

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

AUGUST 1-11, 2024 Presented By 

2024 JUNIOR SHOW UPDATES

ACROSS ALL JUNIOR DEPARTMENTS

- Sign up for Communications and Quiz contests **must** be done at the time of entry. No on-site/walk up registrations for Quiz or Communications will be taken.
- Alternative treatments and therapeutic practices including but not limited to: Acupuncture, Chiropractic Services, Massage Therapy, Therapeutic Laser, PEMF Magnetic therapy (i.e. Magna Wave), Kinesiology tape (i.e. KT tape), Muscle Stimulators (i.e. Tens Unit), theraplate on Wisconsin State Fair grounds are prohibited, except by the official on-site Wisconsin State Fair Veterinarian.
- Exhibitors who purchase tickets with entries have the option to choose mailed tickets or emailed tickets. Please note: any emailed tickets cannot be separated between multiple email addresses.

JUNIOR BOER AND MARKET GOAT

- The Grand Champion Market Goat and the Grand Champion Bred and Owned Market Goat will be sold in the Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction in 2024!
- All market goats and non-registered breeding boer does will need to be DNA identified. More information is available on: <https://tinyurl.com/DNA-Identification>
- Schedule:

| Date | Activity |
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| Monday, July 29 | After 1 pm - Arrival for Junior Boer/Market Goats |
| Tuesday, July 30 | 9 am – Must be In Place for Junior Boer/Market Goats 9-11 am - Registered Breeding Stock Check In 11:30 am - Exhibitor Meeting Noon - Declared Weight Cards Due 2 pm - Showmanship |
| Wednesday, July 31 | 8 am - Junior Boer Goat Breeding Show 1 pm - Junior Market Boer Goat Show 7- 8 pm – Quiz - Junior Dairy Goats and Junior Boer/Market Goat |
| Thursday, August 1 | 10 am-12:30 pm - Communications Contest Junior Boer/Market Goat 5 pm - Staggered Release all Junior Boer/Market Goat exhibitors |

JUNIOR DAIRY

UPDATED 6.11.2024

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection have announced the following:
Wisconsin Requires Influenza A Testing Prior to Movement of Lactating Dairy Cattle to Fairs and Exhibitions

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 11, 2024

Contact: Sam GO, Communications Director, DATCP, (608) 334-0220, sam.go@wisconsin.gov

MADISON, Wis. – In an effort to prevent the spread of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) (H5N1) in dairy cattle, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is requiring Influenza A testing prior to movement of lactating dairy cattle to fairs or exhibitions effective beginning June 19, 2024. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has recommended that measures be taken to minimize the potential spread of influenza.

HPAI (H5N1) has been detected in dairy cattle in 12 states including Iowa, Michigan, and Minnesota. In addition to the USDA Federal Order that requires Influenza A testing for interstate movement of dairy cattle, today's announcement will limit the risk of commingling infected animals.

In order to move lactating dairy cattle to fairs or exhibitions within the state, producers must receive a negative test for Influenza A virus at an approved National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) laboratory with samples collected no more than 7 days prior to movement to the fair or exhibition. This testing is available to producers at no cost through USDA APHIS at NAHLN laboratories. Producers may also apply for reimbursement of shipping and veterinary fees for collection of samples. This intrastate order requiring a negative Influenza A test prior to travelling to a show or exhibition will remain in effect until 60 days after the last detection of H5N1 in cattle herds in the United States.

Dairy producers and those working with dairy are strongly encouraged to continue practicing strict biosecurity to protect their herds. DATCP is closely monitoring HPAI (H5N1) in dairy cattle and continues to encourage producers that notice unusual clinical signs in their cattle to work with their herd veterinarian. To report herds with unexplained symptoms, veterinarians should contact DATCP at (608) 224-4872 (business hours) or (800) 943-0003 (after hours and weekends). Reports can also be emailed to datcpanimalimports@wisconsin.gov.

Additional resources

- [Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza \(H5N1\) in Dairy Cattle \(wi.gov\)](#)
- [HPAI Detections in Livestock: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service \(usda.gov\)](#)
- [Health Emergency Preparedness and Response: Wisconsin Department of Health Services \(dhs.wi.gov\)](#)
- [USDA, HHS Announce New Actions to Reduce Impact and Spread of H5N1 \(usda.gov\)](#)
- [6.11.2024InfluenzaATestingPrioritoLactatingMovement.pdf](#)

Find more DATCP news in their [newsroom](#), on [Facebook](#), [X](#), and [Instagram](#).

- The health and safety of our Fairgoers, exhibitors, animals and staff is our top priority. Wisconsin State Fair's Milking Parlor procedures are currently being carefully reviewed. Additional correspondence regarding the Milking Parlor will be sent at a later date.
- **Animals will be checked by the on-site Wisconsin State Fair Veterinarians as they are off-loaded from trailers.** Any animal showing evidence of infectious, contagious or communicable disease will be moved 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

- All fitting should be completed at stall/pen and must be dry by the time the animal enters the ring.

JUNIOR POULTRY AND JUNIOR RABBITS

- Exhibitors need to supply their own feed for their animals. Feed will not be provided.

REMINDERS

2024 Junior Show Entry Deadlines

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| May 22 at <u>7 pm</u> Central Time | Online entries (with no late entry fee) close YQCA Certification completed and valid through August 11, 2024 DNA/840 Ear Tag Identification Deadline (Postmarked by May 22, 2024) VAIC (Volunteer Adult <u>Independent</u> Contact) applications due |
| May 29 at <u>5 pm</u> Central Time | Late online entries (with \$130/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 2024 Wisconsin State Fair.

ONLINE ENTRIES are now open at entry.wistatefair.com. Use your email address and password from your 2023 entries or from DNA purchases made earlier this year. If you need a password reset, please email entryoffice@wistatefair.com.

YOUTH CENTER - The 2024 room rate is \$120.00 plus tax, or \$141.48 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.

ANIMAL HEALTH - We will continue to monitor animal health updates provided by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection.

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 the 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.
- If you are staying in the Youth Center, please do not purchase exhibitor admission ticket to exchange for Youth Center wristbands. Please purchase wristbands directly through your VAGC’s dorm reservations.
- 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 6 am.
 - 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.

JUNIOR BEEF

- ***No Early Arrivals!*** Animals may begin arriving after 12:15 am on August 5th.
- 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.

JUNIOR SHEEP

- Animals may begin arriving after 12:45 am on August 5th
- **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.
- **Sheep Health Check beginning at 9:30 am on August 5th.** Wisconsin State Fair Veterinarians will inspect all sheep in the barn beginning at 9:30 am on August 5th. 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.

JUNIOR SWINE

- Stalling for Rotation 1 (Breeding Swine) will again be as you arrive at the Fair. Groups should plan to arrive together.
- Swine may only be shown and on the grounds during one (1) rotation.
- 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).