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**2009 Wisconsin State Fair Market Lamb Identification Sites Announced**

West Allis, WI, February, 2009. All exhibitors interested in participating in the 2009 Wisconsin State Fair Market Lamb and Performance Classes must identify their market lambs at one of the official sites. All lambs will be individually identified, receive an official Wisconsin State Fair ear tag and be required to have a DNA sample collected. There will be a \$10.00 cost per animal for the DNA testing which will be collected at the check-in sites. Market lamb identification enables Wisconsin State Fair to maintain a higher level of quality control.

**Sheep Identification Guidelines**

- All Junior Exhibitors interested in exhibiting market lambs during the Wisconsin State Fair and in the performance class **MUST** identify their lambs at one of the identification sites listed below. Exhibitors may identify as many lambs as they choose.
- There are no minimum or maximum weight requirements for identification.
- Lambs entering in the performance class will be evaluated on a combination of daily rate of gain, carcass merit and a live evaluation. Lambs participating in this class must be weighed at one of the statewide market lamb identification sites and be exhibited at the 2009 Wisconsin State Fair.
- Lambs need to be identified in the exhibitor's name or immediate family member's name only.
- Each exhibitor will only be allowed to bring two of the identified lambs to the Wisconsin State Fair. An exhibitor may also enter up to two lambs in the performance class in addition to the lambs she/he enters for the Fair.
- The exhibitor and parent(s)/legal guardian(s) must be in attendance to sign and verify the DNA sample.

**2009 Sheep Identification Sites:**

<b>Iowa County Fairgrounds - Mineral Point</b> Contact Person            Matt Heins	<b>Wednesday, April 29, 5 pm to 7 pm</b> 608.574.6477
<b>Sheboygan County Fairgrounds - Plymouth</b> Contact Person            Scott Kohlman	<b>Wednesday, April 29, 5 pm to 7 pm</b> 920.893.8893
<b>Monroe County Fairgrounds - Tomah</b> Contact Person <b>Jill Helming</b>	<b>Wednesday, April 29, 5 pm to 7 pm</b> 608.378.4162
<b>Jefferson County Fairgrounds - Jefferson</b> Contact Person            Keith Schultz	<b>Wednesday, April 29, 5 pm to 7 pm</b> 920.568.0895
<b>Wisconsin Valley Vet Service - Wausau</b> Contact Person            Sue Rupnow	<b>Thursday, April 30, 5 pm to 7 pm</b> 715.675.6894
<b>Dodge County Fairgrounds - Beaver Dam</b> Contact Person            John Milroy	<b>Friday, May 1, 5 pm to 7 pm</b> <b>Saturday, May 3, 9 am to 11 am</b> 920.349.3243
<b>Rock County Fairgrounds - Janesville</b> Contact Person            Randy Thompson	<b>Saturday, May 2, 9 am to Noon</b> 608.757.5696

**Green County Fairgrounds - Monroe**

Contact Person Mark Novak

**Saturday, May 2, 9 am to 11 am**

608.426.0611

**Dane County Fairgrounds - Madison**

Contact Person Romaine Ace

**Saturday, May 2, 9 am to 11 am**

608.835.5264

**Pierce County Fairgrounds - Ellsworth**

Contact Person Pending

**Saturday, May 2, 10 am to 2 pm**

Exhibitors interested in participating in the Wisconsin State Fair must contact their local UW Extension office for entry deadlines and information. Rules, regulations and entry information will be available online in March at [www.wistatefair.com](http://www.wistatefair.com). There will be no printed copies of the rules and regulations for the 2009 Fair. For further information contact Wisconsin State Fair Park at 414.266.7050.

The 2009 Wisconsin State Fair, August 6 – August 16, celebrating more than 150 years of Wisconsin tradition, continues its' strong commitment to promoting the many accomplishments of youth exhibitors, as well as showcasing the State's rich agricultural heritage.