

2009 Wasco County 4-H Fair

Prepare for Fair

Premiums

Checks will no longer be written to each exhibiting 4-H member. The new procedure is as follows:

- For classes that qualify for premiums, a premium slip will accompany the ribbon awarded.
- A blue ribbon will receive a \$3.00 premium slip, a red will have a \$2.00 premium slip and a white will be awarded a \$1.00 slip.
- Print the member's name on the top of the slip.
- The member then turns in the slip to the Fair Office between the hours of 3 and 4 pm Tuesday through Saturday.
- While in front of the 'banker' the member will sign the premium slips, thus activating the award. The banker will then add up the premium slips and pay the member that amount in cash.

Important to note:

- The premium slips will be invalid at the end of the 2009 Wasco County Fair. They cannot be saved up and cashed in at next year's fair.
- Do not lose the slips – they will not be replaced.
- If the member is unable to cash in the slips themselves, their parents or leaders are also authorized to cash them in. **Youth will not be allowed to cash the slips for other youth.**

Showmanship

All species brought to fair must be shown in a showmanship class. For instance if a member brings sheep, swine, and rabbits the youth must compete in the showmanship contest for sheep, swine and rabbits.

Animal Reminders

- All animals must be in the fairgrounds by 2 pm on Wednesday, August 12th. After 2 pm animals will not be accepted as a 4-H exhibit.
- Superintendents will be health checking every animal (small and large) as they arrive for obvious illness/disease. If an animal is found to be ill it will be sent home.
- Final Auction Weigh-in will be as close to the following schedule as possible:

2:30 pm	Steer
3:15 pm	Swine
5:00 pm	Goats and Sheep
- The Health Form and C.O.O.L. Form must be turned in before the animal is weighed in. These forms are required for Steer, Sheep, Goats and Swine. Poultry is required to have the C.O.O.L.

form. Neither rabbit or poultry are required to have the Health Form. **If the required forms are not turned in, the animal will not be weighed in and not sold in the auction.**

- Only two auction animals can be shown in market classes. Breeding classes are for those who have a breeding project, not for the extra market animal. Overweight and underweight classes are determined at fair after weigh-in.
- The animal chosen for the auction must be determined by noon on Friday. Forms are available in each barn. Fill it out and place it in the box. Where the second animal is going must be determined by Sunday afternoon and the form placed in the box by 2:00 pm.
- All livestock exhibitors (including parents and leaders) are expected to attend the meeting scheduled for Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the Swine Arena.
- All exhibitors wanting to go to State Fair (or just wanting to find out more information regarding State Fair) need to attend a meeting at 1:00 pm on Saturday in the Swine Arena.
- Barn Duty: All club members must participate in barn duty and all parents must sign up for an evening of barn security.
- Animals deemed out-of-control or dangerous will be sent home.
- All stalls and pens must be cleaned at the close of fair. Superintendent will check off each member after their pens/stalls have been cleaned.
- The fair board will provide straw for sheep, goat and beef pens and shavings for horse stalls and swine pens.

Biosecurity Measures

This year is unique in the number of animal health related issues we are facing. Therefore, additional biosecurity measures have been put into place.

- **Swine** – Health officials are concerned about the possibility of the H1N1 virus mutating. We will be placing large signs on the doors to the Swine Barn asking people who have had flu-like symptoms in the last 10 days to not enter the barn.
- **Beef/Sheep Barn** – Due to the Malignant Catarrhal Fever issue, we are placing panels between the sheep and beef to keep sheep from entering the beef side of the building. A gate will allow individuals from passing through, but sheep need to stay away from the beef. A hand washing station will be mounted to the gate for fair goers and 4-H members to sanitize hands between species. Fans will be placed to blow the air from the beef to the sheep.
- **Sheep** will not be allowed to use the beef wash racks. They will be assigned half the wash racks between the goat and swine barn. **Swine** will be assigned the other half. **Goats** can use the wash racks assigned to sheep. Both sheep and goats can use the horse wash racks as long as they can be humanely lead to the racks. Walk the animals down the road; do not pass through the barns.
- **Horses** – Pigeon Fever is here and we will be on the lookout for ill horses including swelling and abscesses. Horses with fevers will be sent home.

- **Poultry** – The USDA will be doing blood tests on the birds on Friday at 9:00 am. The barn will be off limits to all but the necessary personnel. This is during Rabbit showmanship, therefore, affected rabbit showmen will be classified as “necessary personnel”.
- **Goats/Sheep** – The USDA will be checking for Scrapie tags/tattoos following the bird testing.

4-H Exhibit Hall Reminders

- Make sure all exhibits are accompanied by the appropriate explanation card and exhibit tag. Review the fair book for specific requirements for exhibits in that project area. (For instance, photos have specific requirements for mounting and matting, all photos must be at least 5”x7” with the minimum size of the mounting board being 8”x10”, every entry must have the original snapshot taped to the back of the entry as well as the explanation card and exhibit card attached). Entries not complete may not be eligible for State Fair and will be docked a ribbon color.
- Pay close attention to the times listed in the schedule. If you miss deadline times you drop a ribbon color or don’t get judged at all.
- Remember to sign up for interview judging.
- Fashion Revue participants will model for the judge on Tuesday, but are also expected to model for the public on Thursday evening at 7:00 pm.

General Fair Information

- Passes: 4-H Members exhibiting at fair will receive a bracelet. They are available Thursday and Friday at the 4-H Fair office. The member must come in, sign off as having received the bracelet and have it put on their wrist. If they lose the bracelet it costs \$5.00 to replace it. One season pass is give with each camp spot. Parents who volunteer for a 2 hour shift in the 4-H Exhibit
- Hall will receive a daily fair pass. Individuals who volunteer to clerk in the 4-H Exhibit Hall (on Tuesday or Wednesday before fair opens) will receive a fair pass.
- Encourage parents to fill out the Short Term Event Volunteer Agreement. This covers them with insurance should something happen while they are volunteering at the fair.
- Resolution Committee will listen to all issues. These issues must be in writing – see the fair book for details.