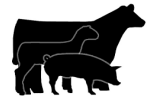


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DATE: April 15, 2026

TO: Potential Grant County Fair Sheep Exhibitors

FROM: Ryan Weigel, Livestock Auction Advisory Committee Chair and
Charisse Orth, 4-H Program Educator

RE: Sheep Identification and Weigh-in for Grant County Fair

The 2026 Grant County Fair sheep and goat, **in-person**, identification and weigh-in date is Saturday, May 2 from 9:00 am - 11:00 am at the Grant County Fairgrounds, 916 E. Elm St., Lancaster. **This will be the only date/time to id and weigh-in sheep and goats.**

All animals in the market division need to be identified to show at the Grant County Fair. If you are interested in **showing or selling a market lamb (wethers and market ewes)** at the Grant County Fair, bring your animal to the Grant County Fairgrounds on May 2, 2026 between 9:00 am - 11:00 am.

Please fill out the enclosed form or download additional forms from the website <http://grant.extension.wisc.edu> and bring it with you to the weigh-in to save time. We need family contact information, animal breed, the scrapie tag number, the premise ID number and the address for the farm where the animal is housed need to be on the form also.

Reminders and Requirements:

- All market lambs (wethers and market ewes) showing or selling at the Grant County Fair will need to be identified.
- Exhibitors may identify up to eight lambs.
- Lambs must be castrated prior to the Grant County Fair identification on May 2.
- Lambs must have a scapie tag in by the time of identification.
- It is important to verify bred and owned animals on id form.
- Reminder: market ewes will be shown with the wethers and are eligible for the champion drive and the Junior Livestock Auction. Please review the 2026 Grant County Fair book for more complete rules at <https://funonforty.co.grant.wi.gov/>.

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Below are a few rules pertaining to the sheep project:

- All sheep will be shown on Thursday evening, August 20 at 5:00 pm beginning with the showmanship classes, then market, breeding and open.
- All exhibitors in the junior division shall be members of 4-H, FFA, FCCLA, Scouting programs, breed groups, or any other recognized youth organization under adult leadership and with an approved educational program in the project area.
- Members in good standing who have completed 4th grade by the time of fair are eligible to sell one animal at the Grant County Fair in the Livestock Auction, as long as they have not reached their 20th birthday by January 1, 2026.
- A market animal must be born after January 1 of the exhibit year.
- Market animals must weigh at least 90 lbs at fair time. Market animals weighing more than 165 lbs. may be sold, but will only receive payment for 165 lbs.
- All sheep exhibitors must be YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) certified in order to sell a market animal at the Grant County Fair.
- At Fair time, sheep will need to be in place at noon on Thursday. Sheep must be weighed between noon and 12:30 pm. There will be a MANDATORY meeting at 1:00 pm in the show ring. Someone has to be there to represent the family.

Enclosed you will find more information on the YQCA program. A copy of your YQCA certificate must be submitted to the Extension or Fair Office. No YQCA forms will be accepted after 4:00 pm on July 24.

If you have any questions, call the Grant County Extension Office at 608-723-2125 or the Grant County Fair Office at 608-723-2135.

Enclosures

2026 Grant County Fair Identification Form - Sheep

May 2, 2026 • 9:00 am - 11:00 am • Grant County Fairgrounds, 916 E. Elm Street, Lancaster

Limit: 8 animals per member (use additional forms if needed)

Exhibitor Last Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

<u>Exhibitor's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name of 4-H Club / FFA Chapter / Organization</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Name of Parents or Guardians to be printed in fair sale program: _____

Address where animals are housed: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Farm Premise ID Number: _____ Grant County Fairgrounds Premise Identification # **003T7GC**

<u>Breed</u>	<u>Bred/Owned</u>		<u>Scrapie Tag #</u> <i>(required)</i>	<u>RFID Tag #</u> <i>(will be tagged at id day)</i>	<u>Start Weight</u> <i>(weighed at id)</i>	<u>Date Weighed</u>
	Yes	No				
	Yes	No				May 2, 2026
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	Yes	No				May 2, 2026
	Yes	No				May 2, 2026
	Yes	No				May 2, 2026

Signature of Identifier

Signature of Member

This form will need to be completed and filed with the Grant County Extension Office by the deadline to comply with the identification/weigh-in requirement for the Grant County Fair. Forms will be collected during the in-person identification/weigh-in at the Grant County Fairgrounds.

