

# Marathon County Market Animal Show & Sale

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Dear Marathon County Market Animal Show and Sale Participants and families,

As COVID-19 continues to spread around the county and state, the Marathon County Market Animal Show and Sale (M.A.S.S.) Committee, wants to keep participants safe and informed while working with their projects. With the market animal show and sale about four months away, the committee is moving ahead with planning and events.

The M.A.S.S. Committee is updating its guidelines for completing its requirements as of April 6, 2020 including:

- **DNA Drop-off:** The in-person DNA drop-off is canceled. Please mail in your DNA samples to M.A.S.S., P.O. Box 389, Wausau, WI 54402. DNA needs to be postmarked by May 4, 2020.
- **Bidder slips:** Based on the current social distancing guidelines in place, the M.A.S.S. committee recommends a personal call to the business asking if they'd participate in the program. If they agree, mail a bidder slip to the business with a personal note and a self-addressed stamped envelope. Have the bidder return the information to the M.A.S.S. participant.
- **Educational programs:** There are several virtual opportunities to meet the ten-point educational point requirement. Approved point opportunities include:
  - Show-Rite clinics offered weekly through Facebook and available on the Show-Rite website at [showrite.com](http://showrite.com)
  - UW-Extension livestock webinars available at <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/COVID-19/>

YQCA training is still being offered virtually. Through the month of April, the fee is \$9.00 per person instead of \$12.00. Please remember to print off your certificate.

The M.A.S.S. Committee is continuing to follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Wisconsin Department of Health Services, and the Marathon County Health Department. If situations change, communication will be sent out with updated programming and processes. Please stay up to date by following the Market Animal Show and Sale on Facebook and signing up for text messages through Remind.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Leon Falkowski  
M.A.S.S. Chair