

July 2009

Dear State Fair 4-H Beef Exhibitor,

Fair time is just around the corner. Here are some reminders as you prepare for the 2009 Iowa State Fair.

BE SURE TO READ YOUR 2009 STATE FAIR 4-H PREMIUM BOOK
ONLINE at: <http://www.iowastatefair.org/competition/4h.php>
ESPECIALLY THE REQUIRED SECTIONS

RULE CHANGES FOR 2009:

- **NEW for 2009** – All market beef AND breeding beef exhibitors will be required to complete and sign the Animal Care & Disclosure Statement (drug affidavit) and bring to check-in
- **NEW for 2009** - No artificial tails/switches will be permitted
- **Fitting Rule** – Assistance is allowed only by immediate family members or current Iowa 4-H'ers; Family members include and are limited to: parent/legal guardian, brother, sister or step-siblings
- **No Coaching** - No coaching will be allowed from or near the ring. This includes verbal or non-verbal coaching. Violators will be escorted from the barn/showing area for the duration of the show.

REMINDERS FOR 2009:

- Be sure you check your tattoos! No fresh tattoos will be allowed!
- All breed steers, purebred heifers, and commercial heifers require tattoos
- Only the 4-H'er and 1 person may accompany an animal to the show check-in area; this **MUST** be an immediate family member or current Iowa 4-H'er.
- No icing or artificial means of cooling of animals will be allowed in the show Pavilion

Forms

- Health papers must be completed and written within 30 days of exhibition and brought to check-in with the fair vet's stamp.
- **Health certificates not completed properly will be denied and the owner will be required to obtain a new certificate at owner's expense**
- A copy of the Iowa 4-H Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement **MUST BE COMPLETED, SIGNED and brought to check-in** before you receive your T-shirt and exhibitor number. **ALL** medications and treatments from January 15th to present (check-in day) **MUST** be listed on the disclosure statement for **ALL BEEF ANIMALS; MARKET AND BREEDING.**

Arrival and Stalling

- 4-H Beef arriving on Sunday evening will stage in the lot at E. 28th St. and Dean Ave. Trailers will enter the fairgrounds through Gate 7 and unload cattle in tie-outs. Trailers will exit either through Gate 6 or the tie-out gate, and then re-enter through Gate 7 to unload tack only and exit through Gate 8. Livestock Control will help with this process, but we ask for everyone's patience.
- When you arrive, you can find your county's stall assignments on the bulletin board outside of the Cattle Barn Office.
- All 4-H cattle will be stalled in the Cattle Barn; stall assignments will be posted outside of the Cattle Barn Office at 5:00 PM on Sunday.
- Only ONE set of divider panels will be allowed per county.

- Health papers must be stamped at the Vet office prior to check-in. The vet office will be open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday and again at 7:00 a.m. Monday morning to begin stamping papers.

Check In Procedure

- Each exhibitor can pick up a weigh-in number (one per animal) from the Cattle Barn Office beginning on Sunday evening at 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and again on Monday morning at 7:00 a.m. When the appropriate number sequence is called, please proceed to the check-in area on Monday.
- Check-in will occur in the Cattle Barn. Be sure to bring your stamped health paper, signed Animal Care and Disclosure Statement, and registration papers with you along with your animal.
- **Remember to check your tattoos.** Tattoos must be legible and match the registration paper. It would be wise to wipe out the ears before arrival. **NO FRESH TATTOOS WILL BE ALLOWED.**

Showmanship Procedure - Exhibitors wishing to exhibit in the showmanship class must get in the check-in line early. Entry in the showmanship contest requires signing the check-in sheet at the Cattle Barn Office by **10 a.m.** The showmanship contest will be held Monday, August 17 at 2:30 p.m. in the Outdoor Arena just east of the swine barn. Grooming for this class is optional. There will be four grade divisions: 5/6, 7/8, 9/10 and 11/12. In each of the divisions, a Champion and Reserve Champion Beef Showman will be selected. Information will be posted outside the 4-H beef office and announced in the barn.

Check Out

- If you don't already have a vehicle parking pass, a Livestock Load-out pass will be needed to get your pickup and trailer back in the fairgrounds to load out. These will be available from the 4-H beef office.
- All Animals and tack must be removed from the barn by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 19. Failure to do so will result in exhibitors forfeiting their premium money.

Premier Beef Exhibitor Contest

Don't forget to sign-up (if you haven't pre-entered) for the Premier Exhibitor Contest during check-in. State Fair Beef Exhibitors who have just completed 11th & 12th grade are eligible to compete. Placing is determined by a written quiz, interview, skill stations, showmanship placing, and live placing. There is no entry cost!

1st Place - \$1000 cash

2nd Place - \$500 cash

3rd Place - \$250 cash

For more information, contact Mike Anderson at 515-294-8617.

Beef of Merit Show: Beef exhibitors showing in the regular show can also show in the Beef of Merit show. 4-H'ers can sign up during the beef check-in on Monday if not pre-entered.

If not pre-ordered, parking hang tags can be purchased in the Administration Building for \$6.00 per day. These parking passes are good for Lot T only. Lot T is located on the north side of the Youth Inn all the way up the hill to Grandfather's Barn.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2009 Iowa State Fair.

Sincerely,



Bruce Jones
4-H Beef Superintendent



Mike Anderson
4-H Livestock Superintendent

Enc: Producing Safe Food Includes No Residue in Show Animals
Bio-Security Information
Iowa 4-H Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement
Cc: Jen Cannon, Dr. Leuschen

Map and Gate Entrance Directions