Checklist

REMEMBER:

1. No exhibitor may enter both open and junior class
2. Exhibitors must have completed 4th grade prior to fair to sell in the Livestock Auction
3. Exhibitors may not sell at more than 2 fairs after their scheduled high school graduation
4. Members may only exhibit in the department in which they carry a project
5. Members exhibiting livestock, including dairy, must upon request be able to show that animals exhibited have been cared for by the exhibitor for a period of at least 3 months previous to the fair
6. Look at the department and have the proper paperwork done including animal identification deadlines, YQCA certificates, and registration forms
7. Be sure to check out the current Fair Book for rules that may apply to your exhibit

Department 4 Sheep

Forms needed to show a sheep at the Grant County Fair

Market class animals (wethers and market ewes) must be identified to show or sell. This includes a completed identification form and RFID tag. **Sheep will be identified and weighed in at the fairgrounds on May 2, 2026 between 9am – 11am.**

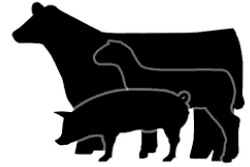
1. [Junior Class Entry Form](#)
2. [Animal ID & Vet Check Information Sheet](#) Bring with you to the Fair.
3. Animals must be identified with an official scrapie ear tag.
4. *All exhibitors who plan to stay overnight must register by completing the [Registration Form for an Overnight Pass](#)*

Forms needed to participate in the livestock auction. Due to Hybrid Livestock Auction, proper sale pictures of you and your animal together will be taken at the Grant County Fair. These will also be used as the buyer's appreciation pictures.

1. [Junior Class Entry Form](#) (with animal listed in a market class)
2. [Consignment Sheet](#)
3. [Animal ID & Vet Check Information Sheet](#) Bring with you to the fair
4. Animals must be identified with an official scrapie ear tag.
5. **[YQCA Certificate - yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org)** is the website to get certified to sell

Youth must be YQCA certified and a copy of your YQCA Certificate must be turned in with your entry by the Fair entry deadline of July 24. **No YQCA certificates will be accepted after 4:00pm on July 24, 2026.**

YQCA Information



The Livestock Auction Committee has confirmed the requirements to sell an animal in the Grant County Fair Jr. Livestock Auction, Saturday of the Fair. Again, this year **ALL swine exhibitors showing or selling** and **all market exhibitors wishing to sell any other species** in the auction must be YQCA certified. A copy of your YQCA certificate must be turned in to the Extension Office prior to the July 24 by 4:00 pm deadline.

This interactive program provides youth a number of options for an annual quality assurance certification. YQCA was created for youth in the Beef, Dairy, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine projects. This program gives families more flexibility in acquiring this much needed information which trains youth in improving the care of food animals and promoting a higher level of consumer food safety. The livestock industry and businesses are constantly striving for high quality, wholesome products; therefore, youth in food animal projects should assist in this effort.

Please go to <https://yqcaprogram.org> in order to register. Upon signing up for a course, you will then pay for that course with a credit card. Please email help@yqcaprogram.org for any assistance you need in creating or signing up in the YQCA system.

- **Online Training** (\$12.00/youth) This type of training is at your own pace. yqcaprogram.org/
- **In-Person Training** (\$3.00/youth) **Online registration is still required. If low registration, training may be cancelled. Make sure to register.** In-person training is scheduled for:
 - April 19 at 2:00 pm, South Room at the Youth & Ag Center, Lancaster—**pre-registration required.**
 - Youth can attend other counties/trainings that are listed on the online registration system.

Once you have registered and completed the course, you will log back into your YQCA account and download a certificate. **You must turn your certificate into the office at anytime before 4:00 pm on July 24, 2026.**

You can download and email the certificate attachment to jenny.dixon@wisc.edu or print it out and mail or drop off at the Grant County Extension Office.

