQA Certified in order to show and sell. There will be two sessions for exhibitors to be certified: Tuesday, May 5 and Wednesday, July 29, 7:00pm at the Youth & Ag Center. Exhibitors are asked to call the Extension Office to pre-register.

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR SWINE WEIGH-IN

All junior and open show market swine exhibitors wishing to exhibit barrows during the 2009 Wisconsin State Fair, August 6-16 are required to attend one of the regionally located weigh-in sites. Grant County weigh-in date is April 18, 9:00—12:00 noon at the Grant County Fairgrounds swine barn. The DNA identification program will be conducted at the weigh-in sites and will cost \$10 per animal. The show will remain a terminal show. Barrows must weigh 60 pounds and under at initial check-ins on April 18. Lean Gain will be calculated using starting weight and scan data collected at WSF. Entry information will be available in May at www.wistatefair.com

Swine Weigh-in Guidelines:

- All Junior and Open exhibitors interested in exhibiting market swine during the WSF MUST identify their barrow during one of the district Registration sessions.
- All swine must be castrated. No boars will be weighed in.
- All swine identified for the WSF will be identified by ear tags and ear notched.
- Barrows need to be identified in the exhibitor's name or immediate family member's name only.
- There is no limit to the number of swine pre-identified per exhibitor.
- Each junior exhibitor showing in the junior show will only be allowed to bring two of the identified market barrows to the Junior Market Show at the WSF.

The exhibitor and or their parents/legal guardian must be in attendance to sign and verify the DNA.

DAIRY FITTING CLINIC & JUDGING CONTEST

Saturday, April 4,
Sales Pavilion, Fairgrounds, Lancaster

Registration 10:00 am
Fitting Clinic 10:30 am
Judging Noon

The dairy fitting clinic and judging contest is open to all 4-H members interested in learning more about fitting and judging dairy cattle. Darin Pagenkopf will be demonstrating dairy fitting techniques to get you ready for the show season. Dairy judging members will be split into groups and judge six classes of dairy heifers and cows. The juniors will be doing TAQ sheets while the seniors are giving their oral reasons. Anyone interested in hosting a judging workout at their farm should call Chris Moore at 822-6000. The top individuals from the workouts will be selected to represent Grant County at Area Animal Science Day June 30 at West salem.

If you attend both the dairy fitting clinic and dairy judging contest they will meet your requirements for the cheese sale at the Grant County Fair. Contact the Extension Office at 723-2125 by Wednesday, April 1 to pre-register. Lunch will be provided by the 4-H Dairy Committee.

UW-PLATTEVILLE BLOCK & BRIDLE STEER & HEIFER JACKPOT SHOWS

April 25, Fairgrounds, Lancaster

UWP Block & Bridle is again hosting their Pioneer Showdown Steer and Heifer Jackpot Show. New this year will be a double show weekend with a show on Saturday AND Sunday.

Purina/Land O Lakes in cooperation with Premier Coop will be sponsoring a fitting & grooming clinic featuring the talents of Bob May of Mineral Point WI from 10:30-11:30 am, on Saturday.

For more information and entry information, see the website at www.pioneershowdown.com or contact Alicia Prill-Adams, UW-Platteville Block & Bridle Advisor, 608-342-1326.

STATE FAIR DAIRY IDENTIFICATION FORMS

To encourage managerial dairy projects, Wisconsin 4-H has released Dairy Managerial Project Agreements, which spells out the responsibilities of those involved in the lease and manages the liability issues related to the agreement. This form is **mandatory** for all youth exhibiting at the Wisconsin State Fair in 2009. Dairy members will be receiving a letter with the Dairy Managerial Project Agreement form for you to fill out and return to the Extension Office by May 22. Youth may cross identify within a dairy herd owner. An agreement is not required when the managerial animal is owned by the junior member's immediate family (brother, sister, parent of family farm).

GRANT COUNTY FAIR DAIRY ID FORMS

All Grant County youth who wish to be eligible to sell cheese at the Grant County Junior Livestock Auction must identify their dairy animals by May 22. Identify all animals that you might have eligible as a breed champion. Forms will be mailed to each dairy exhibitor. For questions contact the Extension Office at 723-2125.

