

WISCONSIN LIVESTOCK BREEDER'S ASSOCIATION

46th ANNUAL SPRING PREVIEW SHOW

June 6-7, 2026 – Jefferson Fair Park, Jefferson, Wisconsin

ENTRY DEADLINE/ENTRY FEES: SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026

- Entries will be made within the Showman App. Please go to: <https://showman.app/shows#/wisconsin-spring-preview-show-960c>.
- Entries paid by May 17th, 2025 are \$20 per entry. Per exhibitor, all species entered. Entry fees/WLBA dues are non-refundable.
- Entries paid May 18 – June 4th is \$40 per entry
- Substitutions CAN be made up until the day of the show.
- Entries started, but not paid for in the Showman App by each deadline tier, will not be considered a valid entry. Entries must be paid to be considered a complete entry
- \$30 WLBA annual dues must be submitted with entry, unless proof of prior payment in 2026 is confirmed with the WLBA office. All exhibitors or families must be current WLBA members. This is a by-law of our association.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Exhibitors must be 8-21 years of age as of January 1, 2026. Non-WI exhibitors must provide health papers with a copy for the WLBA to retain.
- **ALL exhibitors** must be 2026 paid WLBA members. Memberships renew annually. This includes non-WI families.

EXCEPTIONS:

- The Junior Angus/Hereford Assn's hold their state shows in conjunction with this show. Out-of-state members and WI members that fall within their association's age limits will be allowed to exhibit in classes sponsored by that breed association.
- The WLBA Spring Preview Market Lamb Show and Commercial Ewe Show will be a 2026 WLCA sanctioned show--age limits in these classes will follow WCLA age guidelines.

SPRING PREVIEW SHOW SCHEDULE

Friday, June 5, 2026: BEEF SHOW ONLY

- **Arrival: 12 pm** Cattle may begin arriving. [Please enter Gate 2 or 3.](#)
- Barn Stalling will be optionally available in the dairy barn. Please use the checkbox provided when you enter to indicate you want to stall in the barn as stalling will be assigned prior to the show.
- Exhibitors stalling in the dairy barn will be required to park their empty trailers in general parking outside Gate 10.
- If stalling in the barns, bedding will need to be pushed at least one foot from the front wall before you leave.
- Jefferson County Fair Park has specific regulations for livestock show parking. Please review and print the fair park map (in color) provided with the show information on the Showman App prior to arrival. The fair park operates as a full campground, and any vehicles or trailers parked in designated camping sites are required to pay the standard fee. **All camping spaces must be reserved in advance through the fair park reservation system at <https://www.jcfairpark.com/p/camping/reservation> or by calling 920-674-7148 (Monday-Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm).** Site dimensions and details are available online, and if one site does not accommodate your setup, multiple spaces must be reserved. Exhibitors who park in a designated camping space without a reservation will be required to pay the applicable fee or may be asked to move if the site has been reserved. Out of courtesy to seasonal campers, livestock is not permitted in the Full Hookup section (yellow sites). **Free trailer parking and dry camping (no water or electric) are available outside Gate 4 and around the outdoor arenas, as indicated in the circled areas on the map.** These areas are first come, first served, so please plan accordingly and bring generators if needed. Please note that the Activity Center parking lot may need to remain clear due to other events. **For questions regarding camping or parking reservations, please contact Jefferson County Fair Park directly at 920-674-7148, as the WLBA off cannot assist with these arrangements.**
- **Cattle Check In: 3-8 pm**

Saturday, June 6, 2026: BEEF SHOW

- **Arrival: 5:00 - 7:00 am.** [Please enter Gate 2 or 3.](#) [Please refer to parking requirements listed in General Show Rules/Information](#)
- **6:00 – 7:00 am** Late arrival check-in.
- All breeds will be shown in 2 rings in the indoor horse arena with the warm up arena used for make ready. The Showman App will have the rings sorted.
- **Show Begins at 9:00 am**
- Order: WLBA Spring Preview Heifer Shows, Steer Shows & Showmanship
- **Wisconsin Junior Hereford Open Jackpot Show and Wisconsin Angus Spring Preview Show will be held on Sunday, June 7th. A separate entry is required on the Hereford and Angus sites on Showman App. For details contact BJ Jones (Hereford) 608-482-2961 or Amber Miller (Angus) 262-206-1867.**
- Exhibitors stalling in the dairy barn will be required to park their empty trailers in general parking outside Gate 10.

