

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

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UPDATES FOR 2023

2023 Junior Show Entry Deadlines

- May 24 at **7 pm** Central Time Online entries (with no late entry fee) close
YQCA Certification completed and valid through August 13, 2023
DNA/840 Ear Tag Identification Deadline (Postmarked by May 24, 2023)
VAIC (Volunteer Adult Independent Contact) applications due
- May 31 at **5 pm** Central Time **Late** online entries (with \$100/exhibitor late fee) close – entries not completed and paid by this time will **not** be accepted

ENTRY INFORMATION will be available at wistatefair.com/competitions/junior-livestock/.

The purchase of 840 tags/DNA sample envelopes does *not* constitute entry into 2023 Wisconsin State Fair.

ONLINE ENTRIES will open in April at entry.wistatefair.com. Use your email address and password from your 2022 entries or from DNA purchases made earlier this year. If you need a password reset, please email entryoffice@wistatefair.com.

YOUTH CENTER - The 2023 room rate is \$120.00 plus tax, or \$138.60 per night per room. This does not include admission or meals. Rooms during Junior Shows are reserved first by VAGCs (Group Leaders); please contact your VAGC regarding their rooming plans and space available.

JUNIOR BOER GOAT

- Animal classes have been updated; Junior classes now mirror Open classes.
- Showmanship now has a class for every age group.

JUNIOR POULTRY

- We will continue to monitor the Avian Influenza information provided by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection.

JUNIOR SHEEP

- All Junior Sheep must be **in place at 9:30 am** on August 7th.
- **New for 2023! All sheep must arrive show-ready for veterinary inspection upon arrival 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.
- **New for 2023! Sheep Health Check beginning at 9:30 am on August 7th.** Wisconsin State Fair Veterinarians will inspect all sheep in the barn beginning at 9:30 am on August 7th. 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 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.

JUNIOR SWINE

- The Junior Gilt classes in the Breeding Gilt Division will include gilts born December 1, 2022 and later.

REMINDERS

GAS/DIESEL/PROPANE STORAGE CONTAINERS - No containers holding hazardous/flammable materials can be stored on the grounds.

STALLING

- **GROUP STALLING**- Approved Volunteer Adult Group Contacts are posted on wistatefair.com.
✓ **Please note – Your choice of VAGC determines the group you will stall with in the barn.** If you are entering in more than one species (example: Junior Dairy and Junior Sheep), you must choose a stalling group from the drop-down menu **for each species** as you make your entries.
- **INDEPENDENT STALLING**-If you are not planning to stall with a group, choose “Other” when entering and name a VAIC (Volunteer Adult Independent Contact) who has completed a VAC application by the May 24, 2023 deadline. Independent exhibitors are stalled separately; we cannot accommodate requests (other than siblings) for independent exhibitors to be stalled together.

ADMISSION TICKETS

- **Exhibitor Admission Tickets** purchased by July 15th at entry.wistatefair.com are \$7. They will be mailed beginning in June.
- Exhibitor Admission Tickets purchased after July 15th online or at Case IH Coliseum Entry Office are \$9. Tickets purchased after July 15th will not be mailed and must be picked up at the Entry Office by the exhibitor.
- There is a limit of 50 exhibitor admission tickets per exhibitor.
- General Admission tickets purchased during the Fair at the Gate: Adults (12 & over) \$18, Seniors (60 & over) \$13, Military/Veterans with ID \$13, Youth (ages 6 – 11) \$13, Children 5 and under Free.

FAIRGROUNDS ENTRY

- Non-Agriculture areas of the Fair open at 10 am. However, exhibitors, family and guests will be able to enter the Fair Park beginning at 6am.
 - There are two admission entrances:
 - Ag Village Entrance D (84th Street & Schlinger Ave)
 - Tunnel Entrance F
 - There is one parking entrance: Gate 1 (W Greenfield Avenue & S 79th Street)
- Admission tickets are required to attend Ag Shows, and advance purchase is encouraged. Only credit cards are accepted for admission ticket purchase at the gates.
- Agriculture Exhibitors who park at the offsite Agriculture Blue Ribbon parking lot will still be able to access the grounds 24 hours a day via the shuttle that drops off and picks up at Gate 5.

VEHICLE PARKING

- **ONSITE PARKING** General Fair Park parking (daytime only) is available for \$15 per day/vehicle, payable at the gates.
- **OVERNIGHT PARKING** Exhibitors needing overnight parking must park at the designated Blue Ribbon Off-site parking lots. A free shuttle will run continuously from noon, Tuesday, August 1st through the duration of the Fair. The shuttle will pick up and drop off near Gate 5.

FAIR EMPLOYEES WANTED: Wisconsin State Fair has many employment opportunities available to work during the annual State Fair. Opportunities range from working in agriculture education, barn cleaning, gates, changeover, and more! Pay range \$13 to \$15. Interested? Email entryoffice@wistatefair.com

ACROSS ALL DEPARTMENTS

- Don't forget to sign up for the Communications, Quiz, and Showmanship contests!

JUNIOR BEEF

- **No Early Arrivals!** Animals may begin arriving after 12:15 am on August 7th.
- All generators must be in designated locations, a minimum of 5' from any building, with exhaust blowing away from buildings. Containers holding hazardous/flammable materials (including gas, diesel, propane, etc.) cannot be stored on the grounds.
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JUNIOR SHEEP

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JUNIOR SWINE

- Stalling for Rotation 1 (Breeding Swine) will again be as you arrive at the Fair. Groups should plan to arrive together.
- No swine are allowed to stay between rotations.

STAY CONNECTED!

- Sign up for our eblasts at <https://wistatefair.com/competitions/exhibitor-email-updates/>
- Like, share and invite others to join Wisconsin State Fair's Exhibitor Facebook page at <facebook.com/WISateFairExhibitors/>
- Questions? Please email us at entryoffice@wistatefair.com or call 414.266.7052 (Monday – Friday).