

July, 2009

Dear Iowa State Fair 4-H Poultry Exhibitors:

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

Schedule

- Check-in will be from 6:00 to 8:00 a.m. on Thursday morning, August 13th.
- The Poultry Show will be Thursday, Aug. 13th starting at 8:00 a.m. Judging of the Special Market Broiler Division and the commercial and breeding birds will run simultaneously with the use of two judges.
- Check-out – Poultry are released after the entire show is completed. No early coop outs.

Market broiler exhibitors - please remember that only those birds with the special wing band in place will be accepted for exhibition. Also note the weight parameters for market broilers; each pen of five birds must weigh at least 20 pounds. There will be no maximum weight. At check-in, market broilers will receive a leg band to indicate which birds will make up your pen of five.

All poultry exhibited must come from U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean or equivalent flocks, or have had a negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within 90 days of public exhibition and the test must have been performed by an authorized tester.

If you did not already pre-order a Lot Q parking pass, you may exchange your Lot T pass for a Lot Q one upon arrival/check-in at the Rabbit/Poultry building.

Lot Q Parking Reminders

Lot Q is located east of Gate 4 (which is the Campground gate east of the Rabbit/Poultry Barn). To access Lot Q you have to enter the Fairgrounds at the Dean Avenue Campground Gate and travel through the Campgrounds to park. It is explained with a map on the back of the mirror hanger tag for Lot Q.

Exhibitors with only Market Broiler State Fair entries will receive one admission ticket included in this letter. This was included with the cost of the entry. All other exhibitors should receive one admission ticket from your county Extension office.

Poultry presentations will be scheduled throughout the show. Presenters must exhibit poultry at the Iowa State Fair to be eligible. Exhibitors are not required to qualify at the county level to participate.

Hy-Line International of West Des Moines is offering \$200 premium for the 4-H Egg Production Class: 1st Place \$100, 2nd Place \$50, 3rd Place \$25, and the remaining \$25 will be prorated among remaining ribbon placing in the class.

Keep in mind that weather conditions during State Fair are traditionally hot and humid. Please take that into consideration when you are transporting your birds to the fair. Adequate ventilation is essential.

Reminder! If a 4-H'er's Market Broiler exhibit is chosen for the Hall of Champions Exhibit, it will be the responsibility of the 4-H'er to care for that animal for the remainder of its stay at the State Fair.

We look forward to seeing you at the State Fair!

Sincerely,

Dennis Thompson
4-H Poultry Superintendent



Mike Anderson
4-H Livestock Superintendent

Encl: Map
Biosecurity and Fairs
(Admission Ticket for Market Broiler Exhibitors)

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