2015 Wisconsin State Fair Market Animal Identification

New for 2015! Youth interested in showing market beef, sheep or swine at the 2015 Wisconsin State Fair will need to get their animal projects DNA/RFID identified through the Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium (WLIC) by the respective State Fair eligibility deadlines. WLIC is coordinating a statewide DNA/RFID identification program for Wisconsin County and State Fairs. This identification system allows animals which are DNA/RFID identified through the WLIC County and State Fair program to meet Wisconsin State Fair Identification requirements as long as the process is completed (all forms returned and samples on file) by the respective Wisconsin State Fair identification deadline postmark.

Wisconsin State Fair DNA/RFID identification deadlines (postmark):

Beef: Monday - February 9, 2015
Sheep: Monday - May 11, 2015
Swine: Monday - May 11, 2015

How do I get my animals identified?: Request DNA/RFID tag identification by going to the WLIC website at www.wiid.org. Click on the button “County Fair DNA/ID project” (right side). Print out, complete and mail the request form with payment to WLIC. Make sure you return DNA and required paperwork to WLIC by the Wisconsin State Fair identification postmark deadline listed above. Tags and paperwork are ONLY available through WLIC. The Wisconsin State Fair Office no longer processes DNA/RFID tag requests.

How much will DNA/RFID identification cost?: $10 per animal identified for required DNA and RFID tag identification. If your animal has an existing 840 RFID ear tag you can purchase and submit a DNA envelope separately for $5.00. Be sure to list the existing RFID ear tag number on the paperwork and DNA submission.

Will my County DNA/RFID tag qualify for Wisconsin State Fair?: Wisconsin State Fair will accept all DNA/RFID samples submitted through WLIC by the respective Wisconsin State Fair identification postmark deadline. Samples for Wisconsin State Fair postmarked after the Wisconsin State Fair identification deadline postmark will NOT be accepted. Please check the WLIC website (www.wiid.org) to verify which counties are participating in the statewide DNA/RFID identification program.

What if my County is not participating in the statewide DNA/RFID program?: No problem! Request Wisconsin State Fair DNA/RFID identification through WLIC. Make sure you return DNA and required paperwork to WLIC by the Wisconsin State Fair identification deadline postmark listed above.

Do I need to let Wisconsin State Fair know I have my animal DNA/RFID identified?: No required DNA/RFID identification paperwork needs to be sent to Wisconsin State Fair. Wisconsin State Fair will receive eligible market animal identification numbers from WLIC after the Wisconsin State Fair DNA/RFID identification postmark deadline. Potential exhibitors are required to submit their Fair entries prior to the June (online or paper) entry deadlines by entering directly with Wisconsin State Fair. DNA/RFID identification is NOT your entry to the Fair.

Questions related to the DNA/RFID identification process contact: WLIC helpdesk@wiid.org – 888.808.1910

Questions related to Wisconsin State Fair or entry procedures contact: entryoffice@wistatefair.com or 414.266.7000