



NWSFA MAP Mandatory Program Overview Meeting

Monday, November 10, 2025 | 6:30pm | Bloomer High School Commons

1. Introduction of 2025-26 MAP Leadership and NWSFA JOF Leadership
2. Reminders for All
 - a. Registration is due TONIGHT
 - b. Each family can weigh-in up to 3 animals per species per exhibitor at the initial weigh-in or for swine, identify 3 hogs
 - c. Each exhibitor can bring up to 2 animals per species to the fair
3. Program Changes for All
 - a. Live grades will be communicated to exhibitors either in the exhibition ring or as they are exiting the exhibition ring
 - b. Carcass education will be on a rotation by species with whichever species sells first in the auction being the species required to attend for that year, swine sells first at the 2026 auction
4. Break into Groups by Species
 - a. All
 - i. What to look for when selecting show animals
 - ii. Signs of health issues with your species of animal
 - iii. Drug/medication withdrawal times and importance of accurate record keeping
 - b. Beef
 - i. Dairy Steer initial weigh-in maximum changed to 1000 pounds
 - c. Sheep
 - i. Weight requirement for weigh-in at fair changed from 90 to 110 pounds
 - ii. Change that weights of 90 to 109 pounds will be able to show in an ultra-lightweight class but will not be auction eligible
 - d. Swine
 - i. 840 RFID ear tags required – can be obtained from NWSFA Office after January 1
 - ii. Tags MUST be picked up by April 1
5. Summary from Each Species for Large Group
6. Ear Tags
 - a. Cost is \$5/tag
 - b. Beef will be placed AT initial weigh-in
 - c. Sheep need to have scrapies tag BEFORE initial weigh-in
 - d. Swine can be picked up at NWSFA Office beginning January 1 and MUST be picked up by April 1
7. Initial Weigh-In Dates
 - a. Beef – Saturday, December 13 | 10am-12pm | Equity Co-op, Eau Claire
 - b. Sheep – Saturday, April 11 | 9am-10am | NWSF, Chippewa Falls
 - c. Swine – Information due by Google Form by Midnight, Saturday, April 11

8. Education Requirements
 - a. Each exhibitor is required to participate in TWO approved, in-person educational events open to the public related to the meat animal industry and evaluation, animal husbandry, ethical care and treatment of animals, biosecurity, and/or showmanship skills
 - i. Time frame starts at the beginning of the 2025 NWSF Open Class to June 26, 2026
 - ii. Carcass Education from July 2025 does NOT count toward two required educational experiences, this is a separate requirement
 - iii. Google Form will be available online to submit after both educational experiences are completed
 1. Due by Midnight on Friday, June 26
 - b. YQCA certification is required either in person or virtual
 - i. Does NOT count towards 2 required educational experiences
 - ii. Completion certificate due to NWSF by Monday, June 15
 - c. MAP will offer several face-to-face educational offerings – watch for future communication via MAP website, email, and/or social media for dates and times
 - d. Online educational sessions do NOT count towards the two required educational experiences
9. Updates, forms, educational opportunities, etc. can be found at www.nwsfa.com/map
10. MAP Mentor Program Opportunity
11. Deductions from Auction Checks
 - a. Check-off cost is \$1/animal
 - b. 3% Commission is used for operating expenses
 - c. Trucking Fees – TBD for all species
12. Meat Lockers
 - a. Each member selling an animal at the NWSF MAP Auction gets one spot at the locker plant for the species they are selling
 - i. Swine exhibitors get two spots due to a terminal show
 1. Member will need to have a buyer for all swine not being sold at the auction
 - b. Beef – Almena Meats
 - c. Sheep – Lotts-a-Meat
 - d. Swine –Bob’s Processing
13. Review of the NWSF Exhibitor Code of Conduct
14. Each family will be assigned to a subcommittee – committees will be assigned in December by the MAP Leadership Team and communicated to MAP families via email and on the NWSF MAP website
 - a. Auction Welcome and Bidder Registration
 - b. Pre-Auction Facility Set Up
 - c. Post-Auction Facility Takedown
 - d. NWSF Livestock Load Out
 - e. MAP Awards & Buyers Picnic – Set Up & Takedown/Clean Up
 - f. MAP Awards & Buyers Picnic – Meal Coordination
15. Any other updates
16. Questions?

Next Mandatory MAP Meeting is Pre-Fair Meeting on Tuesday, June 2, starting at 6:30 pm at the Bloomer High School Commons