



Fond du Lac County

# Market Livestock Project

Fond du Lac County Fair

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## Mission Statement

*The Fond du Lac County Market Livestock Committee is dedicated to educating the community about agriculture and promoting quality meat production. We provide a safe space for youth to engage with the public and develop professional skills. Through these efforts, we aim to strengthen the connection between agriculture and our community.*

### APRIL 15 DEADLINE

- Market Livestock Scholarship is due.
- Show Camp Grant Application is due.
  - [www.fonddulaccountyfair.com](http://www.fonddulaccountyfair.com) —>Exhibitors—>Market Livestock Committee and Project

### APRIL 15 DEADLINE

- Market beef, market hog, market lamb, and meat goat self-identification submission must be submitted by 11:59 p.m.
  - Includes breeding stock.
  - [www.fonddulaccountyfair.com](http://www.fonddulaccountyfair.com) —>Exhibitors—>Market Livestock Committee and Project

### SELF-IDENTIFICATION OF ANIMALS

PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK THAT ALL INFORMATION IS CORRECT WHEN SUBMITTING YOUR SELF-IDENTIFICATION FORM.

- Each animal must be submitted individually.
- **This information will appear exactly as submitted in the Market Livestock Sale booklet.**
  - If you want both parents included in the sale book, you will need to list both parents on the form.

### IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS- Ear tags and Photos

#### \*EAR TAGS

Each exhibitor must:

- Tag animals using official Fond du Lac County Fair RFID tags

- Swine, beef, meat goats, and market lambs will have a double ear tag system (one visual ID and one corresponding RFID tag).
  - The visual ID tag is to be placed in one ear of the animal.
  - The corresponding RFID tag is to be placed in the opposite ear.
- For market lambs and meat goats, the Scrapie Tag will be their visual ID tag.
  - They will still be required to have an RFID tag (button tag) given to you by Fond du Lac County MLC.
- Complete the online animal identification form. [www.fonddulaccountyfair.com](http://www.fonddulaccountyfair.com)—> Exhibitors—>Market Livestock Committee and Project

### LOST TAGS

- One tag lost - contact a member of the Market Livestock Committee for replacement.
  - See Contact List. [www.fonddulaccountyfair.com](http://www.fonddulaccountyfair.com)—>Exhibitors—>Market Livestock Committee and Project
- If an animal loses both tags, the animal will be disqualified from the Sale.

### \*PHOTO REQUIREMENTS - TWO PHOTOS

- Headshot of each animal, with ear tags clearly visible and properly attached.
  - Label photo with ear tag # and family last name
- Full profile (side) view of the individual animal showing markings.
  - Label photo with ear tag # and family last name

### MAXIMUM ANIMALS ALLOWED FOR IDENTIFICATION

An exhibitor is allowed a maximum of animals per species to be identified:

- **Market hogs** - Five per exhibitor can be identified; one gilt, one barrow can be shown
- **Market lambs** - Five per exhibitor can be identified; only two market lambs can be shown
- **Meat goats** - Five per exhibitor can be identified; only two meat goats can be shown
- **Market steers** - Three per exhibitor can be identified; only one market steer per division (beef, dairy, dairy x dairy crossbred) can be shown

### SWITCHING OF ANIMALS

No “switching” of animals may occur outside of immediate family members between initial identification and final weigh-in.

### MARKET LIVESTOCK SALE REQUIREMENTS

#### EDUCATIONAL POINTS

- The calendar year for completing the eight (8) points begins the Monday following the previous fair and ends on July 1 of the current year’s fair.
- To check how many points you have, please email [fdlmarketlivestock@gmail.com](mailto:fdlmarketlivestock@gmail.com).
  - Please do NOT expect an immediate response to your email.
- Point totals will be updated by the 15th of each month.

- Make sure that you are also keeping track of your points.
- There will be no educational requirement for youth who graduated from high school the previous year, besides Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA).

## EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Maximum number of webinars/virtual meetings permitted = **ONE**
- YQCA - 2 points toward the minimum 8 points needed for the sale
  - <http://yqcaprogram.org/>
- Each exhibitor including those showing their last year must be YQCA certified.
- **YQCA IN PERSON**
  - Saturday, April 4 - 9:00 a.m., Fond du Lac County at the Fairgrounds
  - Please register and complete the following requirements by March 28, 2026, if attending in person.
    - <https://yqcaprogram.org/>
      - Sign-in
      - Select your child's age
      - Select Instructor-Led Training
      - Choose the participant, the state, and the correct training led by Sam Pinchart on April 4
      - Pay the \$3.00 fee
      - Complete the pretest by March 28, 2026
        - <https://forms.gle/xMjMjtJJkLEu2v6q9>
- **YQCA ONLINE**
  - YQCA training is also offered online and has a \$12.00 fee per person.
  - When completed, please email a copy of the YQCA certificate to [fdlmarketlivestock@gmail.com](mailto:fdlmarketlivestock@gmail.com) OR complete the Google form for educational points, and attach your certificate there.
- You have 10 days after educational classes, shows, and/or YQCA to complete the Google form, and send it in to receive points. **After 10 days, NO points will be awarded.**

**For all rules regarding the Fond du Lac County Fair Market Livestock Sale, please visit <http://www.fonddulaccountyfair.com/> to view the rules in the fair premium book. Market Livestock information will continue to be added to this website. Information will also be sent to the UW Extension Office for the weekly email for 4-H families.**

## **HERDSMANSHIP**

Herdsmanship will be awarded for the top three clubs in each species.

- 1st place - \$40.00
- 2nd place - \$30.00
- 3rd place - \$20.00

### ADDITIONAL UPDATES

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SALE IS A TERMINAL SALE; all sale animals are to be slaughtered.** The Fond du Lac County Fair will haul each sale animal to the buyer's choice of processors. Our processors are listed below.

Processor/Market	Location	Phone
Loehr's Meat Market	Campbellsport	920 533 4513
Beck's Meat Processing	Oshkosh	920 589 2104
Otto's Meat Processing	Luxemburg	920 845 2612

### NON-SALE HOGS

- The exhibitor is responsible for hauling his/her own non-sale hogs immediately after the fair.
- Exhibitors must schedule processing appointments for non-sale animals NOW. Processing space is limited.

### PRRS/PRV TEST for SWINE

- Since the Fond du Lac County Fair is a non-terminal show, exhibitors are required to have a negative PRRS within 90 days before the fair.
- This testing requirement is in addition to the required swine intrastate veterinarian health certificate needed to exhibit at the Fond du Lac County Fair.
- Hogs will not be unloaded at the fair without a certificate indicating a negative test in addition to a health certificate.

### RACTOPAMINE POLICY

- Feeding Paylean or Engain is prohibited.
- Animals may be randomly tested.
  - If positive:
    - The exhibitor must reimburse the buyer.
    - The exhibitor will be banned from selling for one year.

## 2026 Fond du Lac County Fair Barn Superintendents

If there is a problem in your barn, please contact the superintendent **immediately**. It is the superintendent's job to take care of any issues or concerns that may arise during the fair. If you are unable to find the superintendent, please go to the Fond du Lac County Fair Office.

Beef Superintendent	Adam Averbeck	920 904 1688	averbeck43@gmail.com
Goat/sheep Superintendent	Carla Ward	920 948 4312	mcward6@hotmail.com
Swine Superintendent	Shaun Steger	920 602 0139	stegerinstegerout@live.com

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS - DON'T FORGET...


