GENERAL ANIMAL SCIENCE INFORMATION

★ Vet Checks:
- **SWINE Entry** All swine must arrive at the fairgrounds and be vet checked by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, August 2nd. Anyone who cannot arrive by 3:00 p.m. should make prior arrangements with Andy Owens, Swine Superintendent (541-832-2182). All Market animals will be weighed in by club beginning at 4:30 p.m. The swine superintendent will contact leaders with the club order prior to fair.
- Swine Photos will be taken Tuesday morning from 8:30 a.m. until completed. 4-H members need to be available at their pen for weigh-in photos. (Remember, no photo – no sale! These photo’s are required as part of your participation in the market auction program.)

★ Other Swine Information:
- a) There **must** be a sheet of plywood no larger than 44 inches by 94 inches under bedding in each hog pen furnished by exhibitor. Pens are also to be wired to prevent them from coming apart.
- b) **Water dumping along Food Row is prohibited by the Health Department**. Water from the swine barn will be dumped in swine wash area or the dump area outside the horse barn.
- c) No extension cords or unnecessary electrical cords should be used to hang lights or other decorations.

★ Livestock Unloading Points:
- Swine ..........................................Livestock Pavilion, South End (Vet Check/Haul-in 7 a.m.- 3 p.m., Weigh-in starts at 4:30 p.m.)
- Goats & Sheep ............................River Arena, West End (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon & 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)
- Beef, Dairy & Horse ........................Lower Arena, North End of Umpqua Park (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon & 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)

Remember that all animals entering the Fairgrounds must be checked by a veterinarian at time of entry and **before** they are penned or stalled. Health inspections are 8 a.m. – noon and 3-7 pm on Monday, August 2nd, for all animals except swine & dogs. **Any animals penned or stalled prior to the inspection will be sent home automatically. Sheep may not be unloaded prior to vet check or they will be sent home.** Please reinforce this policy with your club members. Vaccination certificates for horses, dogs and llamas are required by division superintendents on entry day.

★ Rabbits, Cavies & Poultry:
Enter the Fairgrounds through the Portland Street entrance at the back of the Fairgrounds on Monday, August 2nd from 8 am-noon and 3 - 7 p.m. The Small Animal Superintendent will call clubs with a suggested entry time. **Small animals are exhibited all week.** They will be released Sunday, August 8th at 7:00 am. Poultry will be dipped prior to being placed in barn. Poultry will be blood tested for Pullorum (see Fair Premium Book).

★ Stall & Pen Assignments will be posted by Saturday, July 31st. Bedding guidelines - see Fair Premium Book!!!

★ NO ANIMALS ON THE FAIRGROUNDS PRIOR TO 6 AM ON ENTRY DAY!

★ If your club has decreased the number of animals coming to Fair after registration, please contact the division superintendent so stall assignments can be adjusted before Monday. Those clubs that have not contacted the superintendent and have more stall space than needed will be docked herdsmanship points.

★ Decorations:
Due to Fire Marshall regulations, decorations **must not** block the view through the barns or stall area. (Horse Clubs should refer to Horse Barn Rules for more info.)

★ Dog care members:
Register for county Fair on Monday, August 2nd from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. at the Exhibit Building. Do not bring your dog to the fairgrounds on Monday. Dog entry passes will be given to exhibitors at registration with directions of where and what time dogs can enter the fairgrounds.

Please Note: 4-H dog members must confine their dogs to the show area their dogs to the show area when on the grounds (see the Dog Care section in the Fair Premium Book). Dogs being shown in the 4-H division may stay in the 4-H/FFA camper area during Friday night (August 6th) with Dog Superintendent approval (see Dog Overnight Request in fair letter).

★ Oregon State Fair:
This is an opportunity for those wanting to exhibit beyond the county level. Please read the state fair section of the Fair Premium Book to see if any youth in your club qualify and/or would be interested. All exhibitors are responsible for appropriate deadlines.

★ Equipment:
Club members should put their names on their equipment and have a place to keep their equipment. Individual tack boxes or a club box is fine. Thirty inches long by 18 inches wide and 15 inches deep is as large as can be handled and stored easily. Two boxes this size or smaller are better than one larger box. A shallow tray with compartments is good. Records and papers can be secured to the underside of the lid.

★ Delivery Information:
Contact Douglas County Farmer’s Co-Op or your local feed store for information regarding deliveries during Fair Week. Each person is responsible for their own arrangements.
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**DRESS CODE:** 4-H members are visual representatives of the 4-H program. Therefore, appropriate dress is required for members and leaders when on duty in livestock barns. Appropriate dress for duty in barns would be jeans (preferred) and closed-toed shoes for safety. Horse members see “Horse Barn Rules”.

**HORSE**

Long sleeves, boots, belts (if there are belt loops) are required in all classes. Boots are required whenever member is mounted in the arena, in the horse barn, and all areas where horses are present. The ASTM F1163 approved headgear with SEI certification and labeling is required to be worn and properly fastened when mounted on an equine or in a cart, buggy or wagon being pulled by one or more horses.

**LIVESTOCK**

Dress Code will be enforced for conformation, showmanship classes and the auction. Exhibitor should be neat and clean with hair combed and shirts tucked in: no shorts, no tank tops, no gum, no open toed shoes, no hats! FFA members are to wear official dress. Small animal exhibitors are to wear long sleeved shirts. 4-H Club T-shirts are acceptable, however, T-shirts with other writing or logos **WILL NOT** be permitted. Members not following dress code will be asked to change clothes prior to entering the show ring and/or auction ring. Be on the safe side—bring an extra set of dress clothes for showing and the auction.

