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2009 Wisconsin State Fair Market Swine Identification Sites Announced

WEST ALLIS, WI, February, 2009 – Wisconsin State Fair officials have announced the locations and dates for the 2009 swine identification sites. All junior and open show market hog exhibitors wishing to exhibit barrows during the 2009 Wisconsin State Fair, August 6th – August 16th are required to attend one of the regionally located identification sites. DNA identification will be conducted at these sites and will cost \$10.00 per animal. The current identification system allows officials to maintain consistent procedures thereby strengthening the integrity of the show, the animals that go to market, and the champions that sell in the Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction.

Swine identification Guidelines:

- All junior and open Exhibitors interested in exhibiting market swine during the Wisconsin State Fair **MUST** identify their barrows at one of the identification sites listed below. Exhibitors may identify as many barrows as they chose.
- There are no minimum or maximum weight requirements for identification.
- Exhibitors entering in the performance barrow class must weigh their barrows at one of these sites. Barrows must weigh 60 pounds or less. The performance barrow class will be evaluated on a combination of lean gain and live placing.
- All swine must be castrated. No boars will be identified.
- All swine identified will receive an official WSF ear tag, must have readable ear notches, provide a DNA hair sample and complete a pre-registration form at one of the locations.
- Barrows need to be identified in the exhibitor's name or immediate family member's name only.
- Each exhibitor showing in the junior show will only be allowed to bring two of the identified market barrows to the junior Market Barrow Show at the Wisconsin State Fair.
- The exhibitor and or their parent/legal guardian must be in attendance to sign and verify the DNA sample.

2009 Swine identification Sites:

Saturday, April 18th 9:00 am until 12:00 pm

Stoughton Fairgrounds - Stoughton, WI

Contact person: Richard Bussian – 920.623.2348

Grant County Fairgrounds - Lancaster, WI

Contact person: Alicia Prill-Adams – 608.348.6982

Sheboygan County Fairgrounds - Plymouth, WI

Contact person: Don Mier – 920.893.6911 Ext. 1552

Rock County Fairgrounds - Janesville, WI

Contact person: Tom Knauer – 608.883.2838

Dodge County Fairgrounds - Beaver Dam, WI

Contact person: Dave Graff – 920.696.3851

Racine County Fairgrounds - Union Grove, WI

Contact person: Eric Benhart – 262.903.6202

Kuehne Livestock Sales Barn - Seymour, WI

Contact person: Tom Henn – 715.758.8372

LaCrosse County Fairgrounds - West Salem, WI

Contact person: Steve Nuttleman – 608.386.8803

Polk County Fairgrounds – St. Croix Falls, WI

Contact person: Ryan Sterry – 715.485.8600

10:00 am until 12:00 pm

Saturday, April 25th 9:00 am until 12:00 pm

Arlington Agriculture Research Station – Arlington, WI

Contact person: Dan Goehring – 920.927.3432

Junior exhibitors interested in participating in the Wisconsin State Fair must contact their local UW Extension office for entry deadlines and information. Rules, regulations and entry information will be available online in March at www.wistatefair.com. For further information contact Wisconsin State Fair Park at 414.266.7050.

The Wisconsin State Fair, August 6th – August 16th, celebrating more than 150 years of Wisconsin tradition, continues its' strong commitment to promoting the many accomplishments of youth exhibitors, as well as showcasing the State's rich agricultural heritage.