

2019 Ellis Co. Fair Feedback Meeting Notes

What did you like best about this year's 4-H part of the Fair & why?

- Food Challenge
- Increased participation / attendance at Style Revue
- Simplified 4-H Food Stand Menu
- Online check-in went smoothly
- Ambassador team worked well during the Fair
- Interaction by all clubs in water fight, etc.
- The cattle show
- Round Robin
- Fair Tour
- Foodstand went well

What suggestions for change for this year's 4-H part of the Fair & why?

- Advertise before the fair – Hays Post – Radio – Schools
- Fix Manure Trailer – dump more frequently
- Get paperwork out earlier so 4-H'ers have time to complete
- Prices of food at Foodstand
- Update paperwork or incorporate into fair entry system
- Work together more effectively with Fairboard.
- Let superintendents make stall assignments
- Be more clear with stall assignments
- Explore ways to increase attendance in Fair Tours (Lunch with a Farmer)
- Exhibitor's Breakfast – have same food choices at both locations
- Activity for 4-H Livestock exhibitors to reduce tension / hard feelings in barns. "Not fun anymore."

What did you like best about the non-4-H part of the Fair & why?

- Nightly entertainment
- Livestock Sale
- Family friendly
- Bouncy inflatables – Laser Tag – very affordable
- Rides
- Monster Trucks
- Rodeo – 2
- Races
- Rodeo Clown

Suggestions for change in the non-4-H part of the Fair & why?

- Advertising
- Change vendors to pay percentages instead of flat fee.
- Change location of tractor pull
- Face painting
- Clown
- Something for entertainment each night (2 nights of monster trucks, etc.)
- Bring back family pass! (Single pass is cost prohibitive for families.)
- Dance after rodeo

What are some family activities you'd like to see at the 2020 Fair?

- Street Dance along Midway
- Watermelon Feed
- Ham & Bean Feed
- Greased Pig Contest
- Corn Hole Tournament
- Petting Zoo
- Pig Races
- Dodge ball
- Mud volleyball – 4-H'ers / families
- Basketball goal available
- Family Game Night
- Family Farm Olympics
- Movie Night
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2020 Fair Schedule Ideas

- Make rides earlier
- Do we need face painting?
- Livestock is there entirely too long
- Keep exhibits in 4-H building until Sunday for pick up. Need something to bring public out on the weekend.
- Enforce club judging times