Did you know.... you can find the ECHO and all the record book forms, registration forms, & so much more on the 4-H web site at:
<http://grant.uwex.edu>



Animal Science

RABBIT & POULTRY SKILL-A-THON—The Rabbit & Poultry committee will be holding a skill-a-thon on April 7th at 7pm at the Youth & Ag. We will be using a computer program to practice and then have some friendly competition with prizes. This will be a great way to test your knowledge and get ready for those showmanship questions. We will also be going over the requirements for rabbit tattooing, poultry banding/testing and paperwork for the fairs for any new members. Superintendents will be on-hand to answer your questions.

MOCK RABBIT & POULTRY SHOW—The Mock Rabbit & Poultry Show will be held on Tuesday, May 12. The rabbits will start at 6:30 pm, followed by the poultry at 7:30 pm. There will be a guest speaker for each. Bring your rabbit/poultry and get feedback from our guest judge. Anyone bringing poultry will need to bring the proper paperwork. If you are not sure what certificates are needed, please call Rob at the number below or ask at the skill-a-thon. If there is an interest in ear tattooing for rabbits at the show, please call Rob at 943-8432 or Joanne at 996-2007.

GRANT COUNTY 4-H HAPPY HOPPER RABBIT CLUB—Planning for the 4-H Happy Hopper Rabbit Show on March 29, 6:00 pm. Kids Corner will have a coloring contest and movies. Rural Route 1 will donate popcorn for the Rabbit Show on March 29. Donald Stelpflug donated four carrying cages for showmanship winners. Come join us for our 4th Annual Rabbit Show, March 29. For more details contact Cary or Emily Allen at 943-6164. Our next meeting will be April 6 in the South Room at the Y & Ag at 7:00 pm.

POULTRY CERTIFICATION- All 4-H and FFA members must have their poultry enrolled with the Wisconsin Department of Ag as a "Wisconsin Tested Flock" or "Wisconsin Associate Flock" in order to exhibit at fairs this summer. All poultry over 4 months of age and turkeys over 6 months must be tested. Contact the Extension Office for more information.

CAT MEETINGS—Only one meeting attendance is required. Please mark your calendars.

April 28, Tuesday, 7:00 pm, Speaker

June 20, Saturday, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, Mock Cat Show

All meetings will be held in South Room at Youth & Ag Center. If you have any questions call Hillary Taylor at 994-2689 or Greg & Donna Cyborski at 763-2181.

WAGS-N-WIGGLES PRACTICE SCHEDULE- All Thursday practices start at 6:30 pm, near or in the show barns. All Sunday practices start at 6:00 pm, near or in the show barns.

Following is a list of meeting dates:

April 16 & 26	July 9, 19 & 30
May 7, 17 & 28	August 9
June 7, 18 & 28	

In case of bad weather, make sure Nicki and Gary have your phone number and e-mail address, we will contact you before that night. We also broadcast it on WGLR radio station (97.7). You can also contact us at our home phone number, 943-8869, Gary is home by 4:30 pm.



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WISCONSIN STATE FAIR SHEEP IDENTIFICATION

All exhibitors interested in participating in the 2009 Wisconsin State Fair Market Lamb and Performance Classes must pre-register their market lambs at one of the official sites. Lambs entered in the performance class will be evaluated on a combination of daily rate of gain, carcass data, and live placing. Lambs participating in this class must be weighed in at statewide market lamb identification sites. All lambs will be required to have a DNA sample taken and be individually identified. There will be a \$10 cost per animal for the DNA testing which will be collected at the weigh-in sites. Market lamb identification enables Wisconsin State Fair to maintain a higher level of quality control. State Fair rules, regulations and entry information will be available in May at www.wistatefair.com

Sheep Identification Guidelines:

1. All junior exhibitors interested in exhibiting market lambs during the WSF MUST identify their lambs during one of the district registration sites listed below.
2. There are no minimum or maximum weight regulations for market lambs.
3. Lambs need to be identified in the exhibitor's name or immediate family member's name only.
4. Each exhibitor will only be allowed to bring two of the identified lambs to the WSF. An exhibitor may also enter up to two lambs in the performance class in addition to the lambs he/she enters for the fair.
5. The exhibitor and/or their parents/legal guardian must be in attendance to sign and verify the DNA sample.

