To: All Swine, Sheep, and Meat Goat Project members; 4H Leaders; FFA Advisors; and Others

who are interested in participating in the following:

2018 Marquette Co. Youth Meat Animal Program and/or the 2018 Marquette County Fair

From: Marquette Co. Youth Meat Animal Program Committee

At the March 1, 2018 meeting of the Marquette County Youth Meat Animal Program Committee, a lengthy discussion was held related to the new PRRS health rule affecting swine movement in the State of Wisconsin. At that time, it was recommended to the Marquette County Fair Board that the 2018 Swine Show be terminal. Terminal means—any swine animal unloaded at the fairgrounds must go directly to slaughter at the end of the fair. All swine animals must be transported by a hauler who is in that business and the animals can NOT go to your farm or any other while waiting for slaughter.

The Fair Board will vote on the terminal show status at their March 22nd meeting at 7 p.m.

In addition to the recommendation about having a terminal swine show in 2018, it was determined by a vote that there will not be an April weigh in for market swine, market sheep, and market meat goats; however, all animals will still need to be identified.

The 2018 process for the identification of these animals begins this April (Note: It will be similar to what was done in 2015.) Again, there will be NO weigh-in at the fairgrounds on April 7th. Instead, youth must identify their pigs in one of the following ways:

(1) producer puts ear tag or ear notch in the market animal’s ear

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(2) exhibitor puts ear tag or ear notch in market animal’s ear.

If the exhibitor needs an ear tag or ear notch, because the producer does not supply one, tags must be requested from the Marquette Co. UW-Extension Office and you must do that no later than April 6th.

All ear tags will be available on March 23, 2018; however, some are available now. Please call first to determine availability – 608-297-3141. (In this case, the tagger is the exhibitor’s responsibility. If ear notching is done by the exhibitor, the notching tool is then the exhibitor’s responsibility.) Read on for how to submit information. If a meat goat or lamb has a scrapie tag, with a unique number, that tag may be used as the ID ear tag.

How to Submit Your Information and Photos

All market pigs, market lambs, and market meat goats must be tagged or ear notched and a photo with the youth and the animal must be submitted to the UW-Extension Office along with required ID information. It is preferred you submit all identification information and photos by email or mail to lessen the traffic in and out of the UW-Extension Office. If you do not have internet, please work with friends or family who do. Finally, all information and photos for market pigs, market lambs and market meat goats is due to the UW-Extension Office no later than April 9, 2018. Don’t be late!

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Photographs and ID Information

Photo requirements:

1. One photo per animal unless you are co-identifying the animal with a sibling
2. Youth and their animal are pictured together
3. Ear tag/ear notch is clearly visible and properly attached
4. Tag number/ear notch is readable
5. Save picture file as: last name, first name, ear tag number or ear notch number
   (for example, jones.amy.746 –OR— jones.amy.3-3)
6. Submit photo by sending to christa.vantreeck@ces.uwex.edu.

Animal ID Information Form:

Fill out form completely—one per youth exhibitor.
Each youth can identify a maximum of 8 pigs, 8 lambs, or 8 meat goats.
Fill out ear tag number or ear notch number as well as gender of each animal.
The Marquette County ID Information Form is included with this email/mailing.

Submit Animal ID Information Form (attached) via email along with photos described above to:

christa.vantreeck@ces.uwex.edu

Note: Exhibitor families who identify all animals together will need to indicate this by checking the appropriate box on the Marquette County Animal ID Information Form. Also, each family member should be photographed with each animal and each animal noted on the animal ID information form for that exhibitor.

IMPORTANT TIMES & DATES:

In addition to the changes for identifying market pigs for the 2015 fair season, there will also be changes at the fair. First and foremost is the attention that will be given to the health of your animal(s). All health requirements must be followed so be sure to review 2015 health requirements in the fair premium list. (At a minimum, hogs are required to have a health certificate from a veterinarian.) It is also your responsibility to bring ONLY healthy hogs to the fair. In 2015, all animals MUST be checked before they can be off loaded on to the fairgrounds from your trailer. Fair superintendents will be available to assist you in this process. This MUST be done!

April 6th – If ear tags are needed, they must be requested prior to April 6th.

April 9th – All photos and swine id information must be submitted to Christa Van Treeck prior to April 7th.

Submit fair entry by the deadline!

July 5th -- All swine, sheep and meat goats MUST be brought to the fairgrounds and checked-in and then weighed-in--times to be announced. NO Wednesday move in for 2018!

Final Weigh-Ins on Thursday, July 5th!

Youth Meat Animal Auction: Friday, July 6th – Start Time: 6:30 p.m.