

2009 Wisconsin State Fair Updates

Planning for the 2009 Wisconsin State Fair August 6th-16th is underway. The Wisconsin State Fair takes great pride in showcasing WI agriculture and its youth. Rules and regulations for many of the 2009 agriculture programs are available the Wisconsin State Fair website www.wistatefair.com. Complete entry information will be available by May 1.

- Notable schedule changes are as follows:
 1. Junior breeding shows for Beef, Sheep and Swine will move to Tuesday, August 11th.
 2. Showmanship for Junior Beef, Sheep and Swine will move to Thursday, August 13th.
 3. Junior Poultry and Rabbit shows will move to the opening weekend – August 6th-9th.
 4. The Open Boer Goat show will be moved to August 6th and 7th.
 5. Open Poultry and Rabbit shows will move to the last weekend – August 14th-16th.

The following program changes are of note for junior shows. Please read the Wisconsin State Fair Rules and Regulations for more details and opportunities:

- Junior show premiums and awards will follow a strict Danish show placing schedule. Premiums will be awarded as follows: Blue-\$20, Red-\$15, White-\$12, Pink-\$10.
- New Beef Performance division replaces beef carcass show. The performance division will be based on steers competing in rate of gain, live show and carcass contests.
- Youth are limited to bringing 6 total Junior swine projects to the Fair.
- Pair and Flock classes in the Junior Sheep breeding show have been eliminated.
- A live judging component has been added to the Junior Sheep Performance Division.
- The Junior Llama show will not be an ALSA sanctioned show.

The following program changes are of note for the open shows:

- WI premiums in Beef, Sheep and Swine shows will be awarded in WI Championship classes only.
- Ribbons will be eliminated past 5th place in all competitions.
- No premiums will be offered for any group classes.
- No common bedding will be provided for the beef cattle.
- Draft Horse Pulls will be consolidated to two nights; premiums have been restructured.
- Llamas and Alpacas will be on display for exhibition only. There will not be an open ALSA sanctioned show.
- DHI classes have been eliminated from the goat show.
- No bull classes will be offered for the open dairy shows.
- Premiums will be eliminated for the Cheese and Meats contest.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2009 Fair, August 6th-16th! Any questions can be addressed to brian.bolan@wisconsin.gov.