

June 2, 2026

Dear Cloverbud 4-H Members,

The Ellis County Fair will be here soon! **If you are not involved with live animal projects as a Cloverbud, disregard this packet of information.**

Enclosed you will find the forms for the Open Youth Livestock division at this year's Ellis County Fair. These forms are due back in the Extension Office **by 5 p.m. Friday, June 26.**

You must also go on to the fairentry.com website and register all of your exhibits for this year's fair **by June 26, as well.** *The fairentry.com website* <https://fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/22979> **is open now.** Don't miss out on getting signed up!!

Photo & Frames - The Ag Livestock Committee will again provide frames for pictures this year. Cost will be \$9.00 per animal. You will receive 2 photos in 4-H frames. **The ONLY time photos will be taken is Tuesday, July 14th from 8-11am.**

Fairgrounds Clean Up Night is Wednesday, July 8 – Please sign up with 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 small animal barn on clean up night, so that the area can be mowed. Thanks for your help in making that happen.

Website – This letter and all of the forms are also available for you to print out from the Ellis Co. 4-H website. Check it out at www.cottonwood.ksu.edu. The forms are listed under the Ellis County Fair - 4-H Events link.

READ YOUR FAIR BOOK CAREFULLY. Note fitting guidelines, health requirements for your species, and photo times. **If you are involved in small animals in the Open Class division, review the Ellis Co. Fair book for your specific entry information. As always, don't hesitate to give the Extension Office a call if you have questions in entering or preparing for the Ellis Co. Fair.**

Stall Deposits – If you are showing an older sibling's animal, you do not need to include a stall deposit. The stall deposit check should be separate from the check for pictures. If you do need to provide a stall deposit payment, **two separate checks are required.** Checks will be **made payable to Ellis Co 4-H Ag Livestock.** Stall deposit checks are returned to you as you check out, if your pens are clean and you "check out" with an Extension Agent.

Livestock Insurance – is not available for Open Class exhibitors. Please disregard this portion of the enclosed entry form.

Waiver of Liability – Please complete and return the enclosed **waiver form by 5 p.m. June 26.**

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Bedding Policy - In order to avoid the drains from stopping up, 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.

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 Scrapie / Premise ID tags (provided by the breeder you purchased the livestock from).

We will keep everyone up to date via our website, on Facebook and through emails. If you have questions, contact your livestock 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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Enclosures



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