

July 11, 2019

Dear 4-H Beef, Sheep, Swine, & Goat Exhibitors,

This final fair letter will update you on important fair information.

Please read it carefully and call if you have any questions! Our office downtown will be closed Tuesday – Friday of Fair week. All staff will be at the Fair.

ANIMAL HEALTH

Be sure to read your division information and comply with the required health rules. A veterinarian will check sheep and goats during the 6 – 8 p.m. check in time on Monday evening. ***There is no charge, so please be sure to thank them for providing this service for us.***

Help encourage “human health”, too. Use precautions of washing hands after being in the barns working with the animals, not eating foods in the barns, and encourage our “visitors” to the barns to wash up after visiting the barns, too.

PEN & STALL ASSIGNMENTS

Pen and stall assignments for beef, sheep, swine, goats, dairy and bucket calves are enclosed. Space was assigned for each animal pre-entered. Please work together to make the best use of space. **Be sure to post stall cards for your animals both in the barns and in the tie out areas assigned to you.** They will be available at the Extension Office or in the Fair office in the Schenk Bldg. kitchen. This year the barn stalls are marked with tags in an effort to help clubs find their appropriate space.

HERDSMANSHIP

Showcasing your 4-H livestock & small animal project work – making it look its best as the community comes out to take a look – that’s what herdsmanship is all about! This year’s theme for the Ellis Co. Fair is “Follow the Fairground Road to the Ellis Co. Fair!”. Think about ways to incorporate the theme in the barn areas – that should be easy this year! Clubs work together and are judged by “silent judges” throughout the fair. So be ready at all times!

Judges score on the following:

- ✓ Cleanliness of Alleys, Stalls, Pens & Tie-out areas
- ✓ Arrangement of Exhibits
- ✓ Appearance of Animals
- ✓ Stall Cards & Educational Exhibits

Commerce Bank is sponsoring special cash awards for Herdsmanship recognition again this year. Winning clubs will also get to choose their stall areas for next year’s Ellis Co. Fair. The winners will be announced at the beginning of the Champion Fitting & Showing event and prizes awarded at 4-H Achievement Banquet in November. Please do your 4-H best and **take time to thank Commerce Bank for their generous sponsorship.**

There will be a wheelbarrow & shovel available in the barn to clean up hog, sheep and goat pens. Remember to scoop up manure and spilled feed and take it to the manure trailer. Thanks to the 4-H Clubs for helping to empty the trailer each day during the Fair!

Be sure to review the livestock & sale rules found on pages 55 - 57 in your Ellis County Fairbook!



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WEIGH IN

On Monday, July 15, livestock exhibitors will be able to check in and weigh in your animals from 6 – 8 p.m. You may bring your animals in the night before, if you'd like. You will only be able to weigh in from **6 – 8 p.m.** This includes beef, sheep, goats and swine.

Please read your fairbook closely. You are responsible for being on time for weigh-ins, pictures, the show, the sale and clean up. If you have questions, ask!

4-H FOODSTAND WILL BE OPEN MONDAY EVENING

Please support the 4-H Foodstand Monday evening as they are providing hours specifically for livestock families after many requests for this service. They will be open 5 – 9 p.m.

EXHIBITOR BREAKFAST

Start the day out right on Tuesday, **July 16** with a breakfast for 4-H families sponsored by **Bank of Hays**. A special breakfast menu will be served from **7:30 – 9:00** a.m. at the 4-H Foodstand (biscuits and gravy) and in the Deutschfest Hall (breakfast burritos). Be sure to take time to stop and enjoy this great breakfast option and **thank Bank of Hays for supporting 4-H families!**

INTENT TO SELL FORMS

Intent to Sell forms are posted on the Ellis Co. 4-H County Fair website. You may print them off and complete them or pick them up at the Fair Extension Office. **This form is due at weigh-in this year. A separate form must be completed for each animal.** The sale fee for all species is \$10 and will be deducted from your livestock sale check.

LIVESTOCK SALE

Livestock exhibitors need to have animals and themselves **show ready** when selling.

PHOTOS & BUYER RIBBONS

Sale pictures and buyer ribbons will be handed to the 4-Hers as they leave the sale ring. Please take them to the buyer and thank them for their gift to you. You will be receiving a second framed photo for your family. These will be available in your club's mailbox at the Extension Office after the Fair.

