DATCP to Offer Training Webinar for County and District Fair Judges

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MADISON, Wis.– The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is offering an online training webinar for newly-licensed fair judges as well as those interested in learning more about the general principles of serving as a judge at a Wisconsin county or district fair. The training webinar will be held on April 23, 2024 beginning at 6 p.m. via Microsoft Teams.

Some of the topics to be covered during the webinar include the basics of judging at a county or district fair; steps to becoming a judge; expectations of judges; and the types of judging, such as a conference or face-to-face. There will also be time for those in attendance to ask questions related to serving as a judge at Wisconsin county and district fairs.

Participants can register for the webinar by sending an email to <u>DATCPFairs@wisconsin.gov</u>. Please provide the following information: name, mailing address, phone number, and email address. A confirmation email will be sent back containing a link to the webinar and presentation slides that can be downloaded prior to the training.

Fair Judge Application

If you are not yet licensed and would like to become a fair judge, please complete a <u>Fair Judge</u> <u>Application</u>. The application can be completed electronically or be handwritten, but a signature is required. Completed applications can be mailed to Fairs Program Coordinator, 2811 Agriculture Drive, Madison, WI, 53708 or emailed to the Fairs Program Coordinator at <u>DATCPFairs@wisconsin.gov</u>.

About Wisconsin County and District Fairs

Annually, over three million people attend county and district fairs in Wisconsin. The state is home to more than 70 county fairs, three district fairs, and the Wisconsin State Fair. DATCP licenses and maintains a database of county and district fair judges and administers statefunded aid to the fairs for exhibitor premiums. In addition, DATCP works in partnership with the Wisconsin Association of Fairs to improve exhibits and to better showcase agriculture by improving signage, buildings, youth or other exhibits, fairground landscaping, and the overall fairgoer experience. This program also helps educate fairgoers about Wisconsin agriculture.

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