



DATE: August 14, 2017  
TO: State Fair Rabbit & Poultry Exhibitors  
FROM: Brandy Wagner, 4-H Livestock Superintendent

We have received your 4-H livestock entries and are excited that you will be joining us at the 2017 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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### **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.
- Pick up exhibitor packet at livestock check-in trailer, no vet inspection of your animal(s) is required. Express lane should be used to pick up these packets. Packets may be picked up prior to bringing your animal(s) to the fairgrounds.
- Enter Gate #4, proceed past the tie outs to the west gate of the sheep barn.
- Unload on north 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 fair grounds. 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).
- Trailers may be parked in Brunk's Lot or JBS Swift lot at no charge. No charge to a park a vehicle in Luebbe's East Lot.
- You may view the entrance route on the web at <http://www.statefair.org/p/other/258>
- **Reminder:** Exhibitor badges are your pass to get into the fair grounds. If you do not have an exhibitor badge, single day passes will allow entry.
- 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 will be posted at the livestock office.

### **Livestock Check-in Trailer Hours:**

- Hours range for check-in times. Please refer to the schedule found on <http://www.statefair.org/p/getinvolved/270>. Exhibitors must go through the check-in trailer in order to be allowed on the fairgrounds. All packets must be picked up at the check-in trailer.

### **Schedule**

- Cages are available for rabbits after 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 31 in the sheep barn.
- Check-in for poultry will be from **4:00 PM-8:00 PM** on Friday, September 1 in the sheep barn in the east end by the poultry area. Look for signs as to the location.
- Check-in for rabbits will be from **7:00 AM-10:00 AM** on Saturday, September 2 in the sheep barn at the east end by the rabbit area.
- All poultry and rabbits must be in place by **9:30 AM on Saturday, September 2.**
- **All entries must be checked in during the assigned check in time in order to exhibit at the State Fair.**
- Poultry and Rabbits begin release on Monday, September 4 at 10:00 AM.

### **Additional Reminders:**

#### **Rabbit**

- Rabbit exhibitors were allowed the option to pre-enter up to 10 rabbits in to ShoWorks. An exhibitor is only allowed to show five rabbits.
- 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 ShoWorks pre-enter list in order to be eligible to show.
- All rabbit IDs will be checked at check-in. Rabbits whose tattoos are not readable or do not match the registration information will not be allowed to show at the State Fair.
- All rabbits must be housed at the State Fair from check in to the release time.
- Cardboard or other barrier may be used to help separate fighting rabbits between cages. Barriers will not be supplied by the Nebraska State Fair and must be provided by the 4-Her.
- Each exhibitor is to bring their own bowls for water and feed. A limited number of bowls are available for use on a first come, first serve basis. Feed is provided.
- Dress Code: 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.



## Poultry

- **There is no longer a check-in for poultry on Saturday morning. The only option for check in is on Friday, September 1 from 4:00 PM-8:00 PM on Friday, September 1. If you do not check-in during this time, you will be ineligible to show on Saturday.** *The Superintendents are making themselves available for an earlier check-in so that is why this letter reads differently than the State Fair schedule.*
- Cardboard or other barrier may be used to help separate fighting poultry between cages. Barriers will not be supplied by the Nebraska State Fair and must be provided by the 4-Her.
- Egg Exhibits are limited to one per exhibitor. Do not refrigerate prior to exhibiting eggs.
- **POULTRY SUBSTITUTIONS:** Substitutions of poultry are only allowed if the substitution is within the same class. For example, a large fowl chicken may only be substituted for another large fowl bird. A large fowl entry may not be substituted for a bantam entry or vice versa. Likewise, a duck entry cannot be substituted for a large fowl entry.
- All poultry must be housed at the State Fair from check in to the release time (including Showmanship exhibits.)

### **Non-Market Ethics Affidavits:**

Rabbit and poultry exhibitors must complete and present the completed show ethics affidavit at time of check in. Identification numbers must be accurately completed.

The non-market ethics affidavit form can be found at: <http://4h.unl.edu/state-fair/exhibitor>.

For any questions during the State Fair, please contact Brandy Wagner in the 4-H Livestock Office at 308-385-3944 or at [bwagner5@unl.edu](mailto:bwagner5@unl.edu).