

June 14, 2017

Dear 4-H'ers enrolled in Livestock Projects,

The Ellis County Fair will be here soon. Enclosed please find the required pre-entry forms for the County Fair. These forms are due back in the Extension Office by **Friday, June 30th**.

We are moving to an on-line entry system. This year, we are asking you to complete the usual paperwork that's included here **by June 30 AND** the on-line entry process **by July 10**.

The new system will create your entry cards. No more hand writing cards!!

You will enter every animal, showmanship, indoor exhibit and contest participation into this system. Go to <https://www.fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/1222> to get started. You will log in using your 4-H Online user name and password. There is a help guide posted on the Ellis Co. 4-H Fair page. Call if you have questions.

Stall Deposits - Two separate checks are required. Checks will be **made payable to 4-H Ag/Livestock**. The stall deposit check should be separate from the check for pictures & insurance. Stall deposit checks are returned if you clean your pens.

Livestock Insurance - The insurance available is \$5 per animal. Coverage starts when the animals leave the farm en route to the fair. Coverage ends when the animal is loaded onto the trailer at the end of the Fair. The company's limit of liability shall not exceed 25% over market value.

Livestock Sale – If you are new to the sale, you will need to complete a W-9 form for the Fairboard in order to receive your check. Please complete and return, if included here.

Livestock Transport - The Ellis Co. Fairboard and 4-H Ag Livestock committee work to help you sell the animal if it is bought for "Premium Only" in the sale. **The Fairboard is asking every family to check in with the sale clerk table before leaving the sale to confirm your plan for your animals.**

We will be offering transportation and insurance coverage for those animals that the Ag Livestock committee is transporting to the locker plant in Ness City or to the Russell sale barn. You will indicate your interest and pay the additional fees with your intent to sell form.

Photo & Frames - The Ag Livestock Committee will again provide frames for pictures this year. Cost will be \$8.00 per animal. You will provide a framed photo to your sale buyer. You will also receive a copy of the photo. **Please make every effort to honor the times posted for taking these photos.**

BBQ Tickets & Invitation Poster – If you sold an animal in the sale last year, you will have 2 bbq tickets & a sale invitation flyer to take to an assigned sale supporter. The name and address will be on the tickets. **Please deliver these before July 7.** If your buyer purchased more than 1 animal in the sale, **they may request 2 additional tickets** for each purchase. **They should contact our office directly for additional tickets prior to the July 10 deadline.**

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Bedding Policy - In order to avoid the drains from stopping up, most of the pigs will be stalled north of the wash pens. They will not be allowed to use any kind of bedding. (Rubber mats are acceptable). The sheep and any goats will be allowed bedding, but the pens will be dry. No water can be used to hose down pens, etc, just to fill livestock water pans.

Health Requirements - Please be aware of the **health requirement for swine and sheep**. The State of Kansas Animal Health Department **no** longer requires that swine be tested for pseudorabies and brucellosis. Sheep will **not** have to have health papers stating they are free of sore mouth and club lamb fungus infection. However, a Veterinarian will check animals prior to you unloading them at the fairgrounds. If an animal is suspect, they will be asked not to unload. **Sheep and Goats** should have a scrapie tag / premise identification tag.

Drug Withdrawal / Age Verification Forms - Each livestock exhibitor selling a **market animal** must sign a drug withdrawal form. This form is included in this packet. Your animal is part of the food chain and you have a responsibility to provide safe food to the consumer. Turn these back in with the required pre-entry forms due **June 30th**.

READ YOUR FAIR BOOK CAREFULLY. Note fitting guidelines, sale livestock delivery process & times.

Livestock Processing – Smoky Hill Processing in Victoria is fully booked with livestock following our Fair. As a result, the 4-H Ag Livestock committee has visited with the South Fork Meat Processing in Ness City to schedule our livestock processing there. We will coordinate transportation of all livestock going to Ness City and will charge a small fee to help cover the drivers' costs. **Please indicate on your entry form the number of animals you estimate you will need to have transported.** This will help in our planning. Thanks.

Fairgrounds Clean Up Night is Wednesday, July 12 – Please sign up for the fairgrounds clean up night **by June 30**. Commerce Bank is sponsoring pizza for all who help and we need to give them a meal count. **Be sure to thank them for this continued support of 4-H!**

Parking during clean up night – The Fairboard asks that folks not park to the West and North of the small animal barn on clean up night, so that the area can be mowed. Thanks for your help in making that happen.

Website – This letter and all of the forms are also available for you to print out from the Ellis Co. Extension website. Check it out at www.ellis.ksu.edu. The forms are listed under the Ellis County Fair - 4-H link.

If you have questions, contact your livestock project leader or the Extension Office. More blank sheets are available, drop by the Extension Office if you need more.

Yours in 4-H,



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