



Dear 4-H and FFA Beef Herd Builder Exhibitors,

We are excited you plan to participate in the 2024 Boone County Fair as a beef herd builder exhibitor! Please review the following information to ensure you are properly prepared for the event.

Schedule

★ **Arrival** – Herd Builder animals must arrive to the fairgrounds on **Wednesday, July 17th between 7 and 9 am.**

- Please remember to bring the following with you:
 - A completed Beef Herd Builder stall card (found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/boone/fairinfo>) that is to be hung on the outside of your pen.
 - Your completed Herd Builder records (found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/boone/fairinfo>).
 - Fans (*optional*)– an electrical outlet will be provided for each pen if you wish to hang your own fan.
 - Your own feed bunks
- When arriving to the fairgrounds, 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.
- Pens will then be unloaded and kept in the Pen of 3 barn for fair.
- **Check-In - July 17th from 7- 9 am**
 - Animals will be checked-in in the Pen of 3 barn after being checked by the vet.
 - At check-in, calf information will be requested, including calf tag number, breed of calves, and date of birth of calves.
 - Your Herd Builder records must be turned in at Check-In.
 - You must post a stall card soon after arrival.
- **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.
- **Interviews** – Exhibitors will be interviewed by the judge individually from approximately 12:30 – 1:00 pm on July 19th. Exhibitors can sign up for their 5-minute interview slot at check-in on July 17th.
- **Herd Builder Show** – The 2024 Herd Builder Show will immediately follow the Pen of 3 show which starts around **12:00 pm** in the Pen of 3 Barn on **Friday, July 19th**. Exhibitors will be asked to introduce themselves and their projects at the start of the show. The judge will then share their comments and awards will be presented. One Champion and one Reserve Champion will be selected (50% on education of exhibitor and 50% on live evaluation).

- ***Release*** –Pens will be released 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. Find more detail on page 10 of Fairbook.
- ***Clean-Up*** –Exhibitors will be required to clean up their own pens at the conclusion of fair which may include removing feed bunks, stall cards, etc. *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 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 a superintendent know if you have any questions or concerns. I can be contacted via phone at 515.432.3882 or via email at jlsoder@iastate.edu . We look forward to seeing you at the Boone County Fair!



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