Important Information for the 2015 County Fair

Please share this information with your 4-H families!

4-H Small Animal Fair Social: 4-H Small Animal members, leaders and parents, meeting Tuesday, July 21, 7:00 pm, at the Extension annex. A number of fair related items will be discussed, check-in and weigh-in of animals reviewed, questions answered, and fair information related to small animal shared. Please come early if you are bringing fair entries.

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:
✓ Project animals must be owned, cared for, and in the member’s possession, by June 1, 2015.
✓ The 4-H member must enter showmanship and conformation contests, as well as serve herdsmanship duty, in order to receive premiums.
✓ Project animals will be shown, carried to the table, and groomed only by a 4-H member – No adults, for any reason.
✓ Each member may exhibit a maximum of 4 animals in Rabbit and up to 6 animals in Cavy, Pigeon and Poultry projects. A fryer pen entry is considered as a single entry.
✓ Cavies will have an ear tag in their left ear and must be done prior to fair.
✓ Birds must have leg bands.
✓ Rabbits - All rabbits must have permanent tattoo in the left ear and must be done prior to fair.
✓ Members are allowed to exhibit their 4-H rabbit in both 4-H and open classes. 4-H Poultry and pigeons may not enter open class.
✓ At the Clackamas County Fair, no animals entered in the 4-H show may be cross-entered in the FFA show.
✓ ALL Small Animal entries must be on the grounds and in the barns by 8:00 pm Monday, August 17. Carrying cages and supplies must be removed after animals are in their cages.
✓ ALL animals will receive a mandatory health check, administered by the superintendent, assistant superintendent, or CCF representative, BEFORE the animal will be allowed into the barns and pens. 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.
✓ Market Rabbits Weigh-in on Monday, August 17 at the Clackamas County Fair Small Animal Barn during check-in.
  • Must submit an information card and photo of doe with litter by June 29, 2015 ➔ Clackamas County Jr. Auction Committee
  • Pen consists of 3 rabbits, weighing 3-5 lbs each and not over 10 weeks old.
✓ Market Chickens – Only chickens purchased thru the Auction Committee are eligible for the auction program.
  • Individuals must weigh a minimum of 5.0 pounds each and be less than 8 weeks old.
  • Market Chicken weigh-in is Monday, August 17, at the Clackamas County Fair Small Animal Barn during check-in.
  • Market chickens must be fed and watered by members throughout the Fair
✓ 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 Animal Project Animals During Fair: During County Fair, the entire time you are on the show grounds, 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 Small Animal Exhibitors’ Orientation Meeting - ALL 4-H Small Animal exhibitors must attend this a brief orientation meeting on Tuesday, August 18, at 8:00 am to review general show procedures, safety precautions, and rules.

Showmanship: Carpet squares are required in Showmanship classes for rabbits and cavies.
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**Confirmation:** Members are not required to show registration papers for animals exhibited in 4-H breed classes.

- **Rabbits:** The Standard of Perfection of the ARBA and ACBA will be used as a guide. Crossbreed rabbits/cavy will be judged on condition, cleanliness and fur only.
- **Poultry:** The APA Standards of Perfection will be used as guide to weights and other breed qualities. Crossbreed birds will be judged only on the condition and cleanliness.

**Herdsmanship:** Each individual will serve at least one or two, two hour shifts to perform their duties in each barn they are showing.

- Duties include watering, sweeping the aisles, litter clean up and public demonstrations.
- Sign up for shifts at the July Social or during Monday check-in
- Premiums will be held until Saturday, August 22, or later to be sure the member has completed Herdsmanship duty.

**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, 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 MANDATORY State Fair meeting on Friday, August 15, 2:00 pm.**
- 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.

**Release of Small Animals:** Animals will be released to the member, leader or authorized adult only. Purchasers of animals must present a sales receipt to remove animals. All rabbits, cavies, poultry, and pigeons will be released Sunday, August 23, 2015 from 8:00 to 9:00 pm. Any exceptions must have authorization from the Small Animal Superintendent.

