

# WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

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## **2024 OPEN SHOW UPDATES**

### **ACROSS ALL OPEN DEPARTMENTS**

- 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.

### **OPEN 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**

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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](mailto: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 \(usda.gov\)](#)

- [6.11.2024InfluenzaATestingPriortoLactatingMovement.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.

#### OPEN POULTRY AND OPEN RABBITS

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

### **REMINDERS**

#### **2024 Open Show Online Entry Deadline: June 19 at 7 pm Central Time**

- **Entries in all departments are dependent on barn capacity.** Entries will be reviewed after the entry deadline and, if necessary, some exhibitors may have their entries returned and fees refunded. Please see individual species Entry Information for details.
- **Late entries may be accepted** (with a \$130 per exhibitor late fee) in some department if space is available, with Superintendent approval. Contact the Entry Office.

**YOUTH CENTER** – The Youth Center is full for the Open Show (August 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>) and the waiting list is closed.

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

**DRAFT HORSE** - Horse and Stall fees must be purchased by Open entry deadline, or your entry will not be considered complete and may be rejected. If entries are accepted, late fees will apply – please see Draft Horse entry information.

**DAIRY GOAT** - Pens must be purchased by Open entry deadline, or your entry will not be considered complete and may be rejected. If entries are accepted, late fees will apply – please see Dairy Goat entry information.

#### **SHEEP**

- **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 will begin at 9:00 am on day of arrival.** Wisconsin State Fair Veterinarians will inspect all sheep in the barn beginning at 9:00 am. Exhibitors or family members must remove all blankets, hoods, and leg wraps from animals so Wisconsin State Fair Veterinarians and veterinary staff can inspect the sheep.

#### **SWINE**

- Stalling will again be as you arrive at the Fair.
- Swine may only be shown and on the grounds during one (1) rotation.
- No swine are allowed to stay between rotations.

**ENTRY INFORMATION** is available at <https://wistatefair.com/competitions/open-livestock/>.

**ONLINE ENTRIES** are open at [entry.wistatefair.com](https://entry.wistatefair.com). Use your email address and password from your 2023 entries. If you need a password reset, please email [entryoffice@wistatefair.com](mailto:entryoffice@wistatefair.com).

**GENERATORS and GAS/DIESEL/PROPANE STORAGE CONTAINERS** - 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.

### **ADMISSION TICKETS**

- **Exhibitor Admission Tickets** purchased by July 15<sup>th</sup> at [entry.wistatefair.com](https://entry.wistatefair.com) are \$7. They will be mailed beginning in June.
- Exhibitor Admission Tickets purchased after July 15<sup>th</sup> online or at the Coliseum Entry Office are \$9. Tickets purchased after July 15<sup>th</sup> will not be mailed and must be emailed or 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 with your dorm reservation.
- 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 starting at 6 am.
  - There are two admission entrances:
    - Ag Village Entrance D (84<sup>th</sup> 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 your 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, Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup> through the duration of the Fair. The shuttle will pick up and drop off near Gate 5.

### **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 <https://www.facebook.com/WISStateFairExhibitors/>
- Questions? Please email us at [entryoffice@wistatefair.com](mailto:entryoffice@wistatefair.com) or call 414.266.7052 (Monday – Friday).