



June 1, 2023

Dear 4-H and FFA Swine Exhibitors,

We are excited you plan to participate in the 2023 Boone County Fair as a swine exhibitor! Please review the following information to ensure you are properly prepared for the event.

### *Schedule*

- **Set-Up**– You may bring your tack and other equipment to set up any time after July 16<sup>th</sup>, or you can set up upon your arrival with the animals.
- ★ **Arrival**– Hogs must arrive to the fairgrounds on **Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> between Noon and 3:00 pm. No early or late arrivals. Hogs must be on the grounds by 3:00 pm to see the vet.**
  - When arriving to the fairgrounds to unload animals, please *enter Gate E and exit Gate D*, traveling north on Agro Street.
  - Upon your arrival to the fairgrounds, a veterinarian will inspect your animal(s) **BEFORE** they are unloaded. Please review the health regulations on *page 9* of the Boone County Fair Book. If you have concerns, please contact the Extension Office prior to arriving to the fairgrounds.
- **Ultra-sounding**– All swine exhibitors are encouraged to have at least one pig ultra-sounded. Hogs will be ultra-sounded the morning of **Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. Exact time will be announced.**
  - Ultra-sounding will be done at a cost of \$5/head. Funds will be used as prize money for the Top 15 Carcass Contest pigs.
- **Required Forms to be turned in to the 4-H Office at Fair by 5pm on Thursday**
  - **DECLARED WEIGHTS:** All exhibitors must declare a weight for each of their hogs (except purebred breeding gilts) on the check-in form. More information can be found in the fair book. Forms can be found on the website below.
  - <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/boone/fairinfo>
- **Swine Show**– Boone County Fair Swine Show will begin at **9:00 am on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>.**
- **Release**– Swine will be released from the fairgrounds Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 pm. Trailers are to line up north of the tracks on Agro St. and enter Gate C and exit Gate C. No pens may be torn down until all market hogs have been loaded for release. Exhibitors must sign out their animals with a Superintendent or Extension Staff member before loading.
- **Clean-Up**–Exhibitors are required to remove all bedding from the barns. Exhibitors and their parents are required to tear down their own pens following load out of ALL pigs. *Exhibitors who do not clean up their pens and help take down pens after release will lose their premium money, their auction bonus and will not be allowed to show at the Boone County Fair next year.*

### *Animal Care and Management*

- The Boone County Fair veterinarian must be made aware of all previously prescribed medications that are to be administered during the fair. This notification should be made during check-in.
  - All disclosed medication will be administered according to the prescription either by the veterinarian, by the exhibitor, or by an exhibitor's family member.

- Any exhibitor not revealing previously prescribed medication/s and using such medications without permission will be disqualified and forfeit premiums.
- All medications given to sick or injured animals while at the fair must be approved and administered by the fair veterinarian.
- If any animal requires medical treatment while at the Boone County Fair, the fair veterinarian will be contacted.
- Families will be responsible for the cost of medications given while at the fair, and for any costs with extensive surgical repair of wounds, or fees accrued for referral of animals to specialty hospitals.

Please let me or the superintendent (Jeremy Gustafson 515.291.0675) know if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached by calling 515.432.3882 or by emailing [jlsoder@iastate.edu](mailto:jlsoder@iastate.edu). We look forward to seeing you at the Boone County Fair!



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