

Green Lake County Livestock Handbook 2025-2026

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2025-2026 Important Dates to Remember

October

- **21-** Livestock Council Meeting, Green Lake Gov. Center Training Room, 6:30 p.m.

January

- **20-** Livestock Council Meeting, Green Lake Gov. Center Training Room, 6:30 p.m.

March

- **1-** *Auction participation requirement-* Livestock tagging form due

April

- **21-** Livestock Council Meeting, Green Lake Gov. Center Training Room, 6:30 p.m.
- **30-** *Auction participation requirement-* Beef, sheep, goats, and swine animal identification due
- **30-** *Auction participation requirement-* Handbook agreement must be signed and returned to a board member

May

- **1-** *Auction participation requirement-* Youth's family must sign up to complete a responsibility for the Green Lake County Livestock Council in order to participate in the Green Lake County Fair Auction. Visit the Livestock Council website for more information

June

- **16-** Livestock Council Meeting, MAC (Manchester Activity Center), 6:30 p.m.

July

- **1st** – Fair entries due.

**** Visit the Livestock Council website for up to date meeting information or the Green Lake County Livestock Council Facebook page****

Livestock Council Website:

<https://greenlake.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/livestock-committee/>

Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/glclivestock/>

GREEN LAKE COUNTY LIVESTOCK HANDBOOK

The Green Lake County Livestock Council is dedicated to ensuring the success and integrity of the county's livestock program and fair auction. The committee works to maintain high standards for the quality of meat animals exhibited and sold at the Green Lake County Fair, supporting youth exhibitors, leaders, and buyers alike. They oversee the auction process to make sure it runs smoothly, fairly, and safely, fostering a positive and trustworthy environment that reflects the values of hard work, responsibility, and community pride.

KEY CONTACTS

GREEN LAKE COUNTY LIVESTOCK COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS Green Lake County Livestock Council Board Members are elected to their respective position by the Green Lake County Livestock Council membership. These individuals are responsible for providing leadership to the Livestock Council including the GREEN LAKE COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK AUCTION .		
Title	Name	E-mail
President	Dan Huitema	dieseldan4jc@yahoo.com 920-229-2696
Vice President	Lisa Reyes	reyesla_1@hotmail.com 920-229-9322
Secretary	Miranda Huitema	huitemaus@yahoo.com 608-566-8034
Treasurer	Tammy Goettl	tlondowski@yahoo.com 920-290-1145
Youth Representative	Addison Lenz	
Youth Representative	Owen Jahnke	

EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS

- Educational workshops will be reimbursed up to \$150.00 per species. Original receipts for full reimbursement.

GREEN LAKE COUNTY FAIR AUCTION REQUIREMENTS

In order to **SELL** beef, sheep, swine, goats, rabbits, poultry or dairy at the Green Lake County Fair Auction, 4-H and FFA members must be in good standing with their local club/chapter and *meet all the SHOW Requirements listed in the Green Lake County Fair Fairbook*. In addition,

4-H and FFA members must meet these additional requirements to participate in the Green Lake County Fair Auction:

- Must complete the Livestock Tagging information form, by **March 1st** to the Extension Office. (B, SH, SW, G)
- Beef, Sheep, Swine & Goat tagging will be completed by **April 30**.
- Handbook agreement must be signed and returned to a board member by **April 30**.
- Youth's families must sign up to complete a responsibility for the Green Lake County Livestock Council by **May 1**. Families that fail to complete their responsibility may forfeit their participation in the Livestock Auction. For more information contact the Extension Office or view the current Responsibility Sheet on the website. (B, SH, SW, G, R, P, D)
- Must complete an annual YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) **by the Green Lake County Fair Entry Deadline each year**. (B, SH, SW, G, R, P, D)
- All youth must participate in set-up or clean-up for the Auction Dinner.
- All youth must serve at the Auction Dinner (Friday evening before the auction).

Code: B=Beef, SH=Sheep, SW=Swine, G=Goat, R=Rabbit, P=Poultry, D=Dairy

These are Green Lake County Livestock auction requirements that will be enforced by Green Lake County Livestock Council Board Members.

GREEN LAKE COUNTY FAIR SHOW REQUIREMENTS

In order to **SHOW** Livestock* at the Green Lake County Fair, 4-H and FFA members must be in good standing with their local club/chapter, follow all rules and regulations found in the Green Lake County Fair Junior/Open Division Premium List and meet the following requirements.

**Note to swine exhibitors: The Green Lake County Fair Swine Show is a terminal show. Swine will not be allowed to leave the grounds and return home.*

Please contact the Green Lake County Fair for any exhibition related requirements and questions.

Green Lake County Fair rules will be enforced by Green Lake County Fair Superintendents.

