

Sheboygan County 4-H Dairy Project State Fair

- The exhibitor must be a 4-H member, in a FFA Chapter or a State Breed Association. Youth are selected through the 4-H Dairy Committee based on their participation in countywide meetings and programs, and the quality of their animal.
- Animals that are exhibited at State Fair **must** have been shown in the State Fair Round Up.

To qualify for State Fair, the exhibitor must:

- 1. Call Heidi by May 1st to set up an appointment for a farm visit.
- 2. Attend one countywide or approved workshop which are noted on the dairy project calendar.
 - For those events not listed but would like to use as a qualifying meeting (e.g. Nasco Fitting and Showmanship Clinic, another County 4-H sponsored workshop, Jr. Holstein and/or FFA event, etc.) activity can be pre-approved for credit by the 4-H Dairy Committee.
 - An "Educational Credit Form for Non-Dairy Committee Sponsored Programs"
 must be taken to the event and signed by the event coordinator. Forms are
 available from the UW-Extension Office or online at
 http://sheboygan.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/4-h-dairy-project/ and must be acquired prior to attending the event or activity.

If selected for State Fair, attendance at the June (T.B.A. watch Cloverleaf Crier) State Fair Planning Meeting is required.

 Beginning in 2016 there will no longer be ownership date deadlines or specific name requirements for exhibitors entering and showing registered animals in the junior breeding stock shows and all non-market animal shows.

The updated ownership verbiage eliminates the formal Wisconsin State Fair managerial paper submission and any previous registration transfer dates. Junior exhibitors must submit Fair entries by the June 1 entry deadline online at http://wistatefair.com/competitions/junior-livestock/ or by mailing a paper entry postmarked June 1 or before. *Please note: for 2016 there will be only entry deadline date for mailed and online entries at regular fees (June 1). Late entries will be accepted for additional fees through June 8.*

Also, youth will now be required to list a potential substitution entry for each animal entered at the time of entry, in case the official animal entered is unable to be exhibited at the annual Fair. Substitutions will only be allowed from animals declared as such on initial entry.

"It is our intent to make the process of entering and exhibiting at the Wisconsin State Fair more inclusive," said Brian Bolan, Wisconsin State Fair Agriculture and Youth Programs Director. "Although existing ownership and managerial rules were similar to industry standards, we felt a great amount of time was being spent on determining who owned an entry or submitting an official managerial document for breeding stock. We believe these program updates will make it easier for youth to participate with their breeding animal projects without the hassle of ownership deadlines and managerial documentation."

Additional 2016 entry and schedule information will be available beginning in late January at http://wistatefair.com/competitions/junior-livestock/ or by contacting the Wisconsin State Fair Agriculture Department at entryoffice@wistatefair.com.

The 2016 Wisconsin State Fair, presented by U.S. Cellular, will take place **Thursday, Aug. 4** – **Sunday, Aug. 14.** The Wisconsin State Fair offers a unique experience to all who attend and is an exceptional value with 30 FREE entertainment stages, exciting rides and games in SpinCity, thousands of animals, endless family activities, events, contests, vendors and culinary delights. For the most up-to-date information, "stick with us" at <u>WiStateFair.com</u>, /WiStateFair on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Pinterest</u> and /theWIFair on <u>YouTube</u>.

• Any youth needing to leave State Fair <u>must</u> submit a letter requesting to do so prior to the event, and receive approval from the 4-H Dairy Committee. Youth must be transported to and from State Fair by their parent/guardian only.

