

What Do I Need to Bring to Fair for My Animal Project?

MARK ALL OF YOUR EQUIPMENT/CLOTHING WELL! THINGS TEND TO GROW LEGS AND WALK OFF AT FAIR.

Swine-*(suggestions offered from leader Gina Jasper)*

- ❖ Feeding your animal: Animals should be fed 2 times a day, morning and evening. Water is in automatic drippers.
- ❖ General: A lot of people wash their pig the same day they bring them to the fair. There is a lot of stress put on the pig when getting into the trailer, hauling them, the weather could be hot, getting them on the scale, and also a strange environment. So, it is wise to wash your pig at home in the morning before you bring them to fair.
- ❖ Equipment needed: ***Mark everything well
 - 2 brushes (one for scrubbing, one for grooming)
 - 1 bucket for washing your pig
 - Soap (bottle of clean non-colored)
 - Razor or small electric shaver (used for the tail and ears)
 - Show cane or stick
 - Rags (for cleaning and drying pig)
 - Baby oil (for cleaning ears)
 - Feed and feed pans
 - Wheelbarrow
 - Shovel for cleaning
 - Chain & clip to secure pens if not using wire

Swine-*(Herdsmanship Feeding Schedule)*

Fresh Water—in automatic drippers

Food—Twice a day. Morning and evening. Food may not be present

Stall cards--need to be up

Goats-*(suggestions offered from leader/superintendent Tammy Mendenhall)*

- ❖ Feeding Equipment needed: ***Mark everything well
 - Feeder for hay (preferably one that hangs, it helps in keeping pen neat and clean)
 - Water Buckets
 - Tack Box (for all your supplies)
 - Containers (to keep hay and food in)
- ❖ Decorations
 - Curtains
 - Posters or Educational Display for hall—remember to pre-register for this
 - Safety pins-to hang ribbons
 - Stall Cards (office supplies)
- ❖ Personal Equipment
 - Show clothes-clean and neat always when showing
 - Clothes to clean pens and wash animals in
 - No open toe shoes or flip flops (it's not fun being stepped on)
 - Mark everything with name, phone number and club name

Goats-*(Herdsmanship Feeding Schedule)*

Fresh Water-always

Food—twice daily before 8am then between 5-6 pm

Stall cards-up and easily read

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Sheep- *(suggestions offered from leader/superintendent Lisa Nyberg)*

- ❖ Feeding your animal: Feed animals before 8 a.m. so they have time to eat and remove feeders before 9:00 a.m. Then, feed grain after 7:00 p.m. and stay close to pens and remove grain pans when they are done. Don't feed them more grain than they can clean up in one "feeding". (Don't feed as much as you do at home)
- ❖ Cleaning Equipment: ***Mark everything well
 - Rake for aisles
 - Pitchfork
 - Shovel for cleaning
 - Wheelbarrow
- ❖ Fitting Equipment: ***Mark everything well
 - Rope Halter (optional)
 - Shampoo/soap for washing
 - Blanket to keep sheep clean
 - Small brush for cleaning feet
 - Towels or chamois for drying sheep (leather chamois don't work well)
- ❖ Feeding & Other Equipment: ***Mark everything well
 - Hanging feeder for hay-helps keep pens clean and helps with herdsmanship
 - (don't use hay nets. Sheep get tangled in them if left unattended. Milk crates also work o.k. to keep pen clean but don't put a lot into the crate, just feed them a couple of times during the day.)
 - Water bucket-age appropriate size-so youth can carry it
 - Boards (8" high x 1/2" thick-approx.) and wire to tie boards to the pens to contain straw from being pushed into the aisles.
 - Feed containers for grain
 - Tack box
 - Garbage cans with lid-- seem to work well to maintain alfalfa & hay
- ❖ Optional Clipping Items: ***Mark everything well
 - Sheep sheers for slick sheering (or do before you get to fair)
 - Hand clippers, blocking card, blocking stand...if you plan to block a sheep
- ❖ Decorations:
 - Curtains
 - Safety pins for hanging stall cards, ribbons, and kids numbers on
 - Wire to hang curtains
 - Chain and clip to secure pens if not using wire

Sheep-(Herdsmanship Feeding Schedule)

