

July, 2009

Dear State Fair 4-H Dairy Goat 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

Remember: No fresh tattoos will be allowed!!

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. Animals can arrive any time after 12:00 p.m. Noon on Wednesday, August 19th and must arrive at the fairgrounds **no later than 7:00 p.m. that evening.**
2. Check-in of dairy goats will take place between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 19th. 4-H members or a designated person should bring the animals to the show ring beginning at 5:00 p.m. Check-in will conclude at 7:00 p.m. During the check-in process, staff will verify each animal, collect completed entry cards, check registration and identification papers. **Tattoos must be legible at check-in! Ears and tails should be clipped and cleaned.** You may also want to bring your **blue carbon copy** of the 4-H dairy goat identification papers with you to the fair in case there are questions.
3. **Show Order** – Grade classes will show first and separate from the other classes
4. Health certificates will be checked by the veterinarians in the Iowa State Fair Vet Office. The vet office is located on the south side of the cattle barn. Please take your health paper there to be stamped. Then bring your stamped health paper to the check-in line in the goat arena to pick up your 4-H T-shirt and exhibitor number. If

you are exhibiting in the open class show, you will also need to show your certified health papers to the open class superintendent.

5. **Remember –Scrapies Program** All sexually intact goats must be identified with an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag or by an official tattoo registered with USDA, and this number must be listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must also include a statement certifying the herd's participation in the Scrapie program.
6. It is important that the 4-H'er take responsibility for caring for and grooming his/her own animals. If assistance is needed, it should be aimed at helping the 4-H'er learn new skills and be done only by a family member and/or another 4-H'er. No volunteers will be allowed to assist with grooming/fitting.
7. A class must consist of at least ten animals to win a "leg".
8. The Iowa Dairy Goat Association will sponsor a pizza party for all 4-H goat exhibitors at the conclusion of the 4-H show. Location will be announced at the show.
9. Goats must originate from a state certified brucellosis free herd, or from a class "free" state (brucellosis), or have a negative brucellosis test performed within ninety (90) days of the exhibition. In addition, they must originate from a herd having a negative TB test within the last twelve months, or from a class "free" state (TB); or have a record of a negative tuberculosis test performed within ninety (90) days of exhibition. If your goats are from Iowa (a class "free" state for both) they do not need to be tested.

If you have not pre-ordered your parking passes, 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 farm.

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

Sincerely,



Kyle Smith - Dairy Goat Superintendent



Mike Anderson - 4-H Livestock Superintendent

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Map

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