



May 30, 2024

Dear 4-H and FFA Sheep and Meat Goat Exhibitors,

We are excited you plan to participate in the 2024 Boone County Fair as a sheep and/or meat goat exhibitor! Please review the information below AND the Sheep page(s) of the 2024 fair book before arriving on the fairgrounds with your exhibit.

Schedule

- **Set-Up**– You may bring your equipment to set up any time after July 14th, or you can set up upon your arrival with the animals.

★ **Arrival** – Sheep and meat goats must arrive to the fairgrounds on **Wednesday, July 17th between 7:00 and 11:00 am**. Please note that all sexually intact sheep and meat goats must have a scrapie tag when they arrive on the grounds.

- When arriving to the fairgrounds to unload animals, please follow the set of instructions that apply to you:
 - *Exhibitors with sheep and goats on the trailer/truck:* Enter through the main gate on the south side of the fairgrounds and proceed toward the sheep barn.
- 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.
- **Check-In and Weigh-In** – Sheep and meat goats must be checked in on **Wednesday, July 17th between 10:00 am and 12:30 pm in the Show Arena**.
 - Be sure to complete the *Check-In Form* (found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/boone/fairinfo>) prior to arriving for check-in. This form should be turned into the check-in crew.
 - ***For Exhibitors with Market Sheep and Market Meat Goats that will be going on the truck:*** Be sure to turn in the “*Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement*” (found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/boone/fairinfo>) during check-in.
- **Ultra-Sounding** – Exhibitors are encouraged to enter at least 1 animal in the Sheep Carcass class. Ultra-sounding for this class will take place on **Wednesday, July 17th**. Time will be announced at Check-In.
- **Sheep and Meat Goat Show** – Boone County Fair Sheep and Meat Goat Show will begin at **8:00 am** on **Thursday, July 18th**.

- **Release** – Sheep and Meat Goats are released Sunday, July 21st at 4:00 pm. Exhibitors are expected to clean out their pens before they leave the fairgrounds. *Exhibitors who do not clean up their pens and help take down pens after Sunday release will lose their premium money, their auction bonus and will not be allowed to show at the Boone County Fair next year.*
 - *Market Lamb exhibitors have the option to sell their lambs to a packer at fair. These lambs will be released early on Sunday. Time TBA.*

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.



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 send your exhibit on the packer truck on Sunday.***

Please let me, or Barb Clawson - *Sheep Superintendent*, know if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached by calling 515.432.3882 or by emailing jlsoder@iastate.edu. We look forward to seeing you at the Boone County Fair!

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