



May 30, 2024

Dear 4-H and FFA Beef Exhibitors,

We are excited you plan to participate in the 2024 Boone County Fair as a beef exhibitor! Please review the following information to ensure you are properly prepared for the event. More information can be found in the 2024 fairbook, on pages 13-16.

### *Schedule*

- **Set-Up**– You may bring your gates, tack and other equipment to set up any time after July 14th, or you can set up upon your arrival with the animals.
- ★ **Arrival** – Beef animals must arrive to the fairgrounds on **Wednesday, July 17th between 7 and 11 am.**
  - When arriving to the fairgrounds to unload animals, livestock exhibitors are encouraged to *enter Gate E and exit Gate D.*
  - Upon your arrival to the fairgrounds, a veterinarian will inspect your animal(s). Please review the health requirements on *page 9* of the Boone County Fair Book, particularly as it relates to contagious diseases such as warts and ringworm.
- **Check-In** – Beef animals must be checked in **Wednesday, July 17th between 6 and 7 pm in the Beef Barn**
  - ***For Exhibitors with Market Beef:*** All market beef animals must be checked-in and weighed-in during this time. Purebred market beef animals will have their tattoos checked prior to going on the scale. You will be asked to do the following during check-in:
    - *Verify whether or not you plan to participate in the carcass contest.* We are still accepting entries for this contest! More information can be found in your Fair Book. Be sure to save the date for the ***Carcass Follow-Up Meeting:*** August 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.
      - If participating: Turn in your completed *Animal Care and Management Disclosure Form* . More information below.
  - ***For Exhibitors with Breeding Heifers:*** All breeding heifers should be brought to check-in. The following things will be done:
    - Forms of ID, including tattoos, will be checked.
    - Crossbred breeding heifers will be weighed. Classes will be split according to weight.
    - Registration papers of purebred heifers will be checked. The animal's tattoo must match what is on its papers. Papers should be in the 4-H'ers name or show logical family relationship.
  - ***For Exhibitors with Cow Calf Pairs and Produce of Dam Calves:*** Please let a superintendent know if the animal(s) you entered are going to be coming to the show **during the check-in time on July 17th from 6 to 7 pm.** The animal(s) does **NOT** need to be physically present at check-in.
    - Cow-calf pairs and produce of dam calves will come for the day of show only. If you would like to bring your animals for the entire fair (*arriving on Wednesday, July 17th between 7:00 and 11:00 am and leaving at 6:00 pm on Sunday, July 21st*), please let a Superintendent know **by July 12th.**
- **Exhibitor's Meeting** – A brief meeting will be held in the Beef Barn at **7:15 pm on Wednesday, July 17th.** All exhibitors and parents are strongly encouraged to attend.

- **Beef Show** – Show will begin at **8:00 am** on **Friday, July 19th**
- **Release** – Beef animals will be released from the fairgrounds on Sunday, July 21st at **4:00 pm**. Trailers will line up north of the tracks on Argo St and enter Gate E and Exit Gate D. More information is on page 10 of the Fairbook.
  - Animals participating in the Carcass Contest will be sold to Tyson at the end of the Fair. They will be loaded out the evening of Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, time TBD. The Beef Committee will arrange transportation to the Tyson plant in Dakota City. *Please, **DO NOT call Tyson's for any reason.** Doing so would lead to Boone County being kicked out of the Carcass Evaluation Program. If you have questions about the Carcass Contest, contact the Boone County Extension office directly.*
- **Clean-Up** –Exhibitors will be required to clean their own stalls, tack area and tie-outs at the conclusion of County Fair. This will include removing stall cards and pulling the bedding (*in both the barn and tie-out area*) at least one foot away from the wall, divider or fence. *Exhibitors who do not clean up their stalls after fair 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/medical treatments 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.



The ***Animal Care and Management Disclosure*** form (found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/boone/fairinfo>) must include any and all medications that have been given to your animal over the course of your ownership. ***Please turn in this form during the check-in process if you plan to participate in the Carcass Contest. Animals will not be allowed on the truck if a form is not on file.***

Please let me or a superintendent 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 Centennial Fair!

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