



*Barron County 4-H & FFA Junior Livestock
Show and Sale Committee*

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Dear Livestock Exhibitors:

The 2019 Fair Season is quickly coming up, and our livestock projects will be up & running soon. The first of the **mandatory YQCA-- Youth for the Quality Care of Animals** (formerly MAQA-Meat Animal Quality Assurance) Training meetings will take place on **MONDAY, March 4th, 6:30 pm at the Barron High School**. The back-up date for this meeting (in case of inclement weather) is March 14th. A second chance training will take place on Thursday, April 4th at Barron High School, 6:30 pm if you are not able to attend the March 4th meeting. As Swine Registration deadline is April 8th, it may be best to try and make the first of these two meetings in order not to cut things too close.

The YQCA program requires that all members must set up an account at www.yqca.org and pay a \$3 fee for instructor-led (face to face) training. The fee must be collected online, as it goes directly to YQCA. Directions for creating this account are enclosed. If you have a 4-H online account, YQCA ties directly to this system. 4-H members--It is essential for you to be enrolled and approved in 4-H online to receive project materials and meeting reminders. FFA members or youth exhibiting in other approved groups will need to set up an independent account. Please contact your FFA advisor with questions on enrolling. ***Please register for the meeting ahead of time to make things run smoothly.*** If you do not have access to a computer or internet we will have registration assistance available at the meeting.

If you are Grade 13, or Age 19 (as of Jan. 1), you are required by the YQCA program to complete the training online. Please contact Meredith Arcand, UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development Educator or Kristin Hanson, Barron FFA Advisor for details on how to meet these requirements.

Just as in the past, attendance at the face to face or instructor led training meeting is MANDATORY for you to be eligible for the Barron County Junior Livestock Sale (beef, sheep, swine, Miss Q-Dairy Quality).

The YQCA program is also required if you plan to exhibit the following animal projects at the Wisconsin State Fair: Swine, Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Goats, Rabbits, and Poultry. Completing this training will qualify you for both the Barron County Livestock Sale and state fair.

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SWINE PROJECT MEMBERS:

- Due to state DATCP regulations and concerns about biosecurity, there will be NO INITIAL **SWINE** WEIGH-INS for 2019.
- **It is strongly encouraged to attend on March 4th to get hog ear tags, registration requirements, and instructions. If you cannot attend, you must pick them up at the UW-Extension Office, or attend the April 4th training to meet the April 8th registration deadline.**
- We will again be charging for ear tags, and each tag will cost \$3. *You will need to pay in cash that evening for each tag.* (i.e. \$3/animal). No change will be given. Checks can be made payable to the Junior Livestock Committee.

As always, please contact us with any questions. We look forward to seeing you on March 4th.

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