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Research and Extension

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Dear 4-H'ers enrolled in livestock, horse and small animal projects,

The Ellis County Fair will be here soon! "**Moo'in and Groovin at the Ellis County Fair**" is this year's fair theme. **Please read this entire letter to understand what is going on this year as a couple things have changed.** Enclosed you will find the required pre-entry forms for the County Fair. These forms are due back in the Extension Office by **5 p.m. FRIDAY, JUNE 28.**

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New this year, we will be using the online fair entry system for ALL entries. We are asking you to complete the paperwork that's included **AND** the on-line entry process **by June 28.**

This year you will be responsible for entering ALL livestock information and exhibits into the Fair Entry online system. This also includes if you want to participate in showmanship. You are responsible for entering your intention to participate in showmanship by the **June 28 deadline.** Go to <https://tinyurl.com/4x8eb26r> 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 about this.

Photo & Frames - The Ag Livestock Committee will again provide frames for pictures this year. Cost will be \$9 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://signup.com/go/XehOSco> **Please make every effort to honor the time you sign up for taking these photos!**

Fairgrounds Clean Up Night is Wednesday, July 10 – Please RSVP to the Extension Office for the fairgrounds clean up night **by July 1**. 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 East and North of the livestock barn on clean up night, so that the area can be mowed.

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.

PLEASE READ YOUR FAIR BOOK CAREFULLY. Note the fitting guidelines & schedule changes, etc.

LIVESTOCK ANIMALS

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

Livestock Insurance - The insurance available is \$7 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.

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 forms back in with the required pre-entry forms due by **5 p.m. on Friday, June 28**.

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.

SMALL ANIMAL

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

Health Requirements – All Poultry exhibiting at the Ellis Co. Fair must originate from a hatchery or breeding flock that is classified U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean under the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP). Poultry shown at State Fair must be tested each year and found free of pullorum-typhoid diseases. **THERE WILL BE NO POULTRY TESTING FOR THE ELLIS COUNTY FAIR UNTIL 2025.**

Cats & kittens – All will need a proof of vaccinations before entering at the fair. Please bring this paperwork with you for check in.

HORSE

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 16th at 8 am. If you are willing to help out, please contact the Extension Office.

We will keep everyone up to date via our website, on Facebook and through emails. 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.

Looking forward to working with your family at this year's Ellis County Fair!



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