

July 2, 2021

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 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.***

While things are opening up and getting back to normal, we still want to 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- IMPORTANT!

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.** The barns are full this year, so, during check-in, the Superintendents ask that you bring in animals first, then work with your club to address tack needs. If there still is a need for space after working with your club, then visit with the Superintendents. They will make final determinations.

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 “Ellis Co. Fair Safari – It’s a Jungle Out There!”. 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 61 - 65 in your Ellis County Fairbook!



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WEIGH IN

On Monday, July 12, livestock exhibitors will be able to check in and weigh in your animals from 6 – 8 p.m. ***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 from 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. Results will be tabulated by KSU Meat Scientists in Manhattan. These animals will be ultrasounded immediately after going across the weigh-in scale in a nearby blocking chute.

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 during the Fair. We are back to normal operation and will be serving this special meal on Tuesday morning from 7 – 9 a.m. at the 4-H Foodstand. All 4-H families are welcome to stop by and enjoy this great breakfast and ***thank Bank of Hays for supporting 4-H exhibitors!***

PHOTO SCHEDULE

Pictures will be taken at the following times:

Horses - Sunday, July 11, 8am

Poultry Meat Pens – Tuesday, July 13, 8:00 am

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

All other species – 7 – 9 a.m. or 1 – 3 p.m. on Tuesday, July 13 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/XvdViKz>

LIVESTOCK SALE

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.

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.**

LIVESTOCK RELEASE

All animals will release from 8:30 – 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 18. **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.

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 SUNDAY 8 – 9 A.M.

Remember that the release of indoor exhibits is on Sunday morning. This will allow you to make one trip to town to pick up your entries. If you can't be there, please make arrangements with someone in your club to pick up your items. Thanks.

ELLIS COUNTY FAIR WEBSITE

The Ellis County Fair is on line at <https://www.elliscounty.net/681/Ellis-County-Fair> 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

We have a great number of participants signed up for this year's virtual contest. If you signed up, you should have received an email with a link to access the contest. It is open for you to participate from July 2 – 11:59 p.m. July 11. 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. If you are not selected for a team, you can still join in and participate as an individual. Contact the Extension Office to learn more and sign up before July 22.

KS 4-H LIVESTOCK SWEEPSTAKES – ENTRY DEADLINE THURSDAY, JULY 22

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 22** 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 Tuesday, July 20.** These entries will be collected during the Fair or at the Extension Office immediately following the Fair.

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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Fair Sign Ups

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

4-H Foodstand Open Times - <https://signup.com/go/SBStnOO>

4-H Foodstand Club Times - <https://cottonwood.k-state.edu/ellis-county4h/4-hevents/EllisCountyFair.html>

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

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

Barn Trash Removal

Tuesday – 1 – 9 – Buckeye Jr. Farmers

Wednesday – 1 – 9 – Ellis Sunflowers

Thursday – 9 – 3 – Big Creek Astros

3 - 9 – Shooting Sports

Friday – 9 – 3 – Victoria Vikings

3 – 9 – Gemini Jrs.

Saturday – 1 - 9 – Good Hope

Manure Trailer Unloading

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