2009 Sheep Identification Sites

The following locations will host market lamb identification

- Iowa County Fairgrounds Mineral Point, WI, April 29, 5:00-7:00 pm
Contact Person: Matt Heins, 608-574-6477
- Rock County Fairgrounds, Janesville, WI, May 2, 9:00 am-12:00 noon
Contact Person: Randy Thompson, 608-757-5696
- Dane County Fairgrounds, Madison, WI, May 2, 9:00 am-11:00 noon
Contact Person: Romaine Ace, 608-835-5264
- Green County Fairgrounds, Monroe, WI, May 2, 9:00 am—11:00 am,
Contact person: Mark Novak, 608-426-0611

GRANT COUNTY FAIR SHEEP & GOAT PROJECT WEIGH-IN

The weigh-in and identification of the goat and sheep projects for the Grant County Fair Junior Livestock Auction is Saturday, May 2 from 9:00-12:00 noon at the Fairgrounds. This will be the only time and location for weighing-in your goat and sheep projects. Members may identify up to eight lambs. Ewes are not allowed in market classes at the Grant County Fair, a special commercial ewe lamb class has been added. Pure boer and boer cross goat wethers were added to the goat class at the Grant County Fair.

LIVESTOCK AUCTION SEMINARS

MAQA CERTIFIED

All swine exhibitors at the Grant County Fair and Wisconsin State Fair must be MAQA certified each year in order to show and sell.

This is a listing of Livestock Auction Seminars that have been set so far. We may be adding more later. It is important that you check this page each month for updated seminars. We also encourage you to attend a seminar related to your project and NOT TO WAIT until the last seminar. Those youth planning to sell in this year's Grant County Junior Fair Livestock Auction must attend at least one of these seminars as a condition of sale. Seminars are open to the public so anyone (youth and adults) can attend as they choose. **Call the Extension Office at 723-2125 to pre-register at least 2 days in advance. Seminars that do not have enough pre-registered participants will be cancelled.**

- ❑ **Saturday, April 4,** 10:00 am - 12:00 noon, Dairy Judging and Fitting Clinic, Fairgrounds, Lancaster
- ❑ **Tuesday, April 7,** 7:00 pm, Rabbit & Poultry Skillathon, Fairgrounds, Lancaster
- ❑ **Wednesday, April 22,** 7:00 pm, Surviving the Auction and Continuing the Tradition, Y & A
- ❑ **Tuesday, May 5,** 7:00 pm, MAQA Meeting, Y & A
- ❑ **Tuesday, May 12,** Rabbits 6:30 & Poultry 7:30 pm, Mock Rabbit & Poultry Show, Fairgrounds
- ❑ **Saturday, May 16,** 9:30 am, County Livestock Day, Fairgrounds, Lancaster
- ❑ **Thursday, June 11,** Badger Livestock Judging Camp, West Allis
- ❑ **Sunday—Tuesday June 14-16,** Badger Dairy Camp, West Allis
- ❑ **Saturday, July 11,** 9:00 am—5:00 pm, Dairy and Meat Goat Meeting and Mock Show, Fairgrounds, Lancaster
- ❑ **Tuesday, July 14,** Rabbits 7:00 & Poultry 6:30 pm, Rabbit & Poultry Showmanship Clinic, Y & A
- ❑ **Wednesday, July 29,** 7:00 pm, MAQA Meeting

OTHER SEMINAR OPTIONS: If you attend a beef, sheep, swine, dairy, goat, rabbit or poultry meeting or event, call the Extension Office to request approval as an educational seminar.

FFA EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS

The following educational seminars will be offered to FFA members in order to qualify to sell livestock or cheese at the 2009 Grant County Junior Livestock Auction. FFA members must attend at least one of these seminars or one of the educational seminars offered by the Grant County Extension Office. Vo-Ag Instructors will be required to submit a list of FFA members who have attended these seminars to the Grant County Extension Office by May 8.

1. Participate in the UW Madison Meat Evaluation Contest Practice Workout—TBA
2. Participate in a Dairy, Livestock or Meat Evaluation Contest at one of the area FFA skills contest.

March 26 - UW Platteville	April 3 — Belleville
March 21 - Janesville	April 24 - State FFA Competition