

July 1, 2022

Dear 4-H Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat, Horse & Small Animal 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.***



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**Parking during clean up night** – Reminder that cleanup night is Wednesday, July 13 at 6 pm. The Fairboard asks that folks not park to the East 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.

## 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– Barnyard Mardi Gras!**”. 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.**

## LIVESTOCK CLEANUP

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.

All small animal project members must be present on Sunday, July 24 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 & sale rules found on pages 64 - 68 in your Ellis County Fairbook!**

**4-H Horse Show** – As always, volunteers are needed to help run a safe & successful Horse show. Pictures will be on the morning of the show, Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup> at 8 am. If you are willing to help out, please contact the Extension Office.

### **WEIGH IN**

**On Monday, July 18**, 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!** 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.

### **CHECKING SMALL ANIMALS IN**

The Fairboard has set the small animal check in for Monday evening, July 18, 7 – 8 p.m for 4-H exhibits and 8 – 8:30 p.m. for Open Class exhibits.

### **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.**

### **Market Beef Carcass Ultrasound Evaluation**

Thanks to Dr. John Jaeger from the KSU Ag Research Center, we will be holding an Ultrasound Evaluation contest again 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 ultra-sounded immediately after going across the weigh-in scale in a nearby blocking chute.

**Please read your fair book 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 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 17, 8:00am

**Rabbit Meat Pens** – Tuesday July 19, 8:00 am

**Poultry Meat Pens** – Wednesday July 20, 8:00 am

**All other species** – 7 – 9 a.m. or 1 – 3 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19 in the show ring.

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

## LIVESTOCK SALE

### PHOTOS

Sale pictures 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.

### LIVESTOCK RELEASE

All animals will release from 8:30 – 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 24. **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

The Animal Management Skill-A-Thon will be held as an in-person event this year. Be sure to enter yourself into the fairentry system by July 11. The event will be held from 10:00-11:30 am on Tuesday, July 19 in Deutschfest Hall.

### KS 4-H LIVESTOCK SWEEPSTAKES – ENTRY DEADLINE WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

If you participate in Animal Management and Livestock Judging Contests, you may be eligible for consideration on a Livestock Sweepstakes team. Entries are due to the Extension Office of the Ellis County 4-H participants **by July 27** 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<sup>th</sup>** (tentative)! 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 **August 1<sup>st</sup>** (tentative). 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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Enclosures

### Fair Sign Ups

Indoor Exhibit Assistance - <https://signup.com/go/KBhdVuQ>

4-H Foodstand Club Times – [tinyurl.com/7fhpsnfs](https://tinyurl.com/7fhpsnfs)

Livestock Photo Sign up – <https://signup.com/go/zbgGoUg>

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

### Barn Trash Removal

**Tuesday – 1pm-9 pm – Big Creek Astros**

**Wednesday – 1pm – 9pm – Buckeye Jr. Farmers**

**Thursday – 9am – 3pm –**

**Thursday 3pm – 9pm – Shooting Sports**

**Friday – 9am – 3pm – Good Hope**

**Friday 3 pm– 9 pm – Victoria Vikings**

**Saturday – 1pm – 9pm –**

### Manure Trailer Unloading

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**Saturday – Victoria Vikings**

**Sunday –**

Come join us for Ellis Co. Fair- Barnyard Mardi Gras!

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