



Animal Science

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. If there is an interest in ear tattooing for rabbits at the show, please call Rob at 943-8432 or Joanne at 996-2007.

HAPPY HOPPERS RABBIT CLUB MINUTES—Thank you to Bob and Sue Dietzman for the great job they did judging at the rabbit show. Thanks also to all the families who helped as well as the businesses who were very generous. There will not be a meeting in May—our next meeting will be June 1 in the South Room at 6:00 pm. We will be having a potluck. Anyone is welcome to attend the rabbit meetings. If you have any questions contact Cary or Emily Allen at 943-6164.

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.

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.

20TH ANNUAL PUREBRED & HOUSEHOLD PET SPRING CAT SHOW- The show will be held on May 30th & 31st, at Newman Middle School Gym, 225 S. 28th Ave, Wausau, WI. Admission will be \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children. **We are willing to give special group rates to 4-H clubs.** The show is open to the public from 9 am to 4 pm on Sat. and 8:30 am to 3:30 pm on Sunday. Special feature of this year's show is Saturday we will have a Cat Costume Contest in keeping with the show theme, “Brotherhood of Cats!” If you would like to enter your purebred or household pet cat or kitten in the show, please contact Patti Day at 952-448-4933 after 5 pm or at pattidayclerk@juno.com. Deadline for entries is May 19.

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 at the fairgrounds, Lancaster.

Following is a list of meeting dates:

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

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.

AGILITY EQUIPMENT BUILD DAY—May 2, 9:30 am, in back of sales pavilion. We will be building and re-doing the equipment for dog agility. Pizza will be provided for lunch, please bring a dish to pass. If you have any questions call Nicki at 943-8869.



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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
ALL GOAT WETHERS NEED TO BE WEIGHED IN FOR THE GRANT COUNTY FAIR.
THIS INCLUDES ANIMALS NOT BEING SOLD.

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.

SCRAPIE TAG REQUIRED FOR SHEEP & GOATS

Breeding sheep and goat and sexually-intact sheep and goats going to exhibitions or that have resided with sheep and dairy goats, must be identified with an official scrapie ear tag for the official scrapie identification. Sheep and Goats exposed to scrapie will not be allowed for exhibition. Contact your local vet for more information.

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.**

- 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.