There are 2 purchasing plans:

Plan 1 – The animal is sold through the sale for the day's market price plus the premium price and is kept by the purchaser for slaughter.

Plan 2 – Only a premium price is paid by the purchaser and the animal is your responsibility to market.

The Fairboard is asking every family to check in with the sale clerk table before leaving the sale to confirm your plan for your animals.

The auctioneers will ask each purchaser during the sale for their selected plan.

THANK YOU NOTES

Before you receive your check for the sale of animals, you **must** submit a note of thanks to the buyers. This stamped letter should be brought to the Extension Office any time after the sale. **Your check can be picked up on or after Friday, August 9 th.**

PHOTO SCHEDULE

Pictures will be taken at the following times: Senior division contestants be ready to go first!

Horses - Sunday, July 15, 8am

Poultry Meat Pens – Tuesday, July 17, 8:00 am

Rabbit Meat Pens – Tuesday, July 17, 8:00 am

All other species – 7 – 9 a.m. or 1 – 3 p.m. on Tuesday, July 17 in the show ring.

Please sign up for a time to have your photos taken on Tuesday.

<https://signup.com/go/FgTmhjX>

LIVESTOCK RELEASE

Animals not selling in the sale will release from 8:30 – 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 20. All sale animals may release following the sale **or by 10 a.m. Sunday morning.**

LIVESTOCK CLEANUP / STALL DEPOSITS

Livestock members must clean out stalls and pens before leaving the grounds. If you cannot be there, you must find someone from your club to cover for you. If your area has to be taken care of by the superintendent, your stall deposit will not be returned.

Superintendents will be on hand to check you out from 8:30 – 10 a.m. on Saturday morning, following the sale and Sunday morning.

TIE OUT AREAS

These areas are assigned by club and will be checked before your stall deposit is returned.

SCHENK BUILDING EXHIBIT RELEASE IS SATURDAY 9 – 10 A.M.

Remember that the release of indoor exhibits is on Saturday morning. This will allow you to make one trip to town to pick up your entries.

ELLIS COUNTY FAIR WEBSITE

The Ellis County Fair is on line at www.elliscountyfair.com This is the source for your “online Fairbook” and schedule.

PARKING

Livestock parking hang tags are enclosed with this mailing. These must be hanging from your rear view mirror upon entry on the fairgrounds. **No double parking is allowed along the road east of the cattle barn.** However, on the west side of the road where there is grass, single parking is allowed. **Parking in the front of the Small Animal barn is limited to loading and unloading.** Please use the livestock lot, as much as possible. The livestock lot is on land owned by Enersys. Please know that you are parking on their land at your own risk. Also, remember to keep the road open north of the fence for emergency purposes.

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT SKILLATHON

Come test your knowledge on all things livestock at this year’s Skill-a-thon. There’s a Jr. and a Sr. contest. They will be Tuesday – 10 – 11:30 in the Deutschfest Hall. You can enter this and other judging contests without being pre-registered in the on-line system.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Here’s your chance to be the judge!!! This year’s livestock judging contest is set for Friday, July 19, registration @ **8:30 a.m.** Participants will judge classes of beef, sheep, swine, meat goats and halter horses.

KS 4-H LIVESTOCK SWEEPSTAKES – ENTRY DEADLINE MONDAY, JULY 25

If you participate in Animal Management and Livestock Judging contests, you may be eligible for consideration on a Livestock Sweepstakes team. We need to finalize the Ellis 4-H participants **by July 25** in order to get the teams entered. There are Jr. and Sr. team options in livestock judging, skill-a-thon, meats judging and quiz bowl.

STATE FAIR DEADLINE

Livestock entries for the Grand Drive are due to KS State Fair office by **July 15!** The State Fair website has all of the specifics. Check it out at <http://www.kansasstatefair.com> . Call if you have questions. All other species and indoor projects must be entered by Saturday, July 20. We will have a station for entering exhibits set up after judging is completed during Fair week. Watch for times to be posted.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions! We look forward to working with you at the Ellis County Fair!

Yours in 4-H,



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