GREEN LAKE COUNTY FAIR AUCTION POLICIES

All individuals that are 8-19 years of age and 3rd grade-1 year past high school, as of January 1st are eligible to exhibit in the Junior Division of the Green Lake County Fair if they belong to a county recognized youth group (4-H, FFA). Any exhibitor in the Junior Division of the Green Lake County Fair who has met all the Green Lake County Fair Auction Requirements is eligible to sell two (2) animals, one (1) per species, including small animals, in the Livestock Auction.

- one (1) lamb
- one (1) beef
- one (1) market hog
- one (1) market goat
- one (1) dairy lot
- one (1) class of poultry
- one (1) meat pen
 - ❖ consists of three (3) rabbits or
 - ❖ one (1) single fryer rabbit or
 - ❖ one (1) roaster rabbit

Any one exhibitor may sell only one market class of poultry and rabbits at auction.

SELLING OF ANIMALS AT OTHER COUNTY FAIRS

You must choose as a family living in the same household which county fair livestock auction you will participate in. If an exhibitor chooses to participate in any county fair livestock auction besides Green Lake County, that exhibitor and all family members living in the same household will not be allowed to sell in the Green Lake County Fair Livestock Auction.

The purpose of this rule is to help protect the integrity of the Green Lake County Fair Livestock Auction and to keep from taking advantage of the extreme generosity of our buyers.

County fair is any show that pays out Wisconsin State funded premiums.

ANIMAL AUCTION REQUIREMENTS

All animals must be in the exhibitor's possession by weigh-in or tagging date.

All male species for this project must be castrated before May 1. Animals determined to have incomplete or late castration will not be sold in the Auction.

All animals must be dehorned. With the exception of goats.

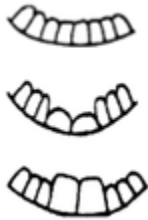
Age Requirements

- Steers – 11-22 months old at fair (see mouth diagrams)
- Swine – Barrow or gilt born in the current fair year – 5-7 months old at fair time
- Sheep – Wether or ewe born in the current fair year – 5-7 months old at fair time
- Goat – Buck or doe born on or after October 1 of the previous year

18 months: Calf has 8 temporary incisors. Eligible to show.

22 months: 2 temporary incisors lost and being replaced by permanent teeth. Eligible to show.

26 months: 2 permanent incisors in place. Permanent incisors are about 3 times the size of temporary incisors. Eligible to show. Not eligible to sell in the livestock auction.



Auction Weight Requirements

Animal	Minimum Weight to Sell	Maximum Weight to Sell	Grading Required
Beef Steer Dairy Steer	1,100 lbs. 1,200 lbs.	None None	Yes—see below**
Sheep	110 lbs.	None	No
Swine	230 lbs.	325 lbs. (this is also the max. to show)	No
Goats	50 lbs.	None	No
Rabbit	3.5-5 lbs. consists of three (3) rabbits or one (1) single fryer rabbit or one (1) roaster rabbit	5 lbs.	No
Poultry	Roasters (2 birds, each over 7.5 - 8.5 lbs) Broilers (2 young birds, each 3.5 - 6.5 lbs) Young turkey (over 15 weeks) Pen of ducks (2 ducks, each over 5 lbs)	None	No
Dairy	None	None	No

**Grading of Steers to sell in the auction--Beef and dairy steers must be graded Prime (high, average or low), Choice (high, average or low) and Select (high only). Beef and dairy steers

graded Low Select (--Select) or Standard, will be ineligible to sell in the Green Lake County Auction.

TAGGING

Livestock tagging information will be online and is due to the Green Lake County Extension Office by March 1. A late fee of \$10 per species, per exhibitor, per month will be applied to registrations turned in after that date. These fees must be paid before the animals are tagged. Late fees and tagging will be accepted until April 30.

All unused tags should be returned to the Livestock Council Board or dropped off at the Green Lake County Extension Office.

Exhibitors may request up to five (5) free tags per species. The exhibitor may tag up to eight (8) animals per species at a cost of \$1.00 per additional tag after five.

Animals will be identified by the exhibitor or family. It is preferred that individuals be recognized with specific animals. If a family chooses to weigh-in animals together, then "Family" will be defined as members of the same household, not location of where the animals reside.

Lost Tags must be reported to a Livestock Council Board Member immediately after the tag is lost. Replacement tags are available from a Livestock Council Board Member. The exhibitor can retag their own animal with the replacement tag.

No animals will be accepted into the Green Lake County Fair Auction without a Green Lake County tag or a Wisconsin State Fair visual ear tag.

GREEN LAKE COUNTY LIVESTOCK COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Listed below are the meeting dates, locations and times.

