

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

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For the health and safety of animals, exhibitors and Fairgoers, Wisconsin State Fair with the support of the Wisconsin State Fair Agriculture Committee is implementing the following sheep health check-in procedures for Open and Junior Sheep shows at the 2023 Wisconsin State Fair.

New for 2023! All sheep must arrive show-ready for veterinary inspection upon arrival at the Fair.

Before you arrive at the Fair - All commercial ewes, market lambs, performance lambs, and slick-shorn registered sheep (including slick-shorn Hampshire, Suffolk, Shropshire, Southdown, etc.) must be shorn at a uniform length of 1/8 inch or less before arriving at Wisconsin State Fair Park. Registered breeding sheep should be fitted to resemble the breed division entered.

When you arrive at the Fair – Wisconsin State Fair Veterinarians will inspect all sheep in the barn beginning at:

Open Show Rotation 1 – 9:00 am on August 4, 2023

Junior Show - 9:30 am on August 7, 2023

Open Show Rotation 2 – 9:00 am on August 11, 2023

Exhibitors (or family members with fitting wristbands) must remove all blankets, hoods, and leg wraps from animals so Wisconsin State Fair Veterinarians and veterinary staff can inspect the sheep. Sheep prolapsing, sheep showing symptoms or exhibiting ringworm, fungus or other infectious, contagious, or communicable diseases will be disqualified. Any suspected cases noted by veterinary staff will be referred to the WSF Veterinarian assigned to that veterinary team for a final determination.

The decision of the WSF Veterinarian regarding the health of an animal is final. Statements or treatment by an exhibitor's veterinarian will not overrule the WSF Veterinarian's ruling.

Any animal showing evidence of infectious, contagious or communicable disease will be moved from the barn to the quarantine tent by the Exhibitor and Wisconsin State Fair Veterinary Staff. The animal will be marked as disqualified. Animals that are moved to the quarantine tent must be removed from the Fair Park grounds within 24 hours. Quarantined animals cannot remain on-site at Wisconsin State Fair. No animals are allowed or to be kept at offsite lots.