

DATE: August 15, 2023

TO: State Fair Rabbit & Poultry Exhibitors

FROM: Brandy Schulze, 4-H Livestock Superintendent

We have received your 4-H livestock entries and are excited that you will be joining us at the 2023 Nebraska State Fair! This letter is to inform you of State Fair procedures that apply to all 4-H livestock and small animal exhibitors. If you have specific questions about your entries, have your County Extension Educator contact one of these people:

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Map:

The 2023 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 4-H animal schedule for the Nebraska State Fair can be found here: <https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair-schedule>
- Check in for poultry will be from **4:00 PM-8:00 PM CST** on Friday, August 25 in the sheep barn on the east end by the poultry area. Look for signs for the specific location. **Please note, the vet check in Brunk's Lot is not the official 4-H check-in. You will need to turn in your entry cards to your respective 4-H check-in.**
- Check in for rabbits will be from **8:00 AM-10:30 AM CST** on Saturday, August 26 in the sheep barn at the east end by the rabbit area.
- **All entries must be checked in during the assigned check in time to exhibit at the State Fair. If you miss check in, you will be ineligible to show.**
- **All rabbits and poultry must be housed at the State Fair from check in to the release time.**

Exhibitor Entry to Grounds, Unloading and Traffic Flow:

- Coming from either the east or west, enter Brunk's Lot (south of the fairgrounds) from Stolley Park Road.
- **Rabbit Only:** Rabbit exhibitors will be required to have their CVI checked in Brunk's Lot prior to coming on to the fairgrounds. Poultry will not require a vet inspection.
- **Exhibitors will need to** pick up their exhibitor packet at livestock check-in trailer.
- After you leave Brunk's Lot, enter Gate #4 and proceed past the tie outs to the west gate of the sheep barn.
- Unload on northeast side of sheep barn.
- After dropping off your animals, travel east and south to exit through Gate #2 and park in exhibitor or general parking.
- If you have purchased a parking permit, you may park in the exhibitor parking lot (3 A/B) by entering Gate #3 or entering Brunk's Lot to the south of the fairgrounds. Brunk's Lot is off the grounds so entry through the walk through gate is required with a pass or admission fee. Trailers will not be allowed in the Exhibitor Parking Lot 3 (A/B).
- Exhibitors can pick up their State Fair exhibitor t-shirt during office hours at the Livestock Office which is located on the west side of the Five Points Bank Arena.
 - 4-H Livestock Office Hours
 - Thursday, August 24: 9:00 AM-9:00 PM CST
 - Friday, August 25: 9:00 AM CST-9:00 PM CST
 - Saturday, August 26: 7:00 AM CST-7:00 PM CST
 - Sunday, August 27: 7:00 AM CST- 4:00 PM CST

Livestock Check-in Trailer Hours

Reminder, exhibitors can only pick up their exhibitor packets or have their CVI reviewed during the following hours.

Thursday, August 24: 9:00 AM CST-9:00 PM CST

Friday, August 25: 9:00 AM CST- 9:00 PM CST

- Rabbits/Poultry cannot enter barns until NOON CST
- Poultry must be in place by 8:00 PM CST on Friday

Saturday, August 26: 6:00 AM CST- 6:00 PM CST

- Rabbits must be in place by 10:30 AM CST

Showmanship Time Limit:

Poultry: Maximum time is five minutes.

Rabbit: Maximum time is four minutes.

Items to Bring:

- Each exhibitor is to bring their own bowls for water and feed. **Bowls and feed will not be provided in 2023.**
- Exhibitors are required to wear the official State Fair 4-H t-shirt available at the livestock office. Solid blue jeans are required. No hats, caps or other types of headgear are to be worn. Exhibitors shall not display any local, county or club identification.
- Cardboard or other barriers may be used to help separate rabbits and poultry between cages. Barriers will not be supplied by the Nebraska State Fair and must be provided by the 4-Her.

State Fair App

Download the 4-H at the Nebraska State Fair App for easy access to the schedule of 4-H events, 4-H live animal show programs and contest schedules, results, and so much more! All live animal programs will be posted on the app and posted near the show arena. Link to app: <https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair#app>

Non-Market Ethics Affidavits:

Rabbit and poultry exhibitors must complete and present the completed show ethics affidavit at time of check in. If you are showing **BOTH** species, you will need to turn in two different ethics forms. Identification numbers must be accurately completed.

The Rabbit/Poultry ethics affidavit form can be found at: <http://4h.unl.edu/state-fair/exhibitor> but will also be made available in your exhibitor packet.

Release Time

4-H Poultry exhibitors may begin release from 6:00 PM CST-9:00 PM CST on Saturday, August 26. 4-H Poultry and Rabbits may begin release at 1:00 PM CST on Sunday, August 27.

Additional Reminders:

Rabbit

- Rabbit exhibitors were allowed the option to pre-enter up to 10 rabbits into ShoWorks but can only exhibit **5 rabbits** at the State Fair. Those additional rabbits that were entered are eligible for potential substitutions.
- All rabbits must be entered and exhibited in a breeding or market class; this includes rabbits used for showmanship. A rabbit cannot be used only for showmanship.
- All rabbits, except fryers, must have permanent ID numbers or names tattooed in their ear with a pin tattoo pliers and tattoo ink (permanent marker numbers written in the ears of the rabbits are NOT permanent ID numbers). These ID numbers or names must match the State Fair entry list in order to be eligible to show.
- All rabbit tattoos will be reviewed at check in. **Rabbits whose tattoos are not legible or do not match the registration information will not be allowed to show at the State Fair.**
- Please leave large cages for those with large breeds. Cages will be marked for those who have large breed rabbits. Cage selection is first come, first serve.
- **All 4-H rabbits exhibiting at the 2023 Nebraska State Fair must have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) within 30 days of exhibition.** The CVI must list the Nebraska State Fair as consignee and will need to have the official identification (ear tattoo) listed on all rabbits being exhibited during the State Fair. The health papers will be checked by a representative of the State Veterinarian's Office. **A CVI form has been created if your local vet needs a template to use:** https://4h.unl.edu/documents/StateFair/State-Fair_Rabbit-CVI-Form_042121.pdf
- All rabbits should be quarantined for 30 days after returning from the show and all equipment and cages should be sanitized once you return home.
- The NDA has created a link for rabbit owners to review information, guidance, and links for public knowledge to increase awareness and provide guidance regarding this disease. Link: <https://nda.nebraska.gov/animal/diseases/rhd/index.html>

Poultry

- A 4-H member is limited to exhibiting **5 live bird** entries (egg production trios are considered one entry). Egg entries are not considered in the 5 bird limit. Egg entries are limited to one dozen per exhibitor. Do not refrigerate prior to exhibiting eggs.
- **POULTRY SUBSTITUTIONS:** Substitutions of poultry exhibits are only allowed if the substitution is within the same division AND was also nominated in the state fair entry database by August 10. For example, a bantam chicken can only be substituted for another bantam chicken. A bantam duck could NOT be substituted for a bantam chicken. Divisions are: Large Fowl, Bantam, Waterfowl, and Production Fowl.
- Cage selection is first come, first serve but please leave large cages open for large poultry exhibits.