- The Wisconsin Junior Hereford Association is working on providing bulk bark bedding in the dairy barn for exhibitors that request it. It will cost approximately \$40 per yard. If interested, please contact BJ Jones 608-482-2961.

Saturday, June 6, 2026: SHEEP SHOW

- Arrival: 7:00 am **at Gate #1**. Please refer to parking requirements listed in General Show Rules/Information.
- Check In: 7:30 – 9:00 am: Breeding Sheep, Commercial Ewe weigh in is in the Sheep Barn
- Check In 10 am – Noon: Market Lamb weigh in.
- Show Begins at 10:00 am. New location: Sheep Barn
- Order: Breeding Sheep Show, Breeding Sheep/Market Sheep Combined Showmanship, Market Lamb Show

Sunday, June 7, 2026: GOAT SHOW

- **7:00 AM** Goat arrival at Gate 1. Please refer to parking requirements listed in General Show Rules/Information.
- **9:00 AM – 11:00 PM** Goat Fitting & Showmanship Clinic, presented by Jody Mertins and other JWMGA members.
- **11-Noon Check-in/Lunch**
- **12:00 PM** – Showmanship followed by Does, Bucks and Market Goat Shows
- Goats will show out of the Beef Barn on your fair park map. Everyone will be required to show out of trailer.

Sunday, June 7, 2026: SWINE SHOW

- **Arrival: 7 am** - Animals may begin to arrive. Please enter Gate #1 Only. Show will be in held in the Sheep Barn as in past years. Please refer to parking requirements listed below in General Show Rules/Information.
- **Check In/Weigh-In: 7:30 - 8:30 am** (All barrows and crossbred gilts must be weighed)
- **Show Begins at 9:30 am** in the Sheep Barn
- Order: Gilts, Barrows, Showmanship
- Substitutions CAN be made up until the day of the show. Pigs do NOT need to be pre-identified; enter how many gilts or barrows you anticipate bringing. Substitutions can be made within and between classes. You do not have to be sure what animal you plan to bring.
- **Entries started, but not paid for in the Showman App by each deadline tier, will not be considered a valid entry. You will not be allowed to start your entries in the Showman App prior to May 17th, but pay the day of the show. Entries must be made no later than midnight of June 4th.**

GENERAL SHOW RULES/INFORMATION

- **PLEASE READ...** Jefferson County Fair Park has specific regulations for livestock show parking. Please review and print the fair park map (in color) provided with the show information on the Showman App prior to arrival. The fair park operates as a full campground, and any vehicles or trailers parked in designated camping sites are required to pay the standard fee. **All camping spaces must be reserved in advance through the fair park reservation system at <https://www.icfairpark.com/p/camping/reservation> or by calling 920-674-7148 (Monday-Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm).** Site dimensions and details are available online, and if one site does not accommodate your setup, multiple spaces must be reserved. Exhibitors who park in a designated camping space without a reservation will be required to pay the applicable fee or may be asked to move if the site has been reserved. Out of courtesy to seasonal campers, livestock is not permitted in the Full Hookup section (yellow sites). **Free trailer parking and dry camping (no water or electric) are available outside Gate 4 and around the outdoor arenas, as indicated in the circled areas on the map.** These areas are first come, first served, so please plan accordingly and bring generators if needed. Please note that the Activity Center parking lot may need to remain clear due to other events. **For questions regarding camping or parking reservations, please contact Jefferson County Fair Park directly at 920-674-7148, as the WLBA off cannot assist with these arrangements.**
- **Sheep, Swine & Meat Goats will be required to show out of trailer.** Bring your generators unless you pre-register and pay for a trailer space with electricity.
- Exhibitors are required to clean up any bedding/debris around your trailer before you leave, **bring the tools you will need to rake and clean up your area.** Jefferson Fair Park will charge the WLBA for space left inappropriately, therefore **exhibitors will be charged for areas that are not cleaned up.**
- All animals are to be fed, fitted, and shown by the exhibitor. Family members and other junior exhibitors are allowed to assist.
- Exhibitors must show their own animals. Any exception to this rule must be cleared with the WLBA show chairman.
- Registration papers must be in the name of the exhibitor or in his/her parents or farm name. To be eligible for Bred and Owned competition (Beef show only), the breeder and the owner of the animal must be in the exhibitor's name only. All purebred animals in each species must have registration papers to exhibit in purebred classes.
- No medication/drugs may be given to an animal at the show without a vet and show chairman approval.
- Any animal showing symptoms of a contagious disease will not be permitted to show and will need to be taken home.
- Any animal that has been altered by a surgical procedure will be disqualified.
- There will be no smoking in the barns, use of controlled substances, or alcohol on the grounds by either exhibitors or adults.