If a meeting is canceled due to weather conditions it will be the decision of the Board Members if and when the meeting is to be rescheduled.

Date	Location	Time
Tuesday, October 21, 2025	Green Lake County Government Center	6:30 pm
Tuesday, January 20, 2026	Green Lake County Government Center	6:30 pm
Tuesday, April 21, 2026	Green Lake County Government Center	6:30 pm
Tuesday, June 16, 2026	MAC (Manchester Activity Center)	6:30 pm

GREEN LAKE COUNTY YQCA

Youth selling beef, sheep, swine, goats, rabbits, poultry or dairy at the Green Lake County Fair are required annually to complete a YQCA certification by the Green Lake County Fair entry deadline each year.

GREEN LAKE COUNTY FAIR WEIGH-IN

- There will be a short meeting 5 minutes before the weighing of animals in the swine/sheep barn. Exhibitors must be present.
- Weigh-in will begin at Noon (12:00 PM) Wednesday of the fair.
- Weigh-in animal order:
 - ❖ Sheep
 - ❖ Goats
 - ❖ Swine
 - ❖ Beef
- Weigh-in will begin with sheep. Goats weigh-in will begin immediately following the sheep weigh-in. Swine weigh-in will begin immediately following goats. Beef weigh-in will begin immediately following the swine weigh-in.
- All animals must have a form of positive identification (county or state fair ear tag).
- All animals will be on the scale one time.
- No animals will be re-weighed if they don't make weight.
- Exhibitors attempting to add more weight by weighing wet, unclipped, dirty, or other artificial weight to their animals will not be weighed.
- Exhibitors must be present during the animal weigh-in the Wednesday of the fair.
- Animal scale weights will be read and declared by the Green Lake County Livestock Council President (or an appointed Livestock Council Board member) and the Green Lake County Fair superintendent of that department.

BUYER CONTACTS

Contact buyers by sending an invitation or paying a personal visit and inviting them to the auction dinner and sale. To continue to have a quality sale, our buyers need to know their support is appreciated.

BUYER RECOGNITION

The presale dinner gives exhibitors the opportunity to welcome their buyers to the auction.

- Youth auction participants are required to set-up & serve OR clean-up & serve for the auction dinner.
- Buyers' cards must be displayed by Saturday of the Fair at 10:00 AM. Failure to do so may result in losing sale eligibility for the following year.

- Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to send a written thank you to the buyers of their animal.

GREEN LAKE COUNTY LIVESTOCK AUCTION SALE ORDER

The order of the auction will be the following: Beef, Dairy, Swine, Sheep/Goats, Poultry, Rabbits.

This auction order will remain in effect until further notice. This order could change at the discretion of the Livestock Council Board Members.

SALE ETIQUETTE

All exhibitors selling an animal in the auction **MUST** be present in the ring, at the sale. If an exhibitor wishes to be absent at the sale, he/she must request permission in writing, from the Livestock Council Executive Board, prior to the sale.

DAIRY PARTICIPATION IN THE LIVESTOCK AUCTION

- **History:** In order to help support youth exhibitors showing dairy animals, the Green Lake County Livestock Council voted on September 28, 2006 to include space for five dairy animals in the Green Lake County Fair Livestock Auction. These five spaces are reserved for the following exhibitors: Supreme Champion Cow, Reserve Supreme Champion Cow, Best Senior Showperson, Best Intermediate Showperson and Best Junior Showperson.
- **Eligibility:** In order to be eligible for the auction, dairy exhibitors must meet the requirements listed in the Livestock Council Handbook. If an exhibitor has not met the auction requirements or decides not to participate in the auction, the auction space will go to the next exhibitor in that class and continue until the space is filled.
- **Deadline:** For printing deadline purposes, it is the responsibility of the Green Lake County Fair Dairy Superintendent(s) to identify all five exhibitors and submit those names to the Green Lake County Fair Office by **the end of the Dairy Show**. Failure to meet this deadline could result in not having dairy exhibitors participate in the auction.
- **Funds:** The dairy animals will not actually be sold, but rather auctioned for sponsorship. The remaining funds raised will be distributed as follows: 50% of the funds to the auction participants and 50% of the funds will be paid to the Dairy Bonus Premium Committee for distribution to all dairy exhibitors.

SALES COMMISSION & FEES

Commissions will be evaluated on a yearly basis based on incurring costs.

The fee schedule is as follows:

- Each animal lot sold in the auction will be a flat fee of \$60.00

****Additional,** the following fees will also be deducted from the sale check:

- Beef—\$1.00 for Beef Check-Off
- Sheep—0.007 per pound (seller) + 0.42 per head (buyer) per American Lamb Board
- Swine—gross amount x 0.0035 Pork Check-Off per Pork Industry
- Dairy—50% Dairy Bonus Comm. + 50% exhibitor

****Subject to change if any of these state boards change their prices****

\$5 per lot will go to the Green Lake County Fair Community Involvement Program (CIP).

CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION

The Grand and Reserve Grand Champion of all species must sell in the Livestock Auction if the exhibitor is eligible for participation in the auction. The only exception is if an exhibitor wins both in the same species; the Grand Champion must sell at the auction.

OWNERSHIP

- Once an animal is sold it becomes the property of the buyer.
- The exhibitor has the responsibility of caring for said animal until it leaves the fairgrounds.
- Buyer can agree to allow youth to show said animal (excluding swine) at the Wisconsin State Fair. *A signed agreement between the exhibitor and the buyer must be submitted to the fair office after the Green Lake County Fair auction or no later than 9:00 am on Saturday after the auction.*
- Final disposition of the animals will be at the buyer's discretion.

SHOWRIGHTS

If show rights on sold animals are to be retained, it is suggested the seller/consignor/exhibitor, for their own protection, obtain a signed release form from the buyer indicating he/she understands the concept associated with show rights and has agreed to allow the seller to retain those rights on the identified animal (animal identified by sale number and State Fair tag or other identifying data). A notation of how the sale of the identified animal will be addressed should the animal qualify for sale at another show also should be included. The release should be obtained before load out Sunday and a copy should be left with the sales species load out representative then. **The Green Lake County Livestock Council will not be responsible for any misunderstanding, damage or delays in delivery resulting from the granting of show rights to any consignor or seller.** An announcement to this effect will be made at the sale and included in any sale-related information.

SHIPPING OF NON-SALE ANIMALS

Exhibitors of market animals brought to the fair but not sold in the auction, yet wishing to sell or process the animals, must turn in their location designation to the superintendents by the end of each species show. Animals will not be shipped if this is not done.

SHIPPING OF NON-SLAUGHTER ANIMALS

Exhibits of Poultry and Rabbits sold in the auction will not be shipped for processing. An agreement is to be made between the exhibitor and the buyer as to where the animal will go and how to have it processed at the end of the auction. This will be reported on the sale slip.

GREEN LAKE COUNTY FAIR ANIMAL MANAGEMENT & CARE/EXHIBITOR PRESENTATION

Each project animal is expected to be in excellent health and condition while at the Fair.

All animals must be fed, fitted and shown by the exhibitor. Exception: other 4-H youth, immediate family members or other 4-H parent volunteers.

The exhibitor, parent/guardian or club leader will receive ONE warning from the superintendents regarding the proper care of animals. After that, the following rules will be enforced:

Any animals that are not properly cared for prior to the auction will not be sold. Animals that are not properly cared for after the auction will disqualify the exhibitor from the sale for the following year.

Animals must be easily managed by exhibitors in the show ring; otherwise they will be disqualified from the sale.

Project members and animals must respect proper show attire during both the show and auction.

All exhibitors and adults are expected to treat judges with respect. Anyone is welcome to discuss with the judge ways to improve their project or their showing skills after the completion of the show. It is not appropriate to harass or argue with the judge.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULINGS

All administrative rulings regarding animal auction (sale) will be made by the Livestock Council President or Board of Directors. Decisions made by the Livestock Council President or Board of Directors cannot be appealed.

All General Rules and Regulations covering the Green Lake County Fair apply to all animal exhibits.

These rules are published in the Green Lake County Junior Free Fair Premium Book. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to know and follow these rules.

Green Lake County Livestock Handbook 2025/2026 Acknowledgement

Purpose

The Green Lake County Livestock Handbook Acknowledgment is designed to confirm that you have read and understood the rules outlined in the Green Lake County Livestock Handbook. By signing this sheet, you acknowledge your responsibility to adhere to all rules and practices related to livestock management and care to participate in the Green Lake County Fair auction.

Family Last Name

- Name: _____
- Date: _____

Acknowledgment

I hereby acknowledge that I have read a copy of the Green Lake County Livestock Handbook. I agree to abide by the rules outlined in the handbook as they pertain to livestock care, safety, and conduct.

I understand that failure to comply with the handbook's guidelines may result in disciplinary action. If I have any questions regarding the information in the handbook, I will promptly seek clarification from the Green Lake County Livestock Board Member.

Exhibitor's Signature(s)

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Parent or Guardian Signature

- Name: _____
- Relationship to Exhibitor(s) _____

Return the signed acknowledgement by April 30, 2026, to participate in the Green Lake County auction. The options for submitting your signed acknowledgement include giving to a Green Lake County Livestock Board Member or mailing to Lisa Reyes at W3335 Main St Manchester, WI 53946.