

July 2009

Dear State Fair Youth Dairy 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**

NEW CHANGES FOR 2009:

- Enclosed you will find your Exhibitor Entry Cards (1 per animal entered)
- Completely fill out one card for each animal you are bringing to fair
- **It is YOUR responsibility to be sure all animals you are bringing have been ID'ed on your 4-H 106 form filed at the county extension office by May 15th**
- **Any animal brought to the fair that is NOT on your ID form, will not be allowed to show**
- Your completed entry cards will be collected during check-in

REMINDERS FOR 2009:

- Arrival Time: Dairy Cattle may arrive starting at 4:00 PM on Tues. Aug. 11th
 - **Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to arrive late Tuesday night or into the overnight to avoid conflict with horse show traffic near the Cattle Barn and new Outdoor Arena**
- Check-in Time: 10 AM – 3 PM on Wed. Aug. 12th
- T-shirt & Exhibitor number pick-up: 10 AM – 3 PM on Wed. Aug. 12th
- Only 1 person may accompany an animal to show check-in; this MUST be an immediate family member or current Iowa 4-H'er.
- Exhibitors are to be AT their stalls during check-in time!

Forms

- Health papers completed and written within 30 days of exhibition
- **Health certificates not completed properly will be denied and the owner will be required to obtain a new certificate at owner's expense**

Check-in and Other Fair Information

1. Take your health certificates to the veterinarian's office to be stamped on Wednesday. The vet's office is located on the south side of the Cattle Barn. Your health papers must be stamped **prior** to receiving your 4-H exhibitor number and t-shirt.
2. After you get your health certificate approved, bring it with you to the barn office and pick up your T-shirt and exhibitor number.

3. All animal identification forms must to be complete and correct. This is the responsibility of the exhibitor. Before you arrive in Des Moines, please double check that your ID forms, particularly breed registration information, are in order. Only identified animals may be shown. Animals entered in the Youth Dairy Show are limited to those identified in 4-H or FFA but not both. An exhibitor may only exhibit as a 4-H member or a FFA member, not both.
4. Reminder: Vehicles entering the State Fairgrounds on Tuesday, Aug. 11th or Wednesday, August 12th, **MUST** have a “pre-fair pass.” Contact your county extension office for this pass.
5. Check-in time is from **10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** on Wednesday, August 12th. 4-H members or a designated person **must stay with their animals until clerks have verified your entries.** Have your registration papers and completed entry cards ready for the clerks. DHI records should also be available on animals qualifying for production premiums. It is up to the exhibitor to inform clerks that your animals qualify for the production premiums. Animals housed with the open class dairy animals will be checked-in by the open class clerks as early as possible Wednesday afternoon. If you are participating in the judging contest, please stay with your animals, and the check-in crew will hopefully take care of your entries by 2:00 p.m. so that you can participate in the judging contest. **Please do not leave the barn until your animals are checked-in.** We appreciate your cooperation as we try to speed up the check-in process.
6. Production information –milk and combined records must be shared at check-in time with the check-in crew. They will record your numbers on your entry cards. Documentation (DHI records) must be present at check-in time in order to be eligible for this award. It is up to the exhibitor to inform clerks that your animals qualify for the production premiums.
7. If you have not pre-ordered parking, Lot T parking passes will be available for \$6.00 each in the Administration Building. 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.

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 dairy office.


State 4-H Dairy Awards Presentation

The State 4-H Dairy Awards program will be held in the Multi-Media Center in the Open Cattle Barn at 3:00 pm on Thursday, August 13th. Showmanship awards, production awards, and judging contest results will be announced at this time. Plan to attend!

We look forward to working with you at this year’s Iowa State Fair.

Sincerely,

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Youth Dairy Superintendent


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4-H Livestock Superintendent

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