Important Information for the 2015 County Fair

Please share this information with your 4-H families!

4-H Livestock Fair Information Meeting: 4-H Livestock leaders and parents, July 9 meeting, 7:00 pm, at the Extension annex

Deadline for Fair Entry: 4-H fair entries will be accepted through Thursday, July 9 at the Extension office. Also must submit a completed “Oregon Livestock Exhibitor Agreement”. This is a firm deadline.

Project Animal Requirements:
- All market beef and hogs must be in the possession of the member by the spring weigh-in dates.
- All other project animals must be in the member's possession and care by June 1, 2015.
- Project animals shown only by the member (and in the member’s name) between June 1 and the close of State Fair.
- Project animals must be owned by the exhibitor or the exhibitor’s immediate family, or leased. 4-H members may only lease one animal, in a project area in which they do not own animals. A Record of Animal Lease must be filed at the Extension office by June 1 and approved by the 4-H Livestock Advisory.
- Two 4-H members may share an animal at County Fair only if they do not own any other animals in that project area, but sharing animals is not allowed at State Fair.
- With the exception of the 4-H swine show, members are not required to show registration papers for animals exhibited in 4-H breed classes.
- Members are allowed to exhibit their 4-H project animals in both 4-H and open classes.
- At the Clackamas County Fair, no animals entered in the 4-H show may be cross-entered in the FFA show.
- All 4-H animals entered must register with that animals' unique identification number. Accepted numbers include auction tag number, scrapie number, ear notch, etc. If no number is visible or available to confirm at check-in, photos (two = front and side view) can be submitted. No animal will be allowed to remain on the fairground if their identification does not match the entry.

Delivery of Livestock Projects: Livestock can check into the fairgrounds from 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm on Monday, August 17 (unless special arrangements have been made with the superintendent). Swine members may move in on Monday after 9:00 am.

PLEASE NOTE:
- There will be a designated route, for each species, you will be required to abide by, for moving animals in.
- ALL animals identification numbers (or photo) will be confirmed or not allowed to remain on the grounds.
- ALL animals will receive a mandatory health check, administered by the superintendent, assistant superintendent, or CCEC representative, BEFORE the animal will be allowed into the barns and pens/stalls. Unhealthy animals will be sent home.

Market Animals
Market animal weights in the county fair auction rules will be strictly adhered to – no exceptions. Official weights are those taken on the scale at the fairgrounds during fair weigh-in.
- Scales will be open for beef, sheep, and goats from 6:00 to 9:00 pm on Monday, August 17.
- Swine can weigh in from 4:00 to 9:00 pm Monday, August 17.
- If members miss the weigh-in, their animals will not be eligible for the auction.
- Market animals should be taken off of medicated feeds.
- Market animal health forms required at County Fair.

Fitting and Care of 4-H Livestock Project Animals During Fair: During the entire time you are on the show grounds at County Fair, we will enforce our “no adults, 4-H youth only” policy. Only 4-H members are permitted to care for, fit, and show their animals. It is important to note that ALL animals that have been entered by the 4-H member in a 4-H class are included in this policy. Cross-over animals that show in both 4-H and Open class, are still ONLY to be managed BY THE 4-H MEMBER throughout the entirety of the fair week. If a member needs assistance, they may get help from another 4-H youth. The helper does not have to be from the same club. If there is an immediate safety concern, it is appropriate for adults to step in until the danger passes. Parents or leaders who think their member needs non-emergency adult assistance are encouraged to contact their superintendent or the Extension office to discuss other options.
Abuse of rules will be dealt with in the following manner:
- 1st offense: Warning. Warnings may be made by any 4-H staff member, reported to and recorded by the Extension Agent.
- 2nd offense: Violator will be asked to leave the area/pen for at least one day. Violator is the person doing the work for the member.
- 3rd offense: Mandatory dismissal for the 4-H member from further showing and forfeiture of awards for the current fair. Market animals will not go through auction.
4-H Livestock Service Award: The 4-H Livestock Advisory encourages members to help make a good impression by keeping the area attractive and free of manure and debris. Members who assist the Advisory in accomplishing this goal during fair week will be awarded points for each time they pitch in to help keep the general livestock areas clean. Points may also be earned during set up before fair. At the end of the week, members who have contributed greatly to the effort will be recognized.