**Oregon “Pullorum Typhoid Free Status”:** ALL birds exhibited at any Fair in the state must EITHER be from a N.P.I.P flock OR be tested negative. This applies to ALL CLASSES OF POULTRY. A technician will be on hand to test all birds requiring testing, that have not been previously tested, AFTER THE JUDGING HAS TAKEN PLACE to eliminate any inconvenience to the owner or stress on the bird. No charge will be made for this service.

**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 has been smoke-free since February 2011**
- **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 on Fairgrounds or drinking 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 Small Animal 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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Avian Flu Information and Changes for 2015
Due to the current outbreak of Avian Flu (HPAI), a disease that is deadly to poultry, the Clackamas County Fair and the 4-H Program have decided there will be **NO WATERFOWL (Ducks or Geese) AT THE FAIR THIS YEAR.** We are monitoring the situation in consultation with the State Veterinarian. Additional cancellations or restrictions are possible. The Extension Office will post updates online.

Be advised that:
- If you attend the fair, your birds may be at increased risk of disease.
- Waterfowl, homes with wild or domestic waterfowl, and homes where birds roam outdoors are at **HIGH RISK.**
- Additional animals may be restricted from fair, particularly those at high risk.
- Additional paperwork may be required.
- Refunds will not be given if we have to cancel after July 9.
- There WILL BE classes for poultry members, even if birds are not allowed to participate. In that case, everyone entered in a Showmanship class will be eligible for the alternate activities.

Suggestions for members with Waterfowl:
We know that a some of our members focus on raising waterfowl. Here are some of the options for you to participate in county fair:
- You may bring and show other birds you own.
- If you have no other birds, you can enter the showmanship class and we will find an alternate activity for you. Alternate activities will be discussed at the June Small Animal Advisory meeting. You will not need to pay a coop fee if you only enter showmanship. On your Fair Entry Form, write “alternate activity” in the description.
- You may enter the classes in the exhibit hall that are open to all members. Your entries can be about your poultry project or any other topic that interests you.
- You can spend time in the poultry barn helping your club and assisting with herdsmanship. You can help give out information to the public about the Avian Flu. (Remember that you have to enter at least one 4-H class in order to qualify for free admission to the fair.)

If you have birds at high risk, think carefully about how you house and care for your birds. If you can not change your flock management practices, then we suggest you not bring your birds to fair. You might try one of the other options for participation that we suggest for waterfowl members.

About HPAI:
Avian influenza (AI) is an infectious viral disease of birds (especially wild waterfowl such as ducks and geese), often causing no apparent signs of illness in these species. AI viruses can sometimes spread to domestic poultry and cause large-scale outbreaks of serious disease. Some of these AI viruses have also been reported to cause disease in humans and other mammals. AI viruses are divided into two groups based on their ability to cause disease in poultry: high pathogenicity or low pathogenicity. Highly pathogenic viruses result in high death rates (up to 100% mortality within 48 hours) in some poultry species. Low pathogenicity viruses also cause outbreaks in poultry, but are not generally associated with severe disease.

(Reference: [http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/programs/AnimalHealthFeedsLivestockID/AnimalDiseases/Pages/AvianInfluenza.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/programs/AnimalHealthFeedsLivestockID/AnimalDiseases/Pages/AvianInfluenza.aspx))

There have been two outbreaks in Oregon of the HPAI strain this year, and additional cases in other Western states. Indications are that the majority of wild waterfowl in the region are now carriers. It can be present in domestic waterfowl as well. There have been only a few documented cases worldwide of this strain in pigeons, and it is thought that pigeons and are unlikely to contract this strain. The USDA and State Veterinarian are closely following this disease. Stricter safety measures will be taken if these experts discover new information or if there are more outbreaks.

All birds owners, whether commercial producers or backyard enthusiasts, should prevent contact between their birds and wild birds and report sick birds or unusual birds deaths to State/Federal officials, either through their state veterinarian or through USDA’s toll-free number at 1-866-536-7593.

Biosecurity information to share:
Video for backyard chicken owners: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y1mWR2pashY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y1mWR2pashY)

Our highest priority is that our members’ birds are healthy before AND after fair. Make the best decision for your flock.