

June 5, 2020

Dear 4-H'ers enrolled in Livestock Projects,

The Ellis County Fair will be here soon. Enclosed please find the required pre-entry forms for the County Fair. These forms are due back in the Extension Office by **Monday, June 22**.

This year has been a different year, we have been planning for several possible County Fair possibilities. The hope is that the COVID-19 cases remain low in Ellis County and we are allowed to have a face to face fair this year. Please be aware that if things change in the next few weeks, we may have to move to a different approach to judging 4-H exhibits at the County Fair. We will keep everyone up to date via our website, on Facebook and through emails.

We are using the on-line entry system again this year. We are asking you to complete the usual paperwork that's included here **by June 22 AND** the on-line entry process **by July 7**. The entry system will create your entry cards. You will pick them up at check in.

You will enter every animal, showmanship, indoor exhibit and contest participation into this system. Go to <https://www.fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/14173> to get started. You will log in using your 4-H Online user name and password. There is a help guide posted on the Ellis Co. 4-H Fair page. Call if you have questions.

Stall Deposits - Two separate checks are required. Checks will be **made payable to 4-H Ag/Livestock**. The stall deposit check should be separate from the check for pictures, stall fees & insurance. Stall deposit checks are returned if you clean your pens.

Livestock Insurance - The insurance available is \$5 per animal. Coverage starts when the animals leave the farm en route to the fair. Coverage ends when the animal is loaded onto the trailer at the end of the Fair. The company's limit of liability shall not exceed 25% over market value.

Photo & Frames - The Ag Livestock Committee will again provide frames for pictures this year. Cost will be \$9.00 per animal. You will receive 2 photos in 4-H frames. You will schedule a time to have your photos taken on Tuesday morning or afternoon. To sign up for a time, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2020ECFPix> **Please make every effort to honor the time you sign up for taking these photos. Thanks.**

Bedding Policy - In order to avoid the drains from stopping up, most of the pigs will be stalled north of the wash pens. They will not be allowed to use any kind of bedding. (Rubber mats are acceptable). The sheep and any goats will be allowed bedding, but the pens will be dry. No water can be used to hose down pens, etc, just to fill livestock water pans.



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Health Requirements - Please be aware of the **health requirement for swine and sheep**. The State of Kansas Animal Health Department **no** longer requires that swine be tested for pseudorabies and brucellosis. Sheep will **not** have to have health papers stating they are free of sore mouth and club lamb fungus infection. However, a Veterinarian will check animals prior to you unloading them at the fairgrounds. If an animal is suspect, they will be asked not to unload. **Sheep and Goats** should have a scrapie tag / premise identification tag (provided by the livestock breeder).

Drug Withdrawal / Age Verification Forms - Each livestock exhibitor selling a **market animal** must sign a drug withdrawal form. This form is included in this packet. Your animal is part of the food chain and you have a responsibility to provide safe food to the consumer. Turn these back in with the required pre-entry forms due **June 22**.

READ YOUR FAIR BOOK CAREFULLY. Note fitting guidelines, photo changes, sale & schedule changes.

Livestock Processing – It is the responsibility of the 4-H family to work with the sale buyer to make appointments and transport livestock to the processor. Appointments fill quickly, so visit with local lockers NOW.

Livestock Transport - The 4-H Ag Livestock committee will not be transporting any animals to lockers this year. Please work directly with your buyer to make those arrangements.

Fairgrounds Clean Up Night is Wednesday, July 8 – Please sign up for the fairgrounds clean up night **by June 26**. Commerce Bank is sponsoring pizza for all who help and we need to give them a meal count. **Be sure to thank them for this continued support of 4-H!**

Parking during clean up night – The Fairboard asks that folks not park to the West and North of the small animal barn on clean up night, so that the area can be mowed. Thanks for your help in making that happen.

Website – This letter and all of the forms are also available for you to print out from the Cottonwood Extension website. Check it out at www.cottonwood.ksu.edu. The forms are listed under the Ellis County Fair - 4-H Events link.

If you have questions, contact your livestock project leader or the Extension Office. More blank sheets are available, drop by the Extension Office if you need more.

Yours in 4-H,



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