***2016 Livestock Project Credit Meetings***

All livestock project members will be allowed to sell one market animal at the Shawano County Fair, providing that they have met all of the requirements of the Shawano County 4-H Livestock Key Committee and Shawano County Fair Board.

**Requirements:** Each junior fair exhibitor and at least one parent/guardian of that exhibitor must sign the **“*Acknowledgement of Livestock Show/Sale Rules and Agreement to Comply”*** form. All junior fair exhibitors (4-H, FFA, Scouts, breed organizations, etc. approved by local fair board) must also **earn two (2) livestock meeting credits** each year to be eligible to sell an animal in the Fair Market Animal Sale. Be sure to sign in at every meeting you attendto have your attendance credit counted!! Failure to comply with these requirements will result in the member’s animal being withheld from the county fair market animal sale. ***THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THESE RULES!!!***  In case of an emergency notify Livestock Key Committee Chairperson, Dan Zernicke at 715-853-5575 and a determination will be made by Livestock Key Committee Officers and/or County Fair Board.

**Exhibitor wristbands must be worn at all times on the fairgrounds during the county fair.**

**2016 4-H and FFA Livestock Project Credit Meetings Listed Below:**

All beef, sheep and swine project members! You are required to earn at least two (2) livestock project meeting credits to be eligible to sell an animal in the 2016 County Fair Livestock Auction. A listing of livestock project credit meetings scheduled for 2015 is shown below. More credit meetings may be added later. Remember that all 4-H and FFA members must SIGN IN at the conclusion of each meeting to receive credit for attending. ***There are NO EXCEPTIONS to the two meeting credit rule, so don’t put off attending!***

Each of the meetings listed below will count toward the two meeting credits that every member is required to earn. Members may attend any of these meetings for credit, not just the meetings that pertain to their species.

**There are a number of *“Alternative ways to earn your two required Livestock meeting credits”* found later in this bulletin.**  Additionally, check the Shawano County UWEX website (just Google “Shawano County UWEX”), click on “4-H Youth Development” and follow the appropriate links. You can also contact Joe Stellato at the UWEX Office (715-526-6136 or joseph.stellato@ces.uwex.edu ) or ask any Livestock Key Committee Leader for help.

**January 9 – “Looking from the Outside In” –** 8:30 am at 4-H Super Saturday, Shawano High School. As a livestock exhibitor, we know why we do what we do. But what does it look like to those who are unfamiliar with this lifestyle? Learn how to look at our practices from the outside in so that we can better educate those who do not understand. One meeting credit.

**January 9 – “Livestock Project Record Keeping”** – 9:40 am at 4-H Super Saturday, Shawano High School. Learn the importance of keeping sufficient records in your project to not only complete your required project record but learn if you actually DO make a profit at the end of your project year. One meeting credit.

**Feb. 22 – Livestock Project General Information Meeting**, 7:00 pm at the Shawano County Courthouse. We will explain project rules and requirements, changes for the year, etc. **FIRST AND SECOND YEAR LIVESTOCK PROJECT MEMBERS AND PARENTS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!!!** Everyone else welcome. One meeting credit.

**March 7 – “Barbecuing and Smoking 101” –** Vince Rynish will show how to smoke and barbecue meat, with emphasis on using feed additives safely and properly. Meeting begins at 7:00 pm at the courthouse. One meeting credit.

**March 17 – “Meat Cuts and Cutability”** at Kropf’s Meats, Bowler, 7:00 pm. Learn how to select quality retail meat cuts, meat grading, etc. One Credit.

**March 22 – “How to Deal With Negative Media in Agriculture”** at the Courthouse in Shawano, 7:00 pm. One Credit.

**June 14 – “Lamb Fitting and Showing”** at Corner View Club Lambs (Doug and Roy Wilson Farm), N4793 County Road T, Shawano, 6:00 pm.

**June 23 – “Lamb Fitting”** at Seubert Farm, Dorchester, Wisconsin, 6:30 pm. Dorchester is located 5 miles North of Abbotsford on State Highway 13, about 20 miles West of Wausau.

**July 16 – “Building Hog Waterers” at K & S Landscaping,** located across the road from Caroline Implement in Marion, 9:00 am. **PREPAID REGISTRATION AND FEE REQUIRED.** *CALL UW-EXTENSION AT 715-526-6136 TO REGISTER. REGISTRATION AND FEES DUE IN TO THE UWEX OFFICE BY JULY 8.*

**Alternative ways to earn your TWO required Livestock meeting credits:**

A member may also participate in as many activities listed below as they wish. Verification of attendance/participation is required for all events listed below. Submit verification to the UW-Extension Office or to 4-H Livestock Key Committee Secretary on or before August 1st.**Acceptable verification** (unless indicated otherwise) will be a livestock camp, meeting or show brochure, program or flyer signed and dated by a person in charge at that particular event, with that person’s phone number included, for contact verification.Credits will be earned as shown for each meeting; note that these educational offerings are each worth a different number of credits.

