

# 2020 Cass County Fair

## COVID-19 Fairbook Updates #2- Dated 6/11/2020

### General Fair Updates:

- On 6/4/20 the Cass County Fair Board decided to cancel all public and entertainment events at the 2020 Fair- this includes the cancellation of the Bull Ride, Tractor Pull, Carnival other events open to the public. Exhibitor camping will not be allowed. 4-H and FFA contests will continue in a modified format, with details to be announced at a later date. Spectators at these events will be limited to the immediate family (same household) of exhibitors.
- There will be no “all club” setup on July 19, or cleanup on July 29. Clubs assigned to do daily cleanup will report to the scalehouse at 7 PM on their assigned day, instead of 8 AM. Clubs should bring trash bags, gloves and rakes/scoops to clean up around trailer and show areas. Hand sanitizer will be provided in the scalehouse for member use. Assigned cleanup areas may be adjusted based on daily activities.
- Other than clubs performing cleanup duties, all exhibitors and families must be off the fairgrounds no later than one hour after the conclusion of the day’s shows.
- There will be no night guards, building hosts, judges helpers or herdsmanship volunteers needed.
- Additional information on static judging and other communication events will be released in the near future. All planned contests will be held in some format, so please continue to submit entries.

### General Livestock Updates:

- All livestock events will be held in a “show and go” format. Specific details by species are outlined below.
- No livestock will be housed overnight on the grounds. Because housing is not provided, **no entry fees will be charged for 2020.**

- Since livestock will not be housed on the grounds, there will be no herdsmanship contest at the 2020 Fair. Livestock exhibitors and families are expected to pick up after themselves on day of show and clean up their trailer area before leaving the grounds.
- Vet checks will still be required at check-in before animal is allowed to show
- Wash racks will be open on show days, but are to be used only if needed. Please maintain distance between exhibitors if used. All animals are expected to arrive on grounds ready to show.
- There will not be a traditional livestock auction at fair this year. Packer bids will be obtained for all market animals and exhibitors will have the opportunity to load their animals for sale at the conclusion of each show day. We understand the loss of opportunity to participate in the auction will be missed by many exhibitors, and are working to provide additional opportunities, including establishing a fund that will be divided between all exhibitors whose animals are marketed through the fair. Additional details on this will be coming soon.

### **Species Specific Livestock Updates:**

**Beef:** All beef exhibitors will enter and show on Monday, July 27. Feeder calf and Cow/Calf Entries will check in and weigh from 6:30 -7AM. Market/Breeding Beef will check in/weigh from 7-9 AM. Feeder Calf and Cow-Calf show will begin at 10 AM, followed immediately by the Market and Breeding Beef show. There will be no break between the traditional “morning show” and the Grand Champion Beef Selection. Following the conclusion of individual classes, we will proceed immediately into the championship drive. Following the show, all animals will leave the grounds, either on a trailer to the packer or back home.

Cattle are encouraged to stall from their trailers, making sure to provide shade and water to their animals throughout the show. Limited opportunities are available for tie-outs in/near barns. Please contact the Extension Office for details if you need accommodations. Exhibitors are asked to evaluate the suitability of their animals for this situation, and consider participating in the Beef Carcass Contest with any animals that may pose a safety concern to other exhibitors.

**Goat:** All goat exhibitors will enter and show on Saturday, July 25. All goats will check in and weigh from 8-9:30 AM. The Meat Goat/Dairy Goat show will begin at Noon, following the Sheep Show. Following the show, all animals will leave the grounds, either on a trailer to the packer or back home.

Goats are encouraged to stall from their trailers, making sure to provide shade and water to their animals throughout the show. Limited opportunities are available for tie-outs in/near barns. Please contact the Extension Office for details if you need accommodations.

**Poultry:** All poultry exhibitors will enter and show on Sunday, July 26. Poultry will check in between 7- 8 AM on the West side of the Poultry Barn. Each family will have an assigned table for the duration of the show. All poultry will be kept in original pens from home, behind the table, until shown. Birds should have access to water, shade and ventilation for the duration of the show. Exhibitors are welcome to bring their own canopies from home for shade during the day.

Each exhibitor will be allowed to use two cages from the poultry barn to set on the table for showing their birds. Exhibitors showing large fowl (peacock, turkey, pheasants) must bring an appropriate cage for showing these birds (large enough for birds to move/walk and be viewed from top and 3 sides). Exhibitors must remain behind table and distanced from judge, and may only be in front of table to place birds in/out of cages on table, before returning to back of table during judging. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping their show table clean between birds and cleaning/putting away show table and cage at end of show. Please limit number of exhibitors in barn during set up and tear down of cages/tables.

No spectator area will be provided for the poultry show. Immediate family members only (same household) may sit behind the table with exhibitors, but are discouraged from helping with birds, and are NOT allowed to engage with the judge or interfere with showing. Violations may result in disqualification from class, or entire show if repeated.

Following the conclusion of the show, or when exhibitor is done showing, birds are released to go home. Any market birds being sent for processing should be returned to the fairgrounds on Wednesday July 29. Details of processing and delivery time to be shared at a later date.

**Rabbit:** All rabbit exhibitors will enter and show on Friday, July 24. Rabbits will check in between 7-8:30 AM, at the east end of the outdoor show ring. The rabbit show will start at 9:30 AM under a shade tree by the outdoor show ring. Rabbits will be kept in pens from home, no additional housing will be provided. Please make sure your rabbits have access to shade and water when not being shown. Following the conclusion of the show, or when exhibitor is done showing, rabbits are released to go home.

**Sheep:** All sheep exhibitors will enter and show on Saturday, July 25. Sheep will check in and weigh from 7-8 AM. The Sheep Show will start at 9:30 AM. Following the show, all animals will leave the grounds, either on a trailer to the packer or back home. Sheep will stall from trailers or tie to sides of barns. Please make sure animals have shade and water whenever possible throughout the day.

**Swine:** All swine exhibitors will enter and show on Tuesday, July 28. Swine will weigh-in from 7-9 AM at the scalehouse, and then proceed to assigned pens. Family groups will be penned next to each other; an open pen space will be left between all non-family groups. Exhibitors must provide their own bedding. Animals must have food and water available prior to show, and water during and after show.

The swine show will start at 3 PM, and will be held in a penned area between the scale house and sheep barn. After each class, hogs must be returned to the appropriate stalling pen. At the conclusion of the swine show, all animals will remain on grounds and be loaded out late Tuesday evening on a truck to the packer. Please leave water for your hogs to have access to until the truck is loaded. Water dishes can be picked up the next day from the barn area.