Fresh Water—always--full and clean

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Beef- (*suggestions offered from leader Amy Lenz*)

- ❖ Feeding your animal:
 - **Water** them six times a day. Lead them outside to drink-no water buckets in stalls. Good times are: 7:00 am, 10:00 am, Noon, 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm or when you are leaving for the evening.
 - **Grain** should be given twice per day. Good times are 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
 - **Hay** should be provided all day... a full cow is a happy cow!
- ❖ Club Supplies (the larger the club, the more you will need, these are approx. numbers)
***Mark everything well
 - 2 to 3 Wheelbarrows
 - 3 Pitch forks
 - 1 to 2 Brooms
 - 4 to 5 side rope stall guards
 - Rope for stall guards
 - 1 Hose with nozzle
 - Neck Rope—one per animal-A MUST HAVE
 - Duct Tape
 - Tie (for stall) rope—one per animal-A MUST HAVE
- ❖ Club Member Supplies ***Mark everything well
 - 1 or 2 lead ropes (more if more than one animal)
 - Nylon control halter (more if more than one animal)
 - Show stick
 - Rope Halter (for back up)
 - 2 buckets
 - Garbage can for grain
 - Liquid soap/shampoo
 - 2 brushes
 - Hand brush (for hooves)
 - Hoof Pick
 - Curry Comb
 - Scotch Comb
 - Vet wrap (3)
 - Baby Wipes
 - Tack box and combination lock
 - Scissors
 - 3 to 4 old bath towels
 - 1 bottle fly spray
 - Leather punch
 - Grain and hay
- ❖ Decorations ***Mark everything well
 - Curtains
 - Safety pins for hanging stall cards, ribbons, and kids numbers on
 - Wire to hang curtains

Beef—(Herdsmanship Feeding Schedule)
Fresh Water—take out to water 6 times a day. No water buckets in the stalls
Food—Twice a day. Morning and evening.
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Do NOT leave beef tied up outside any longer than to clean stalls and water, then bring them back in so others can use the area.

Clean up manure piles in wash rack area after removing animal.

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Dairy- (*suggestions offered from leader Katherine Kahl*)

❖ Feeding your animal:

- Dairy should have hay all day.
- Grain pans removed after AM & PM feedings.
- Water buckets not left in stalls, may take out to water or bring water in.
- Stalls cleaned hourly
- Keep properly tied

❖ Club Supplies *** Mark everything well

- Wheelbarrow
- Broom
- Pitchforks
- Shovel
- Tack box
- Decorations
- Stall cards

❖ Club Member Supplies ***Mark everything well

- Water buckets
- Feed – hay & grain
- Feed pan
- Halters and neck ropes or chain (to double-tie)
- Containers for feed
- Show halters
- Soap, brushes, clippers
- Baby wipes
- Blower
- Adhesive (if doing toplines)
- Bath towels

Dairy-(Herdsmanship Feeding Schedule)

Fresh Water—take out to water, may water in stall but do not leave water bucket in stall.

Food—May have hay in front of them, or may not

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Llama

- Brushes, body brush and slicker brush
- Halters and leads
- Salt-container to put salt in
- Grain-feeder or feed pans
- Hay
- Llama shampoo and conditioner (optional)
- Blower (optional)
- Nail clippers
- Shears
- First Aid Kit
- Towels
- Shovel, pitch fork
- Wheel barrow
- Water Bucket
- Baby wipes for touch ups
- Stalls cleaned in AM, fresh straw

Llama-(Herdsmanship Feeding Schedule)

Fresh Water—always—full and clean

Food—May have hay in front of them, or may not. If feeding grain, pans removed after feeding.

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Poultry-*(suggestions offered from leader/superintendent Jennifer Lacy)*

Getting your poultry project ready for FAIR!!

First, you need to prepare your animals beyond working with your birds for showmanship.

