

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

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Attention all potential market animal exhibitors!

The 2012 Wisconsin State Fair is scheduled for August 2nd to 12th!

New Market Animal Self Identification Procedures: LAMBS

Exhibitors wishing to exhibit junior market lambs at the 2012 Fair will need to self-identify their animals with an official RFID ear tag and submit a DNA hair sample between April 1st and May 10th. Animal identification request forms are available on www.wistatefair.com. Request forms must be sent or delivered to Wisconsin State Fair with proper fees. Upon processing identification requests, Wisconsin State Fair will send RFID (Allflex) identification tag(s), identification documentation and DNA sample submission envelopes to each exhibitor. The exhibitor must self-identify his/her animals by placing the official RFID ear tag in the animal's ear, collecting a DNA sample (hair) and completing the animal identification documentation form. DNA samples with the identification documentation must be postmarked by May 10th or returned to Wisconsin State Fair no later than 4:30 pm on May 10th.

Lambs must be identified in the exhibitor's name or in an immediate family member's name. If lambs are identified in the immediate family name **all siblings' names MUST appear on the top of the form**. Family identified lambs need only to submit one form and pay for one DNA sample per lamb identified. *Youth who fill out an individual form can only show the lamb identified on the form; they will not be eligible to show their siblings' lamb if they are not identified in the family name.* **Cousins are not considered immediate family and may not co-identify the same lamb.**

The cost for each animal to be identified is \$15. Allflex ear taggers and a needle nose plier (to extract hair DNA) may also be purchased from Wisconsin State Fair if needed.

Identification Timeline:

April 1 st – April 30 th	DNA request forms available at www.wistatefair.com . Wisconsin State Fair will send identification supplies via mail.
May 1 st – May 10 th	DNA request forms available on website but identification supplies will only be available by pick up at Wisconsin State Fair.
May 10 th at 4:30 pm	DNA samples are due. Must be postmarked or delivered to Wisconsin State Fair Park no later than 4:30 pm, on May 10 th .

New Performance Division Identification Sites:

Exhibitors wishing to enter the performance division must take their lambs to one of the following identification sites to get weighed. **Performance lambs must have been identified by May 10th with an official RFID ear tag and have submitted a DNA sample.** There are no minimum or maximum weight requirements for eligibility.

May 12th – 9 to 11 am

Sheboygan County Fairgrounds - Plymouth
Contact: Walter Taylor 920.980.7865

Wisconsin Valley Vet Service – Wausau
Contact: Kevin Schmoll 715.370.2064

Jackson County Fairgrounds – Black River Falls
Contact: Rick Olson 715.896.3771

Rock County Fairgrounds – Janesville
Contact: Randy Thompson 608.921.9981

May 19th - 9 to 11 am

Kuehne Auction Market – Seymour
Contact: Tom Henn 715.758.8372

Dunn County Fairgrounds – Menomonee
Contact: Bill Beyer 715.495.2245 or 658.1555

Walworth County Fairgrounds – Elkhorn
Contact: Gerry Glade TBA

Arlington Agriculture Research Center – Arlington
Contact: Todd Taylor 608.332.4914

Do NOT go to Performance Weigh-In Sites without an official RFID tags placed in the lamb(s) ear(s).

Other 2012 Changes:

Show Weight Declaration: Lambs will be shown by declared weight. Exhibitors will have the opportunity to submit a weight card at State Fair declaring their lamb's weight. Lambs will be broken into show classes based on breed and submitted weight. Each lamb must be within 5% above or below the declared show weight; any lamb out of its weight range will receive the lowest ribbon group placing, will not be reweighed and will be ineligible for champion classes. A minimum of two official scales will be available for exhibitors to check the weight of their lambs while at the Fair. More details are available in the Junior Sheep Entry information posted on www.wistatefair.com.