Dear Swine Exhibitors,

The Clinton County Swine Weigh-In will take place March 19, from 9:00am to 11:00am, at the DeWitt Central High School parking lot. Only derby pigs are required to attend weigh-in. If you are exhibiting market or breeding pigs, you must enter their information yourself into 4hOnline before May 15, 2016. Directions about identifying your animal(s) in 4hOnline may be found at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/4honline-information-families-and-leaders.

Each exhibitor is limited to 10 swine that may be weighed in for the derby show. Gilts and barrows may be weighed in and will be eligible for the Derby Show. Your animals’ ears should be notched before weigh-in. Remember that all county fair derby hogs must weigh less than 50lbs at weigh-in and make minimum weigh of 220lbs at Club Show check-in in order to be eligible for the Derby Show.

After the county weigh-in, county Extension staff will input your 4-H animals’ information into 4hOnline. You are encouraged to log into your account in 4hOnline one week after the weigh-in to verify that your animals’ information is correct. This goes for both county and state fair exhibitors: by May 15th – each 4-H swine exhibitor will need to log into 4hOnline to verify that the information on each pig is complete and correct; if the 4-H’er does NOT verify, the information will remain the same. No changes may be made in 4hOnline after May 15.

County Fair class entries will only be accepted on the day of check-in at the Swine Show Arena. Check-in will run from 4pm-8pm and exhibitors are required to first go to the Swine Show Arena without their pigs to collect their entry form and write down their pigs’ information. All information must match the May 15 identification form and this information will be checked. Swine exhibitors will then weigh in pigs and the weights will be written on the entry form. Finally, exhibitors will submit their entry form at the check-out table in the swine arena. Entries will be checked for accuracy and completeness and then you will receive a copy and your show number. No pre-entries are required in the Fair Entry Online program for swine exhibiting at County Fair only, but you will need to log in and tell us how many pigs and pens you will need by June 20. Or you may call the Extension Office to tell us how many pigs/pens.

For State Fair exhibition, 4-Hers must make an actual state fair entry by July 1 in the Fair Entry Online program. All state fair swine (market and breeding) must submit a special DNA punch tag (fee is $10/tag) to the extension office by May 15. A hair sample is required if you plan to show in the Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Stock Show. If you would like to nominate pigs for State Fair, please call the extension office and let us know how many tags/envelopes you need. You will be charged $10 for each unreturned tag when you return your DNA samples and envelopes to the extension office. DNA tags are $10 per tag and may be picked up at the Extension Office.

Again this year, families will be allowed to take pigs home after the show as long as they are tracked and documented to their destination (you MUST designate where your pigs are going on your entry form at Club Show check-in on July 6). If you have any questions, contact Brianne Johnson at the Extension Office or Swine Superintendent, Murl McCulloh. Please review the 2016 fair book for details and for a refresher of swine show rules. The fair book may be found at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clinton. Drug affidavits will be collected at Club Show check-in on Wednesday, July 15 and may be found at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/livestock. Please contact Brianne Johnson at (563) 659-5125 or by email at briannej@iastate.edu if you have further questions.

Thank you for your cooperation and participation,

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