- Interpretation of any rule infraction rests with the show committee which has the authority to bar an exhibitor from exhibiting at this show or other WLBA shows.

BEEF RULES:

- Exhibitors may show up to 5 heifers and 3 steers.
- Heifers must be born after September 1, 2024. Heifers must be purchased by May 1, 2026. Heifers without papers and crossbred heifers will be shown as a Commercial breed. Purebred heifers must be 75% or more purebred and must carry an ear tattoo corresponding to the registration papers. Heifers will be shown by breed with classes determined after check in.
- Steers must be born after January 1, 2025. Steers must carry a state or county fair tag. Steers will be shown by breed and weight. Purebred Angus and Hereford steers need registration papers in the exhibitor's name. If there are less than 5 steers in one breed, that breed will show in an Any Other Breed class. No dairy steers will be shown.
- No steers with horns longer than 1" from the hair line will show. Loosely attached scurs are permitted to show.
- Hereford or Angus Bulls must be born after 9/1/24 to be eligible for show. Hereford or Angus Cow/Calf pairs may be entered. Calf must also be entered individually to be shown in a calf class separately.
- Commercial Heifers will show by age, exhibitors with steers will be asked to declare a weight and submit it by 7 am on Saturday.

SWINE RULES:

- All barrows and crossbred gilts will be weighed
- **Each exhibitor must present a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. If you would like to keep your original inspection form, A COPY MUST BE PROVIDED TO WLBA STAFF DURING CHECK-IN OR ANIMALS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHOW. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

SHEEP RULES:

- **Breeding sheep/Commercial ewes must be checked in with show staff by 9:00 a.m. Market lambs will be checked in from 10 am – Noon. Any sheep not checked in will not be eligible to show in either show.**
- Showmanship will be a combination of breeding sheep and market sheep in 2026. The top 5 exhibitors will be recognized in each age division. Age divisions will follow WCLA guidelines.
- All commercial ewes will show within the breeding sheep show. Yearling and ewe lambs will be eligible. Commercial ewes will be shown by weight not age, please make sure to bring them through the scale upon check-in.
- If there are less than 5 head in one breed, that breed will show in an Any Other Breed class.
- Exhibitors must provide registration papers on purebred breeding sheep. Ewes without proper papers will show as a commercial ewe. All sheep must carry an ear tag corresponding to registration papers. All female and sexually intact males need scrapie tags.
- Purchased sheep must be purchased by May 25, 2026. If the animal was purchased late, bring a bill of sale in the exhibitor's name.
- Ewe & Ram Classes: Yearling Ewe/Rams must be born after September 1, 2024. Ram and ewe lamb classes will be split into January, February and March and after classes.
- Two exhibitors are allowed to show breeding sheep, the exhibitor of the sheep entered must be on head.
- Market lamb and commercial ewe entries DO NOT have to be pre-identified. Enter number of head in each class.
- No patch shearing is allowed. Lambs must not have more than one-half inch of wool.
- No tubes/blankets allowed on lambs during weigh-in, they will be allowed over the scale one time with breed/weight determined.

GOAT RULES:

- Up to 4 Market Goats may be shown per exhibitor—Meat Goats Only.
- Market Goats must have all milk teeth in place.
- Registered Does and all bucks will be shown by age.
- All Commercial Does and Market Goats will be shown by weight and weighed at check-in.
- Commercial Does will show off-brace, Wether dams will be shown braced.

Spring Preview Show Chairman Contact Information:

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