

## Tips for a Successful Year for 4-H & FFA Livestock Project Members

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### You've enrolled in a livestock project, so now what?

Make sure to meet all **project requirements** to excel successfully raising a healthy project animal.

A livestock "project year" starts the week after Dodge County Fair, and goes through the next year's county fair. For example, Carcass Show educational points earned one week after the Fair, go toward your educational requirements for the next year's Fair.

Throughout your project year, make notes, keep good records and take pictures of your project animal(s) and project-related activities. Document your progress in your 4-H record book.

### Project Requirements for Livestock Members

#### 1. Educational Requirements - Members must complete a **Dodge County Livestock Project Member Activity Card ("the orange card")**.

##### To successfully complete your card:

- Attend the **Post-Sale meeting** from the previous fair or the **Pre-Sale meeting** for the upcoming fair.
- *Minimum* of 4 educational meetings.
  - Two of these meetings may be club-level livestock project meetings.
  - At least two meetings must be state, district or county meetings.

Parents are encouraged to attend meetings, but will not earn credit for their child *except* at Post-Sale or Pre-Sale meetings.

##### Youth **MUST SIGN IN** at all county activities.

To earn a point from a meeting/event not organized by Dodge County UW-Extension or the Meat Animal Sale Committee, prior approval must be made by Meat Animal Sale Committee. Proof of attendance must be provided that includes a signature and phone number from the adult representative.



### Info Sources for Dodge County Livestock Project

#### "Focus on 4-H" Newsletter

Monthly newsletter is your primary source for project information.

#### Dodge Co. UWEX Youth Dairy & Livestock webpage

<http://dodge.uwex.edu/agriculture/youth-dairy-livestock/>

#### Dodge Co. Junior Fair Book

Contains fair-related and meat animal sale info:

- Junior Fair Schedule, check-in/ check-out times, show schedules
- Specie Rules
- Animal Health Requirements
- Meat Animal Sale Rules
- Market & Carcass Show Guidelines for Beef, Swine, & Sheep
- WI-DATCP County/District Rules
- Score Examples & Danish Judging Sheet

#### Project Requirements

- Educational Points, YQCA
- Market Animal ID
- Fair Requirements
- Sale Promotion & Buyer Cards
- Thank You Cards
- Record Books



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- **Qualifying Educational Opportunities:**

- Swine, Lamb and Beef Carcass Shows; held the week following county fair **(1 point each)**
- Mandatory Post-Sale Meeting, held shortly after fair (must attend OR mid-summer Pre-Sale Meeting)
- Livestock Project Meetings, 7 are held - October, November, & January through May **(1 point each)**
- Livestock Project Presentations at Family Learning Day(s), every February & April **(1 point each)**
- **\*Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)**, in-person trainings at Family Learning Day & in June **(1 point)**
- Showing & Fitting Clinic, usually in June, location announced in 4-H newsletter **(1 point)**
- Mandatory Pre-Sale Meeting, held mid-summer (must attend this OR Post-Sale Meeting after fair)
- Meats judging workouts, throughout year, see 4-H newsletter for dates **(1 point each)**
- Livestock judging workouts, throughout year, see 4-H newsletter for dates **(1 point each)**
- Livestock Quiz Bowl workouts and Livestock Skill-a-thon workouts **(1 point each)**
- NASCO's fitting and showing clinic, usually in May at NASCO **(1 point)**
- Other appropriate educational meetings/activities pre-approved by UW Extension Educator
- State educational programs - i.e. "Badger Livestock Judging Camp" and "WLBA Spring Preview Show." See 4-H Newsletter (also available at: <http://dodge.uwex.edu>).

**\*YQCA – Youth for the Quality Care of Animals**

Swine youth must complete the **YQCA** class annually to be eligible to exhibit at the County Fair.

*WI State Fair requires all Beef, Dairy, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep & Swine exhibitors to complete YQCA.*

YQCA certification is offered in two formats:

- Online – Fee: \$12/exhibitor/year Available 24/7 at [www.yqca.org](http://www.yqca.org)

**-OR-**

- Face-to-Face/Trainer-Led – Fee: \$3/exhibitor/year

To find a list of face-to-face/trainer-led sessions in Wisconsin, create an account on [www.yqca.org](http://www.yqca.org).

Annual certification should take approximately 60 minutes. After viewing each module, the exhibitor must successfully pass a quiz which demonstrates content mastery. Youth wishing to exhibit in the 2018 Wisconsin State Fair Junior Shows **must** provide his/her YQCA certification number when entering by the entry deadline on **June 6, 2018**. Youth who do not provide a YQCA certification number, or did not pass the YQCA modules for the current calendar year will not be eligible to participate in the 2018 Wisconsin State Fair Junior Shows.

2. **Market Animal Identification** - Watch the 4-H newsletter for details. Beef ID - February; Sheep & Hog ID - early May.
3. **Fair Requirements** - The following forms are required to show your animal(s) at the fair:
  - Dodge County Livestock Project Member Activity Card (see #1 above)
  - YQCA Certification # - *required for Swine exhibitors*
  - County of Origin Labeling (COOL) Form - signed by the person animal was purchased from (for SHEEP).
  - Premise ID - see Youth Dairy & Livestock webpage for instructions on obtaining a premise ID.
  - Beef, Sheep & Swine Health Requirements must be met. Refer to fair book "Animal Health Rules."
4. **Sale Promotion and Buyer Cards** - Each member is responsible to talk with prospective buyers, invite them to attend the sale, thank them for their support of the program and promote the sale by displaying posters at area businesses. Posters are handed out at the Pre-Sale meeting. Each member can turn in buyer postcards to the UW-Extension Office by August 1 to send buyers complimentary tickets. Tickets will not be mailed after August 10th.
5. **Thank You Cards** - Write thank-you's to the buyer, contending bidders, award sponsors and any other businesses/people who helped you. Cards must be completed, addressed, pre-stamped and turned in to a Meat Animal Sale Committee Member or Dodge County UW-Extension before you receive your sale check.
6. **Record Books** - 4-H members must complete a record book in order to re-enroll in 4-H for the next year. All record book forms are available on the Dodge County UW-Extension website.



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