

Educational Point Requirements for Oconto County Animal Projects

All 4-H, FFA, and Boy Scout/ Girl Scout members showing animal projects at the County Fair are required to participate in educational opportunities in order to be eligible to sell in the Sale of Champions. **Youth must receive three (3) different educational points each year. At least one of those points must be species specific.** For example, youth in the rabbit project must participate in at least one activity that is rabbit focused, dairy youth must earn at least one dairy point, etc. For most animal exhibitors, this won't be difficult at all since they are already participating in many activities that relate to their projects.

Below are acceptable educational activities that youth could participate in:

- ✓ Meat Animal Quality Assurance (MAQA)- **required** for beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats
- ✓ County project training meeting - as presenter or learner
- ✓ County livestock, dairy, or equine judging team practice and 4-H judging contest at Area Animal Science Day
- ✓ FFA judging team member-participate in practices and a contest
- ✓ Show livestock at Northeast Jr. Livestock Show or WLBA Spring Preview Show
- ✓ Show dairy cattle or livestock at Wisconsin State Fair, district or state breed shows
- ✓ Show rabbits or poultry at the Wisconsin State Fair
- ✓ Show horses or volunteer at the Northeast District 4-H Horse Association Open Show
- ✓ Attend or teach at club, chapter or county fitting and showing workshop
- ✓ Attend rabbit and/or poultry swap meet
- ✓ Participate in UW-Extension or industry sponsored workshops, seminars or other programs on livestock:
 - feeding and nutrition
 - reproductive management
 - health
 - facilities and environment
 - business and financial management
- ✓ Satisfactorily complete one semester of a high school agriculture education course on livestock, dairy or small animal production with a grade of C or better.
- ✓ Have daily responsibilities for care of dairy, livestock or small animals at home or on employer's farm

The UW-Extension staff and Youth Animal Project Committee are available to help clubs that wish to sponsor training programs and workshops in addition to those already scheduled at the county level. Please contact the office if you need materials or assistance.

Notice to Market Project Exhibitors from the Oconto County Fair Board 2009 Oconto County Fair

The Oconto County Fair is successful in a large part due to the efforts of many volunteers. However, the fair board has been concerned with a lack of help to clean up the fairgrounds the Monday after the Fair.

The fair board feels that the financial rewards generated by the Sale of Champions for those exhibitors who sell at the sale means those exhibitors have a vested interest in seeing the Fair and the Sale of Champions continue to prosper.

The fair board has implemented a penalty, and 2% of the proceeds from a Sale of Champions animal will be deducted if the seller does not help with fairgrounds set up and clean up.

The following are the guidelines for the 2009 County Fair clean up day:

- ❖ Exhibitors who sell exhibits at the Sale of Champions will be expected to volunteer a minimum of three hours to help clean up the fairgrounds on Monday, August 31. The work may or may not be in the barn the exhibitor showed in and this expectation is in addition to time that may be required of all exhibitors by superintendents in any of the barns.
- ❖ To allow for some flexibility, the Monday workday hours are between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. The fair board is optimistic that with plenty of help and organization the job can be done by early afternoon.
- ❖ Volunteers will be checked in, organized into crews, assigned jobs, and checked out by a designated fair board member.
- ❖ An adult will supervise each youth work crew.
- ❖ The fair board will provide lunch for all volunteers working on Monday.
- ❖ If transportation to and from the fair grounds is an issue, fair board members do come from all parts of the county and may be able to help with rides if requested.
- ❖ An exhibitor whose club is responsible for food stand clean up and who is working in the food stand on Monday will be exempt from this requirement.
- ❖ While this is a requirement for those who sell at the sale, other fair exhibitors, parents, and other adults are also invited and encouraged to volunteer help.

If a youth is unable to be present for this clean up day (example: already left for college), other arrangements can be made with the fair board.