

July 2, 2021



Dear Rabbit & Poultry 4-H Members,

Please read on to learn more about county fair details. Call the Extension Office if you have any questions.

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ANIMAL HEALTH

Be sure to read your division information and comply with the required health rules. A veterinarian will check rabbit during the check in time on Monday evening. There is no charge, so please be sure to thank him 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!

CHECKING ANIMALS IN

The Fairboard has set the small animal check in for Monday evening, July 12, 7 – 8 p.m. 4-H and 8 – 8:30 p.m. for Open Class exhibits. Due to a highly contagious Rabbit disease in the region, a vet will be on hand to check all rabbits in as they come to the barn. **Please see the vet BEFORE you bring your animal into the barn!**

HERDSMANSHIP

Showcasing your 4-H 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 Safari – It’s a Jungle Out There!”. You might 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
- ✓ Arrangement of Exhibits
- ✓ Appearance of Animals
- ✓ Stall Cards & Educational Exhibits

Commerce Bank is sponsoring special cash awards for Herdsmanship recognition again this year. The winners will be announced at the beginning of the Champion Fitting and Showing 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. Remember to scoop up manure and spilled feed and take it to the manure trailer.

LIVESTOCK CLEANUP / STALL DEPOSITS

All small animal project members must be present on Sunday, July 18 in the morning to clean out stalls and pens. In the small animal barn, **this is a team effort. Please plan to arrive at 8 a.m. to help with this project.** If you cannot be there, you must find someone from your club to be there 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 as soon as the barn is cleaned out.

Be sure to review the livestock rules found on pages 61 – 65 & for your specific specie in the Ellis County Fairbook!

PARKING

Livestock Parking Hangtags are enclosed in this letter. Make sure the tag is hanging from your rear-view mirror upon entry to the fairgrounds. **Parking on the West side of the Small Animal barn will be limited to loading and unloading.** 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. Please use the livestock lot, as much as possible. The livestock lot is on Enersys property. They remind us that you are parking on this lot at your own risk. Also, remember to keep the road open north of the fence for emergency purposes.

PHOTO SCHEDULE

Please be respectful of the photographer and be ready during the designated times. Pictures will be taken at the following times:

Rabbit & Poultry Meat Pens – Tuesday & Wednesday, 8:00 am Before the respective shows

Please have your animals ready to go at the starting time.

AT THE FAIR

It will no doubt be a warm week at the fair. **Be sure to check your animals often and provide them with the needed water and cooling to keep them as comfortable as possible.**

Be ready to show at your appointed times. Parents are welcome to come and watch. Remember that this is the 4-H'er's opportunity to show their skills. Please respect this and quietly watch during the judging process.

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!**

SCHEK BUILDING EXHIBIT RELEASE IS SUNDAY 8 – 9 A.M.

The release of indoor exhibits is on Sunday morning. This will allow you to make one trip to town to pick up your entries.

STATE FAIR DEADLINE

Poultry and rabbit entries are **due on July 20**. You can complete the needed entry information with the forms posted to our website. https://cottonwood.k-state.edu/ellis-county4h/ellis_4hforms.html (Scroll down to near the bottom) Return these forms to us at the Fair or at the Extension Office by July 20.

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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>

Let us know if you have any questions. See **YOU** at the Ellis Co. Fair!

Yours in 4-H,



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Enclosures

Fair Sign Ups

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

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