

LARGE MARKET ANIMAL UPDATES

Large Market Animal Tagging

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions on face to face meetings, the large market animal committee decided to mail livestock ear tags and hair sample envelopes to those youth that registered at one of the Large Market mandatory meetings.

Hair Samples

The hair sample deadline will remain the same as stated in the rules. Large Market Animal hair samples must be delivered to Ann Wehrle, E8283 Seefeld Road, New London, WI 54961 by May 7, 2020. **If hair samples are not postmarked by May 7, 2020 the animal will be ineligible for the sale.**

Swine Exhibitors: The State of WI requires PRRS testing for all farms prior to the exhibition. Testing ropes will be handed out at a later date, along with the written directions for using them. Only one test per premises need be done. Watch for more information.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

YQCA Online Module FLASH SALE! \$9

The YQCA creators received many questions and requests regarding training during COVID-19. The YQCA Executive Board met to discuss a variety of options to assist state partners during these unchartered waters. Please see below for details:

**During the month of April ONLY (April 1-April 30),
they will be offering web-based trainings for \$9, instead of \$12.**

Those wishing to take part in the flash sale will need to purchase \$9 web-based training coupons from YQCA. There is a memo that explains the details step by step. Once the order form and proof of payment is received, coupons will be issued and returned to the purchaser within 3-5 business days. See this link for more information and instructions

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/2020/03/26/yqca-certification-flash-sale/>

Reminder that the YQCA website to take the training is <http://yqca.org>

- In Waupaca County, the instructor led training planned for April 28 is **cancelled**
- The June 6, 10:00 a.m. instructor led training is still being offered right now with a limit of the first 30 people to register (**please note, there is still a chance this in person training will need to be cancelled**)

Options for Educational Points

Many of you may be wondering if there are options for educational points since face to face events are currently being cancelled. During this time of social distancing and staying safer at home, livestock specialists at the state level have started a website with links to educational programs that can serve as online learning. <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/COVID-19/>

These programs will be accepted as points for large (beef, sheep, swine) and small market animal (goat) when the **verification form** on the back side of this page is completed for each online learning option you choose. The verification form (s) would need to be turned in with your educational point sheet by August. Youth are still encouraged to review the options for educational points provided by each committee to complete a variety of experiences related to the species you are showing.

Large Market Animal Committee Meeting

The date for the next Large Market Animal Committee Meeting is Thursday, May 14, at 6:30 p.m. and will need to be via technology. More details will be shared as it gets closer.