1. Attend the WLBA Livestock Show Camp at Wisconsin State Fair Park. This is a two day event and you must attend both days, June 11 & 12 at Wisconsin State Fair Park. Two meeting credits.
2. You may receive ONE meeting credit for each time you show your livestock at sanctioned livestock shows, such as the WLBA Spring Preview Show, Wisconsin State Fair, etc. Verification of participation in show is required. The 2016 Spring Preview Show will be on Saturday, June 4 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. The WBLA Summer Spectacular will be held at the Central Wisconsin State Fairgrounds at Marshfield on August 20 (the one credit earned would be applied to 2017 Livestock Meeting Credits, since it would be earned after Aug. 1.
3. Participate in the 4-H Livestock Judging Contest at 4-H Area Animal Science Day in June, date to be announced. Contact the UWEX Office for more information. One credit.
4. Conduct a livestock fitting and showing demonstration OR Livestock Skillathon Activity for other youth in the county. Must be verified by an adult 4-H leader or FFA advisor who is NOT your parent or guardian. Two credits.
5. Help with the county fair sheep or swine weigh-in. Must be in 8th grade or older. One credit. Contact the swine or sheep committee chair to sign up. First come, first serve as only six youth helpers are needed. Priority given to first – year college students who are away at school and therefore have limited opportunities to attend required meetings.
6. Livestock Shadow Program – must be age 15 or older as of January 1 of the current year, and must have completed at least two years in livestock projects (beef, sheep or swine). To participate, you will make arrangements to “shadow” an Ag professional for ½ day (one credit) or one entire day (two credits). **Person shadowed cannot be a relative.** Contact the UWEX Office for more information.
7. Attend a Livestock Key Committee Meeting WITH parent or guardian.

You may also attend any other State-Sponsored Livestock show, show camp or meats judging contest. Make sure you get a signed attendance verification (signed and dated by event official with phone number) and turn this in to UWEX Office by August 1. Amount of credits awarded will be determined by the Livestock Key Committee. Committee decisions are final. Any questions, contact Dan Zernicke, Livestock Key Committee Chairperson, 715-853-5575.

**Special Note:** Livestock meeting credits that were earned after August 1, 2015, will count toward 2016 requirements. Any Livestock meeting credits earned after August 1, 2016 will count toward 2017 requirements.

**FINAL COUNTY FAIR WEIGH-IN WILL BE AUGUST 31, 2016 FROM 11:00 AM UNTIL 6:00 PM.** **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS WEIGH-IN DATE !!!**

Remember: All County Fair Junior Show entries are due at the Shawano County UW- Extension

 Office (UWEX) on or before August 1! Late entries cannot be accepted !!!

NOTE: If you do not receive a county fair entry form from your 4-H Leader or FFA Advisor by July 20, contact the UWEX Office right away to get one and return it to us by August 1, OR ENTER ONLINE BY AUGUST 1. **Final responsibility to get fair entries turned in on time is yours.** It is not your 4-H Leader’s or FFA Advisor’s job to “track you down” to get your fair entry turned in on time.

The Contracts (Acknowledgement of Livestock Show/Sale Rules and Agreement to Comply form) and Rules need to picked up at the General Information Meeting (described on page 1) OR at the UW-Extension Office, Room 101, Courthouse, Shawano. Contracts must be signed by parents and members and returned with your COOL Affidavit (lambs and meat goats only…COOL Affidavits no longer required for beef and swine) by initial weigh-in for your species.

**PRE-FAIR WEIGH-IN IS BACK!!!**

***NEW FOR 2016: THE STATE VETERINARIAN IS ALLOWING PRE-FAIR WEIGH-INS FOR SWINE TO BE CONDUCTED AGAIN. SO YOUR LIVESTOCK KEY COMMITTEE WILL CONDUCT PRE-FAIR WEIGH-INS FOR BEEF, SHEEP AND SWINE IN 2016 ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:***

**BEEF – SATURDAY, APRIL 9 AT EQUITY LIVESTOCK SALE BARN IN BONDUEL,**

 **9:00 TO 11:00 AM.**

**SHEEP – THURSDAY, MAY 5 AT SHAWANO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, 5:00 TO**

 **6:30 PM.**

**SWINE – SATURDAY, MAY 7 AT SHAWANO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, 9:00 AM TO**

 **12:00 NOON.**

***ALL MARKET BEEF, SHEEP AND SWINE MUST PARTICIPATE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE WEIGH-IN LISTED ABOVE TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR SALE IN THE 2016 SHAWANO COUNTY FAIR MARKET ANIMAL SALE.***

**BE SURE TO CONTACT THE UW-EXTENSION OFFICE OR A LIVESTOCK KEY COMMITTEE MEMBER IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS HANDOUT!**

UWEX Office - Joe Stellato, 4-H Agent 715-526-6136

Dan Zernicke, Livestock Chair 715-853-5575

Jim Fuhrman, Swine Chair 715-881-0397

Tracie Brede, Beef Chair 715-853-2169

Mike Bohm, Sheep Chair 715-304-7921

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