



Oconto County

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Livestock Animal Exhibitors,

In order to align with the state standards, the Oconto County Fair Board has decided the following species exhibitors must attend Meat Animal Quality Assurance (MAQA) training **dairy, dairy goat, rabbit, and poultry** in addition to **beef, sheep, swine and meat goats** in order to be eligible to sell in the 2017 Sale of Champions.

The MAQA curriculum is set by the state and focuses on safe food production, proper animal care, and ideal management practices. The livestock raised by youth exhibitors are an important part of our agriculture industry, and we want to strive for high quality food production. Many counties in Wisconsin have adopted the Meat Animal Quality Assurance trainings as part of their fair requirements. The Oconto County Youth Livestock Committee recognize the importance of this training, and it is a requirement for livestock youth to be eligible to sell their animals in the Sale of Champions. The training focuses on different topics each year, and it counts as one of your educational points for County Fair.

**The MAQA trainings scheduled for this year:**  
**Thursday, April 20—Pound Town Hall, Coleman 7:00 - 8:30 pm**  
**Saturday, May 6—Gillett Public Library 1:00- 2:30 pm**

*Registration for these trainings is **required**. You can register by calling the Oconto County UW-Extension Office (920) 834-6845.*

If you are not MAQA certified, you will not be eligible to sell in the Sale of Champions at the 2017 Oconto County Fair. MAQA training must be renewed every year. Exhibitors must attend the entire training to be certified. Please choose the date and location that works best for you!

If you are unable to make any of these dates, you are allowed to attend MAQA in another county. Please visit the UW-Extension MAQA website <http://fyi.uwex.edu/maqa/maqa-meetings/> for training in other counties, or contact the Oconto County UW-Extension office. Most counties will be holding their trainings in spring and early summer, so please do not wait until the last minute!

If you have any questions about MAQA, please contact Sarah at (920) 834-6845. If you know of any new 4-H, FFA, or Scouts members which might be showing livestock this year, please pass this information along to them.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Mills-Lloyd".

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