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TO: 4-H and FFA State Fair Livestock Exhibitors
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Thank you for choosing to exhibit livestock at the Nebraska State Fair! This letter is to inform you of State Fair procedures that apply to all 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors. If you have specific questions about your livestock entries, please contact your county 4-H Extension Staff or FFA Advisor.

Map:

For new exhibitors, the Nebraska State Fair map is posted on the Nebraska State Fair website. Link: <https://www.statefair.org/plan-your-visit/parking-and-maps>

Schedule:

The Nebraska State Fair Livestock schedule can be found here: <https://www.statefair.org/ag-competitions/livestock-exhibitors/>

4-H Livestock Schedule: <https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair-schedule>

FFA schedule can be viewed here: <https://neaged.org/state-fair/>

Exhibitor Entry to Grounds, Unloading, and Traffic Flow:

- All exhibitors will enter the east entrance to the Brunk's Lot from Stolley Park Road. Brunk's Lot is a grass lot located south of the fairgrounds on Stolley Park Road.
- Exhibitors will pick up their exhibitor packet at the Livestock Check-In Trailer (see more information below).
- Before entering the fairgrounds, all livestock will have health papers reviewed and livestock health examined by the State Fair Vet Staff.
- After approval, swine exhibitors will proceed to Gate # 3 and cattle, sheep and goat exhibitors will proceed to Gate #4. Volunteers will be available to help navigate you to the correct location.
- Exhibitors will unload and exit to the east side of their respective barn and exit through Gate #2. **Note: Exhibitors should move their vehicles prior to setting up their area to allow other exhibitors to unload their tack and livestock. Please be considerate of your fellow livestock exhibitors. There will be people in the barns guiding you to your stalls/pens. Exhibitors are asked to be unloading in 30 minutes to keep the flow of traffic moving.**
- After unloading and exiting the grounds, exhibitors will drop their trailer off in the Brunk's Lot. A permit is not required to leave your trailer in Brunk's Lot.
- Vehicles with an exhibitor permit may park in Exhibitor Lot 3A/3B. Vehicles without an exhibitor parking permit will park in general parking. Exhibitor parking permits will be available to purchase at Livestock Check-In Trailer.



Livestock Check-In Trailer Hours (CST):

Exhibitors can arrive during the open hours. If an exhibitor arrives with their livestock outside of vet check hours, they will be unable to enter the grounds. Please review the schedule to note check-in and in place times. Times can be found here: <https://www.statefair.org/ag-competitions/livestock-exhibitors/>

4-H animals can enter barns at 9:00 AM on Thursday, August 24.

4-H animals can enter barns at NOON on Friday, August 25.

FFA Swine begin arrival at 5:00 PM on Thursday, August 31.

FFA Beef cattle, sheep, and goats begin arrival at NOON on Friday, September 1.

Health Certificates:

A (CVI) Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is required for all animals entering the fairgrounds and will be checked by a veterinarian in Brunk's Lot prior to entering the grounds. **If you have both 4-H and FFA livestock you will need to obtain two health certificates from the local veterinarian, one for each show.** Exhibitors must abide by all stated requirements to be able to participate. **NEW in 2023: Electronic CVIs will be accepted. They must be emailed to nsvetcheck@gmail.com.** Be prepared to show your CVI on an electronic device.

Reminder: Cattle will not require a BVD test.

Please refer to the State Fair website for Livestock Health Requirements
<https://www.statefair.org/ag-competitions/livestock-exhibitors/>

Rules:

Be sure to read and abide by all rules outlined in the 4-H & FFA General Livestock Rules, each species-specific rules for 4-H and FFA and the State Fair General Livestock Rules & Regulations as well as the 4-H or FFA fairbook.

Exhibitor Packets and Exhibitor Shirts:

Each livestock exhibitor will receive an exhibitor packet and an exhibitor shirt. Exhibitors can pick up their exhibitor packet during open livestock trailer hours. For example, if you are an FFA family showing second weekend you can come during the designated hours to pick up your packet on the first weekend. The packet will include important documents, weigh cards, back tags, and promotional material. If you find you are missing something, you can visit with the volunteers in the Livestock Office.

4-H exhibitors can pick up their shirt in the livestock office. FFA exhibitors can pick up their shirt in the livestock office. FFA shirts will be available the second weekend.



Check-in:

All entries must be checked in during the assigned check in time to exhibit at the State Fair. The Brunk's Lot Vet Check is not your show check-in, so please review the schedule to confirm where and when you will have your species check-in for 4-H or FFA. If you miss check in, you will be ineligible to show.

Before coming to State Fair, ensure that the tag and/or tattoo are visible and in the ear.

