

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

2026 JUNIOR POULTRY SHOW UPDATES

Greetings! Join us in the celebration of the 175th Wisconsin State Fair, August 6-16th! As always, please be sure to read all of the Junior Poultry entry information (rules, regulations, arrival, release and shows times) located on:

<https://wistatefair.com/competitions/junior-livestock/>.

May 13, 2026 – Entries are currently open. The suspension of poultry shows and exhibitions by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection has expired and entries are now open.

We will continue to monitor the Avian Influenza information provided by [DATCP Home Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Poultry](#). Please sign up for eblasts and check the Exhibitor Facebook Page to keep up with the latest information.

LEG BANDS

- Junior poultry leg bands were mailed on May 13, 2026 to Junior Poultry exhibitors who requested them. ***Exhibitors who ordered bands should wait to make entries until they receive them. They must identify their entries and substitute animals with WSF band numbers when placing online entries.***
 - If you did **not** order leg bands, enter “2026” as band numbers when placing entries, and bands will be assigned and mailed to you.
 - Requesting poultry leg bands does **not** constitute entry into the 2026 Wisconsin State Fair.

2026 JUNIOR POULTRY DEADLINES and Reminders

June 10 at 7 pm Central Time

- Junior Poultry Online entries close
- ***New for 2026!*** YQCA Certification must be completed and uploaded to the entry system before you will be able to make your poultry entries.
 - *Certificate must remain valid through August 16, 2026.*
- Junior Poultry VAIC (Volunteer Adult Independent Contact) applications due

No late Junior Poultry entries will be accepted

HEALTH PAPER DEADLINE: NEW FOR 2026: Form 9-2 or 9-3 must be presented **upon arrival** at Wisconsin State Fair prior to unloading birds. You do not need to upload health papers at entry.

SHOWMANSHIP: NEW for 2026! Entry in the Showmanship contests must be made with Junior online entries, no later than the Junior Poultry Entry deadline (June 10th – 7 pm CT). Exhibitors will not be entered automatically, and onsite entries will not be accepted.

Reminder: The same animal must be used in all heats and finals of Showmanship. If it is determined that the same animal was not used in all heats and finals, the exhibitor will be disqualified from the Showmanship contest and prize money will be withheld.

SHOWRING: Cell phones, smartwatches, ear buds, headphones, and other electronic devices may not be present or used in the showing.

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

ONLINE ENTRIES are at entry.wistatefair.com. Use the email address and password from your previous entries or purchases. If you need assistance with a password reset, please email entryoffice@wistatefair.com.

ADMISSION TICKETS

- ***If you are staying in the Youth Center, please do not purchase exhibitor \$7 admission tickets to exchange for Youth Center wristbands. Please purchase wristbands directly through your VAGC’s dorm reservations.***

YOUTH CENTER MEAL PRICES: All meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) are \$9 per meal.

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/WISStateFairExhibitors/
- Follow the Wisconsin State Fair Exhibitors Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/WISStateFairExhibitors/>
- Questions? Please email us at entryoffice@wistatefair.com or call 414.266.7052 (Monday – Friday).