

July, 2009

Dear State Fair 4-H Meat 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

REMINDERS for 2009

Arrival & Stalling

- Meat goats may arrive starting at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 21st and must be in by 8:00 a.m. Saturday
- Meat goats will be stalled in the swine barn

Schedule

- 4-H check-in will be Saturday morning from 7:30 – 9:30 a.m. in the west swine barn arena
- Exhibitor meeting Saturday morning at 10:00 AM
- Show will start at 1:00 p.m. Saturday morning in the west swine barn arena; market wethers will show first followed by breeding meat goat does

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**
- Signed copy of the Iowa 4-H Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement. **ALL** medications and treatments from May 15th to present (check-in day) **MUST** be listed on the disclosure statement for ALL MEAT GOAT WETHERS. This statement **MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED** before you receive your T-shirt and exhibitor number.

Check In Reminders

- 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. **Vet Office hours are from 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., so plan your arrival accordingly!!** 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.
- Check all health certificates for accuracy of ear tag numbers and dates. It is very easy to transpose numbers, which doesn't allow that animal to be exhibited.
- A random number of retinal images will be taken during the check-in process on Saturday, August 22nd. Either a parent/guardian or an exhibitor must be present at check-in time.

- **You will want to attend the Exhibitor Meeting at the show ring on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Important rule changes, show procedures, and other details will be discussed.**

Show Rules

- Be sure to read about the rules on horns and clipping for the market wethers in the Premium Book
- 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.
- All first and second place market wethers in each class will have retinal images taken.
- **Drenching will not be allowed. Some of the products being used are not labeled for animal use. There are quality assurance issues involved with this practice. If there are health concerns involved regarding dehydration, the state fair veterinarian should be contacted.**

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 meat goat (swine) office.

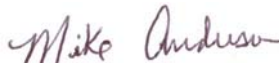
Parking hang tags can be purchased in the Administration Building for \$6.00 per day. These parking passes are good for Lot T only. Lot T is located on the north side of the Youth Inn all the way up the hill to Grandfather's Barn.

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

Sincerely,



Eric Finch - Meat Goat Superintendent



Mike Anderson - 4-H Livestock Superintendent

Encl:

Producing Safe Food Includes No Residue in Show Animals
Iowa 4-H Animal Care and Management Disclosure Form
Map

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