Stall Assignments and Guidelines:

Stalling assignments will be emailed to this livestock exhibitor listserv and to FFA Advisors and 4-H Extension Staff as they become available. If you have any questions or concerns about your assignment, please contact your local 4-H Extension Office or the local FFA Advisor.

Cattle are required to tie out after 9:00 PM. There will be flexibility in the event of bad weather. No generators, pens or chutes are allowed in the tie out area. Tie outs will be monitored with security staff.

Note: Swine will be stalled two hogs per pen. Goats will be stalled 4 per pen and sheep will be stalled 3 per pen.

Additional Electricity Available:

Please continue to use common sense in the equipment you bring - though there is sufficient power available, it is not unlimited. Keep extension cords to a minimum! DO NOT have cords lying across aisles or in water. All generators must be kept outside the barn.

Bedding:

Aurora Cooperative will be the official feed vendor. You can reach Jefferson Keller at (308)750-6653 for service. Bulk bedding will be used as the initial bedding for the Cattle Barn. However, for cattle exhibitors, the same common bulk bedding will be used throughout the fair. FFA cattle, you may want a little additional bedding to freshen up your stall. Bagged bedding will be used in the Sheep and Swine Barns. Bulk bedding will be used in the tie-out areas. Bedding will be supplied for the Sheep, Swine and Goats as in the past. Additional bagged bedding may be purchased from Aurora Cooperative, located west of the Cattle Barn, open daily with payment of cash, check, or credit/debit card.

If you are a beef exhibitor, please flatten out the bedding in tack/chute areas and put equipment on top of bedding and NOT pile it up in other stalls.



Livestock Insurance:

Because of heat, stress or other conditions, an animal occasionally dies during transit or at the State Fairgrounds. Some insurance companies do offer special insurance for exhibitors to cover their animals during transit and exhibition. If you are interested in assuring that such a loss will be covered, contact a local insurance agent. There is no insurance coverage (through State Fair, 4-H or FFA) for this type of loss.

Feed Service:

Bring your vehicle with feed and/or tack to Gate #3. You are allowed 30 minutes for unloading. After unloading, exit through Gate #3 to general parking. Vehicles exceeding 30 minutes will be towed at the owner's expense.

Beef Blocking Chutes, Sheep/Goat Stands, Fans and Generators:

No free standing or cart fans allowed in any of the barns. Beef blocking chutes permits, and sheep/goat stand permits were pre-sold during entry. A limited number of permits will be available for purchase in the Livestock Office. Exhibitors will be asked to remove chutes without proper tags or in non-designated spaces. No blocking chutes will be allowed in the swine barn. No generators will be allowed in the barns or in the tie area at any time. Generators will be allowed only outside the barns.

Final Drive: Champion Market Selection and Parade of Breeding Champions:

To highlight the outstanding Nebraska 4-H and FFA members, their families, and their accomplishments there will be a Final Drive Champion Market Select and Parade of Breeding Champions on both weekends. The market animals will not have their champions selected at the conclusion of the market show but will be selected in the Final Drive. In addition, the breeding champions (champion and reserve champion) will be paraded and recognized prior to those market animals being selected. Please join us for the big events!

4-H Final Drive: Sunday, August 27 at 4 PM CST

FFA Final Drive: Monday, September 4 at 3:30 PM CST

Livestream:

State Fair we will be livestreaming goats, sheep, cattle and swine shows for 4-H and FFA. It will be linked on the website, https://www.statefair.org/live_stream/, through the State Fair Livestock Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/NSFLivestockExhibitors> and through ShowBarn Flix's website, <https://www.showbarnflix.com/>.



4-H Livestock Release:

Breeding Beef, Breeding Swine, Breeding Ewes and Poultry can begin release on Saturday, August 26 between the hours of 6 PM-9 PM. Beef exhibitors will be able to drive through the barn if breeding beef show is concluded. All animals will need to stay in place until Sunday, August 27 until 1 PM. At 1 PM, all animals begin to load out. Exhibitors will not be able to drive through the barns until the conclusion of the show(s). Until the conclusion of the shows, beef exhibitors will access the south side of the beef barn and exit gate #2 and sheep/goat exhibitors will have access to the north side of the sheep/goat barn and exit gate #2.

FFA Livestock Release:

Any FFA livestock that is finished showing on Sunday, September 3 may begin that evening between the hours of 6 PM-9 PM. Beef exhibitors will be able to drive through the barn if breeding beef show is concluded. All animals will need to stay in place until Monday, September 4 until 1 PM. At 1 PM, all animals begin load out. Exhibitors will not be able to drive through the barns until the conclusion of the show(s). Until the conclusion of the shows, beef exhibitors will access the south side of the beef barn and exit gate #2 and sheep/goat exhibitors will have access to the north side of the sheep/goat barn and exit gate #2.