

July 2, 2020

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!

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 4 – 9 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.***

As we write this, we are waiting to hear guidance from Ellis Co. on health requirements. Know that as things change we may need to change how we do things. Help encourage “human health”, too during Fair week. Use precautions of social distancing, while in the barns and around the grounds. Wash 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. There will be sanitizing stations around the grounds for your use. But it’s no substitute for washing your hands with good old soap and water for 20 seconds!

PEN & STALL ASSIGNMENTS

Pen and stall assignments for beef, sheep, swine, goats, dairy and bucket calves are enclosed. Space was assigned by club for each animal pre-entered. Please work together to make the best use of space. This is the FINAL map for this year. **Be sure to post stall cards for your animals both in the barns and in the tie out areas assigned to your club.** They will be available at the Extension Office or in the Fair office in the Schenk Bldg. kitchen.

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 “Affordable Fun at the Ellis Co. Fair!”. Think about ways to incorporate the theme in the barn areas. 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 October. 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! Every club should sign up for manure trailer AND barn trash removal duties.

Be sure to review the livestock & sale rules found on pages 56 - 60 in your Ellis County Fairbook!



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WEIGH IN

On Monday, July 13, livestock exhibitors will be able to check in and weigh in your animals from 4 – 9 p.m. In an effort to “social distance”, we are extending the weigh-in time. ***Please do not wait until the last minute to check in!*** We would like only one family to come to the scales at a time. This includes market beef, sheep, goats and swine. The Beef Superintendents ask that breeding beef and bucket calves be stalled and the Superintendents will come to your stall to check in your animals.

Market Beef Carcass Ultrasound Evaluation

Thanks to Dr. John Jaeger at the KSU Ag Research Center, we will be holding an Ultrasound Evaluation contest this year. He reminds us that this is a great opportunity to see how well the animal did in developing muscle and putting on fat as you worked to feed it. If you would like to have your market beef animal evaluated, please enter in the Carcass Ultrasound Evaluation class as well as the Market Beef class for the Fair. **You will need to enter all of this into the FairEntry.com system by midnight on July 6.** Results will be tabulated by KSU Meat Scientists in Manhattan. These animals will be ultrasounded at the same time they are weighed near the scales.

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!

EXHIBITOR BREAKFAST

The ***Bank of Hays*** continues to support 4-H'ers and volunteers with a breakfast opportunity during the Fair. This will look different in 2020 with changes brought about by covid-19. 4-H exhibitors and volunteers will receive a coupon good for one breakfast meal during Fair week at the 4-H Foodstand. Be sure to take time to stop and enjoy this great breakfast option and ***thank Bank of Hays for supporting 4-H exhibitors!***

LIVESTOCK SALE

Livestock exhibitors need to have animals and themselves ***show ready*** when selling. Be sure to turn in your intent to sell form to Fairboard at livestock check in.

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 after all the sale buyer checks have cleared the bank.**

PHOTO SCHEDULE

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

Horses - Sunday, July 12, 8am

Poultry Meat Pens – Wednesday, July 15, 8:00 am

Rabbit Meat Pens – Tuesday, July 14, 8:00 am

All other species – 7 – 9 a.m. or 1 – 3 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14 in the show ring.

Please sign up for a time to have your photos taken on Tuesday. Photo required to sell your animal in the sale. <https://signup.com/go/OJupHeh>

LIVESTOCK RELEASE

Animals not selling in the sale will release from 8:30 – 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 18. 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 not assigned by club this year. Only bucket calves have an assigned area. You will be asked where you tied out and the area 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 <https://www.elliscounty.net/686/4-H-Events> This is the source for your “online Open Class Fairbook” and full event schedule. Check out All things 4-H at the fair at <https://cottonwood.k-state.edu/ellis-county4h/4-hevents/EllisCountyFair.html>

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

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, July 21 – Wednesday, July 22 – 10 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in a virtual format. You can participate in this and other judging contests without being pre-registered in the on-line system. This Cottonwood District wide 4-H event will be used to select teams to participate in the KS 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes in Manhattan in August.

KS 4-H LIVESTOCK SWEEPSTAKES – ENTRY DEADLINE FRIDAY, JULY 24

If you participate in Animal Management, you may be eligible for consideration on a Livestock Sweepstakes team. We need to finalize the Ellis 4-H participants **by July 24** 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. You are welcome to sign up to participate as an individual if you are not selected to a Cottonwood District team.

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 Monday, July 20. These entries will be collected on-line this year. Watch for details coming soon.

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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Come join us for
Affordable Fun at
this year's
Ellis Co. Fair

Fair Sign Ups

Indoor Exhibits - <https://signup.com/go/bZwPwxQ>

4-H Foodstand - <https://signup.com/go/hjxVSHC>

Livestock Photo Sign up - <https://signup.com/go/OJupHeh>

Barn Trash Removal - <https://signup.com/go/zVzHvGG>

Manure Trailer Club Duty -
<https://signup.com/go/JROFsro>

Livestock Show Assistance -
<https://signup.com/go/iTqTbnM>

Volunteers who sign up to help will receive a ticket to the 4-H Foodstand for a FREE breakfast compliments of Bank of Hays, a special 4-H donor and Ellis Co. 4-H Council.