Barn set-up August 4: All 4-H families are encouraged to come set up the barn areas and pens for fair. Set up help is needed from 8:00 to 10:00 am on Saturday morning August 8.

4-H Livestock Exhibitors’ Orientation Meeting - ALL 4-H livestock exhibitors must attend this a brief orientation meeting on Tuesday, August 18, at 8:30 am to review general show procedures, safety precautions, and rules.

Reminder That Barns Close at 11:00 pm: Please remind your members that no one - including adults - is allowed in the barns after 11:00 p.m. without written permission from the overall livestock superintendent – Greg Burke. Members need to plan the care and feeding of their animals with this time in mind.

4-H State Fair Selection: Please refer to the fair book for the selection guidelines for State Fair.

- Only current 4-H project animals may be exhibited at State Fair.
- Market animals that go through the auction ring, even if bought back, are not eligible.
- Members qualified to enter 4-H exhibits in State Fair may pick up a copy of the State Fair entry form during fair at the livestock office or from their Superintendent.
- State Fair entry forms must be turned in at the 4-H Hall by Friday, August 21, before 7:30 pm.
- A mandatory meeting for State Fair livestock exhibitors, parents, and chaperones will be on Friday, August 15, 9:00 am.
- Anyone who does not attend the mandatory meeting is not eligible to participate at State Fair, unless he or she has received prior permission from the 4-H Extension Agent.

USDA Scrapie Eradication Program: All sheep and goats exhibited at County Fair must comply with the Scrapie Eradication Program. Most animals need to have an ear tag with their number or a certificate linking their Scrapie ID number to a permanent tattoo. To request ID numbers or tags, call 1-866-USDA-TAG.

Biosecurity and Disease Outbreaks: Taking animals to fair not only poses a risk of infection to them, but your animal could infect other animals or humans. While animal disease outbreaks might seem uncontrollable, you can greatly minimize the risk of infection by taking basic precautions.

- Keep your animals healthy, immunizations, limiting visitors, and quarantine periods for new animals and those returning from shows are extremely important.
- Diseases that are mild in one species can be deadly for another, so keep livestock separated and practice good biosecurity when moving between barn areas.
- Humans can also pass diseases to animals or get diseases from them. Visitors coming from out of the area, especially from another country that has recently arrived (less than two weeks) should have no contact with livestock and should not visit the barns at fair. If they have been here longer, then they must make sure their clothes, shoes, and any items they are carrying have been disinfected before they visit animals.
- Remind friends and the public to wash their hands when leaving the barns!

Smoking and Alcohol Policy for 4-H events at the Clackamas County Fairgrounds: During the entire week of fair, whenever you are at the fairgrounds or together with your club, you are part of a 4-H event and all 4-H policies are in effect. Adults need to remember that they are role models to youth.

- The Clackamas County Fairgrounds is smoke-free (since February 2011)- this includes ALL smoke and vapor types
- Leaders: When you signed the Leader enrollment form, you agreed to “not consume alcohol while responsible for youth activities nor allow 4-H youth participants under your supervision to consume alcohol or illegal substances.” If you drink or allow others in your club to drink, you violate this agreement.
- Parents and Chaperones: Set a good example by not smoking or drinking on Fairgrounds (including parking lots and campgrounds) in front of youth. By law, you are also liable if a minor consumes your alcohol, even without your permission.
- Youth: The code of conduct outlines the consequences youth will face if they use tobacco or consume alcohol.

The 4-H Livestock Advisory and I hope that this information is helpful in preparing your 4-H members for participation in the Clackamas County Fair. If you have any additional questions, feel free to call a superintendent or myself.

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