Exhibitors who sell market animals are encouraged to bring a change of clothes specifically to be worn at the Show/Auction. Violation of the dress code may cause forfeiture of Fair premiums.

**GROOMING CHUTES/STANDS:**

Please check grooming chutes and stands for safety. They should be in sturdy condition, free from sharp edges, etc. Placement of the chutes and stands at the Fairgrounds is to be done so that foot traffic and spectators are not inconvenienced or put in an unsafe situation. Space for beef and dairy chutes will be limited to that area east of the beef/dairy show ring. Chutes are to be set-up to provide safe access for animals and owner. At this time it is suggested that club members share chutes. **REMEMBER:** Animals are **NOT** to be left unattended in the grooming chutes or stands. ID cards should be placed on equipment (cards available at the 4-H Fair Office).

**TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP**

An E-Slip for a member's steer must be presented at Fair to the Brand Inspector. The E-Slip is to be completed on the date the member takes possession of the steer (on or before March 1st). It is to be completed by the person from whom the steer is purchased. One copy of the E-Slip was to be sent to the Department of Agriculture in Salem within 72 hours of ownership change.

E-Slips are obtained from a Brand Inspector for a small fee. This covers the Brand Inspection and Beef Check-Off fee. Each time the animal changes ownership $1.50 is collected for the Federal Beef Check–Off Program. (4-H members have $1.50 deducted from their sale check at the County Fair). For more information contact the local Brand Inspector.

**Animal Science Records:**

4-H’ers cannot exhibit or show in any fair class or sell Market Animals at the Auction unless they submit a complete set of 4-H records by 8 pm Monday, August 2nd, registration and entry day. See Record Book Reminder under General 4-H County Fair Information for record assembly directions.

Production Records are required for exhibitors of animals in production classes. One copy of these records must be included in the 4-H’ers record book. A second copy of Production Records must be turned in to the division superintendent on entry day, August 2nd.

Feed & Growth Records are required for market animals. One copy of these records must be included in the 4-H’ers record book. A second copy of the Feed & Growth Records must be turned in to the overall livestock superintendent, Dixie Williams, by the Exhibitors meeting, 8 a.m. Wednesday, August 4th.

**Parking on Entry Day:**

Please refrain from leaving trucks and trailers unattended on the Fairgrounds entry day. Do not park your vehicle where it will block others or leave the vehicle in the Lower Arena. Remove livestock hauling vehicles by 8 pm Monday, August 2nd.
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**Beef Awards Consideration Form:**
Several beef awards require the proof of the dam and sire's breeds. Please indicate this information on the Fair pre-registration form (animal breed column). Also be sure to enter date of birth on Production Animals. **To be eligible for specific Breed Awards, please pick up the Cattle Breed Award Form from the 4-H Office or Beef Superintendent and return it by Wednesday at 10 am as indicated on the form.**

**Livestock Judging Contest:**
Eight adult group leaders are needed for the Judging Contest on Friday, August 6th. Please contact the 4-H office if your club has volunteers!

**Unruly Animals:**
The 4-H superintendent has the authority to disqualify any animal that is unruly or is not controllable by the 4-H member. **This rule will be strictly enforced.** The process used at County Fair is as follows:
- The superintendent will talk with the 4-H member and leader regarding any potential problems.
- The animal may be transported to the barn at the discretion of the superintendent(s).
- If a concern exists, the division superintendent(s), overall livestock superintendent, 4-H Program Assistant and 4-H agent will discuss collectively.
- Animal will be monitored throughout the fair by the superintendent and the superintendent may send the animal home at any time.
- If an animal is deemed unruly, it will be released. Exhibit release forms must be signed by overall livestock superintendent, 4-H Program Assistant or 4-H agent.

**Horses:**
Refer to Fair Premium Book Vet Guidelines. All horses must have a current vaccination certificate for Vet check on Monday.

**Sawdust and Bedding Guidelines:**
Please refer to the Fair Premium Book. “**Sawdust bedding will be provided by the Fairgrounds for all barns. Sawdust is to be used moderately.** The amount used will be monitored and regulated by superintendents. Straw will be provided by exhibitors. **Any deviation from these guidelines may result in loss of premiums and/or disqualification from the Fair.**”

**Animal Care and Fitting Guidelines:**
Many of you have asked or will ask what guidelines will be followed regarding fitting and care of animals during fair. While at the fair, 4-H exhibitors are expected to care for, groom and exhibit their own animals except for normal care given during barn duty when members may coordinate and cooperate to ensure proper husbandry. However, because of the educational nature of the fair, it is appropriate for parents, leaders and/or other persons to give verbal assistance in the preparation of livestock for show. Additionally, 4-H members in good standing in Douglas County may assist each other. Any exceptions must be approved in advance by the barn or division superintendent, Extension Agent or 4-H fair rules. Of course, safety is of primary concern and common sense actions/interventions by adults are allowed, when appropriate.

**Animal Release Policy:**
**Animals released by fair/fair management will not be allowed to return to the Fairgrounds.** Veterinarian release requests must be made on site and with the knowledge of the fair management. Animal Release Forms are available from the 4-H Office. Those 4-H animals released will not be eligible for the present years State Fair competition. **This policy is subject to exception only by the overall fair management team.**

**Barn Hours:**
To ensure that 4-H youth have proper supervision, 4-H youth are **not** to be in any of the animal barns after camper/dorm curfew (10 p.m. Monday – Thursday and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday) or in the animal barns prior to 5 a.m. each morning.