- Swine - Call your vet for guidance on deworming.
  - Swine should be dewormed several times before the fair.
- Sheep and goat exhibitors, call your vet for guidance on deworming.
- Beef - remove all farm tags from your animal



## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**June 27, Saturday** - 7:00 a.m. - Swine/sheep/goat barn pen set up

- **July 12, Sunday** - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Barn display set up - This time may change. Please watch Facebook and the 4-H newsletter.
  - **Absolutely NOBODY will be allowed in the barns beforehand.**
- **July 12, Sunday** - 3:00 p.m. - Cow Palace - Mandatory MLC fair meeting with Mr. Pinchart  
OR
- **July 14, Tuesday** - 3:00 p.m. - Cow Palace - Mandatory MLC fair meeting with Mr. Pinchart
  - *If the meeting is missed, the exhibitor must discuss the agenda with Mr. Pinchart.*
- **July 13, Monday** - 8 a.m. - Barn display set up
- **July 14, Tuesday** - WEIGH INS
  - According to the Fair Book, there is absolutely NO unloading before the weigh-in time for swine, goats, sheep, and lambs.
  - Swine - 7:00 - 10:00 a.m. - Sheep/goat/swine barn
    - Don't forget PRRS/PEDv negative test (done within 90 days of the fair) and health certificate (done within 30 days of the fair).
    - *All animals including breeding stock must be checked in.*
  - Beef - 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Beef barn - southeast corner
  - Sheep and goats - 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Sheep/goat/swine barn
- **July 15, Wednesday**
  - Please make sure that you have your fair entry tags with you when you go into the show ring.
  - If you are **SHOWING** *but NOT SELLING*, please communicate that with those at the announcers' table.
  - Market Livestock Meat Animal Sale
    - The Market Livestock Meat Animal Sale book will be emailed to the email listed on your fair entry by 10:00 p.m.
    - All corrections must be emailed back to the MLC by 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 16.
      - Corrections received after 7:30 a.m. will not be included in the Market Livestock Meat Animal Sale book.
  - **CLOTHING - new this year**
    - *Specifically for female exhibitors - Please dress appropriately for showing—wear clean, well-fitted clothing that reflects professionalism and respect for the event.*

- This includes the Market Livestock shows as well as the Meat Animal Sale.
- **July 16, Thursday** - Market Livestock Meat Animal Sale
  - Please pay attention to the announcements, so you know when your animal is being sold.
  - Check your animal in at the gate.
  - After the sale, don't forget to shake hands with your buyer.
- **July 19, Sunday** - Thank you cards
  - Thank you cards for the buyer, award sponsors, and sweatshirt sponsors are due before 2:00 p.m. 
  - Each envelope should be stamped and have the buyer's address.
    - Award sponsor addresses will be available in each barn and will also be listed on the back of your award.
    - Stamps and cards will NOT be available at the fair.
  - ALL thank you cards must be turned into a MLC member in the SHEEP/GOAT/SWINE barn from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
  - Fair wrap-up meeting
    - Cow Palace at 5:30 p.m.
      - Say goodbye to your animals before this meeting. Animals may be loaded while you are at the meeting.
    - Beck's Meat Processing will pick up swine sometime after 5:30 p.m.
      - *NO unauthorized people in the barn during loading for Beck's.*
    - No display tear down until approval is given by a member of the MLC
    - No loading of extra swine until approval is given by a member of the MLC
- **July 21, Tuesday** - 7:00 p.m. - Beef carcass contest
  - Beck's Meat Processing - 519 Clairville Road, Oshkosh
  - Counts as two points for the 2027 fair
- **July 22, Wednesday** - 7:00 p.m. - Swine carcass contest
  - Loehr's Meat Market, 523 E. Main Street, Campbellsport
  - Counts as two points for the 2027 fair

### FINAL NOTES

For more general information regarding educational opportunities and resources, please...

- Check our Facebook page-Market Livestock Fond du Lac County.
- Updates are also shared via the UW- Extension Friday newsletter.
- Consult with your FFA advisor or 4-H leader.
- Email the MLC at [fdlmarketlivestock@gmail.com](mailto:fdlmarketlivestock@gmail.com).
- Call one of the MLC members listed on the Fond du Lac County Fair website at [www.fonddulaccountyfair.com/](http://www.fonddulaccountyfair.com/) under the Exhibitors tab.



Please be patient with us. We are ALL volunteers trying to make the Market Livestock Program and the Meat Animal Sale a successful event for all!