There are some other preparations you need to do:

- ❖ Lice dusting your animals: (All) this needs to be done at least 4 weeks before fair by dusting entire bird with a lice-dusting powder or you should do this once a week. BUT NOT right before fair!
- ❖ Bathing your animals: You need to wash your birds a day or two before fair as described in your Poultry project materials. This is very important to remove excess dirt and dust from feathers.
- ❖ Grooming: Clip toenails and clean legs, waddles, & comb.
- ❖ Supplies needed for fair: ***Mark everything well
 - Birds
 - food and water cups
 - food
 - sturdy carriers for transport (cardboard boxes are not good—cat carriers work great!)
 - Grooming supplies: Toenail cutters, soft toothbrush for cleaning legs, Q-tips for cleaning face and comb, etc.
 - Show stick
 - Scrub brush for cleaning cage
 - Wheelbarrow, shovel, scoop-like dustpan and small brush
 - Show clothes—long sleeved, clean closed-toe shoes.
 - Doves and Pigeons may want perches.
 - Wire and wire cutters

Once at fair, you need to add bedding to cages or below cages depending on cages used. Wire in food and water cups. Always be sure animals have plenty of fresh water. It is not necessary for birds to have food all the time. The night before the show, pull food cups from cages and don't feed until after the show. Cages need to be cleaned through out the day and wood tables need to be scooped out every morning. All should be scrubbed and spot cleaned during the day. Eggs should be removed from cages.

Have fun and ask questions. If you need any help, there are a lot of good resource people around who are willing to help.

Poultry- (Herdsmanship Feeding Schedule)

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Food—Feed in morning, once a day.

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Horse (*suggestions offered from leader Barb Harn*)

CLUB

wheelbarrow
pitchfork
shovel
rake
tarp (for covering hay)
curtains (dressing & feed rooms)
extension cord
staple gun
screw driver
ladder
hammer & nails
drill
hose

INDIVIDUAL

water bucket
feed pan or bucket
saddle stand
bridle hooks
bucket hooks
feed for horse
helmet
stall guard (if needed)

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The following items are suggestions, but are not necessities:

mirror (for dressing room)
dry erase board
padlocks
watering can
hole punch
first aid kit
chairs

Cavies-(*suggestions offered from leader/superintendent Kathryn Lacy*)

These animals only come for the day of the show. You need to supply cage, food and water bottle. It is always a good idea to use your own carpet square to prevent contamination and transmission of disease. Some clubs feel that you should have a different carpet square for your cavy than your rabbit. Cages cards need to be filled out for the day and it is a good idea to come early for health check because the cavies will not be allowed to enter until they have been checked through.

Cavies-(Herdsmanship Feeding Schedule)

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Food—Only once a day. Food may not be present

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Rabbits-*(suggestions offered from leader/superintendent Kathryn Lacy)*

Rabbits will be provided with cages. If you are a large club, it is a good idea to have more than one wheelbarrow, shovel, and broom. It is also a good idea to have a scrub brush to brush the little hangy things off the bottom of the cages. Members are expected to put shavings under the cages at the beginning of fair and clean them daily. It is also a good idea to check and add shavings during the day if the animals are unusually messy. It makes a better display for the public. It is also nice if the club can decorate a designated area for their tack. It makes it easier for the herdsmanship judge to include in the judging and gives an area just for the club. If you have funds, it may be a good idea to buy a plastic cabinet and totes to keep the kid's things in. It keeps the stuff off the damp ground and contains the kid's stuff a little better. Garbage cans work well to keep feed in too. Once again, the club or members should bring their own carpet squares. You can get them pretty cheap from the dollar store or local carpet stores.

Most small animals have a diet just like us. They are to be fed once a day. Some prefer in the morning while others prefer in the evening. The important thing is that there is fresh water available for them at all times.

- ❖ Grooming Supplies: ***Mark everything well
 - Toenail clippers
 - Baby wipes
 - Q-tips and alcohol
 - Baby oil (or what ever you normally use to groom your animal)

- ❖ Supplies needed for fair: ***Mark everything well
 - Water bottle, food dish, food
 - Wire and wire cutters for decorations
 - Decorations for above cages
 - Decoration for tack area (optional)
 - Carpet squares
 - 1 or more wheelbarrow, shovel, & broom
 - Scrub brush
 - Plastic cabinet and totes (optional)
 - Garbage can for food

- ❖ **MARK EVERYTHING WITH YOUR NAME OR CLUB NAME.**

Rabbits-*(Herdsmanship Feeding Schedule)*

Fresh Water—always—(at least half full)

Food—Only once a day. Morning or Evening. Food may or may not be present. Empty dish needs to be removed.

Stall cards--need to be up