



## THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND FOR THE MAPS PROGRAM

### In General

1. By November 1st sign up for the NWSF MAPS Program and your 4-H Club or FFA Chapter
2. Know the two mandatory dates of meetings to attend. November 15 at BHS and June 13 NWSF. Both meetings start at 6pm.
3. Information will be posted to the NWSF website. The overview for MAP is posted there. Links for forms will also be posted there.
4. Communication will be a key to a strong program. There are only 2 meetings. Most communication will be emails. Please take time to read. If you have any questions, talk to the leadership team.
5. Important dates are already stated on the MAP overview and posted on the webpage. (Cindy will show how to find this on webpage)
6. We are using more technology (QR Codes) If you don't know or don't have the smartphone to scan, let Jackie or myself know, we can send links via email.
7. If your family would like a mentor, let Jackie or myself know, we will pair you with a family of the program.
8. Education opportunities were listed on the November 15 agenda. Many different sessions are scheduled. Many more will be announced after January 30. Mark your calendars for these. We will also post them to the NWSF webpage. (2 educations are required to be eligible to sell at the auction) Education will **not** be offered at the November 15 or June 13 meetings.
9. YQCA This is required to show at any county fair in Wisconsin. You can take the course online for \$12 or in person training will be announced for \$3. Jackie Johnson is becoming certified. Dates of the in person training will be announced after December 1.
10. Each animal has to be tag before coming to the fair. Cost of each tag is \$2. Tags will be put in at the Beef Weigh-in December 10 or the sheep weigh-in April 1. Swine tags will be given to the members in March for the families to put the tags in.

11. Members should think of goals for the year. We are asking you to keep accurate records on feed costs, vet checks, and supplies needed. We will require this information at the fair. (cost/goal form is posted to NWSF website and handed out)
12. Members will receive information about the auction in the spring. All members need to see potential bidders/buyers for their animal.
13. Sign up for the fair will be opening mid April and due mid June. Exact dates will be given in the spring
14. Some rules for MAP might be found in the fair booklet. (Hassement rule etc..)

**Beef** (specific)

- a. Beef weigh-in December 10th 10-noon at Equity Livestock. Weather related date December 17th same time. Tags are \$2 each
- b. See NWSF MAP overview for specific information to this species relating to eligibility for the auction
- c. See NWSF fair booklet for showing specific information

**Swine** (specific)

- a. All swine need to be ear notched.
- b. All swine need to be born after December 15
- c. Start looking for your breeder. The piglets are not born but you can get on the waiting list to ensure you have a place to purchase your hogs.
- d. All hog breeders should have the PRRS testing done before they sell you piglets. This ensures you can bring home healthy piglets.
- e. Swine are delicate. They are susceptible to pneumonia/respiratory issues. Please watch the weather and keep the pigs when they are small, in a dry and warm environment.
- f. See NWSF MAP overview for specific information to this species relating to eligibility for the auction
- g. See NWSF fair booklet for showing specific information
- h. No weigh-in due to State Vet Recommendations. Tags will be given out in March. Each tag is \$2.

**Sheep** (specific)

- a. Lambs need to be born after January 1
- b. Start looking for a breeder This ensures you have a spot to purchase lambs if needed
- c. See NWSF MAP overview for specific information to this species relating to eligibility for the auction
- d. See NWSF fair booklet for showing specific information
- e. Sheep weigh in is April 1 from 9am-10am at the Eagleton Town Hall Tags are \$2 each.