

# **2020 Cass County Fair**

## **COVID-19 Fairbook Updates #3- Dated 6/18/2020**

### General Fair Updates:

- Ribbons and trophies will not be handed out during the contests. All awards will be tracked, and a packet with all awards earned will be available at the Extension Office for pickup after fair, or sent to club leaders.
- Lists of winners from each contest will be shared with local media on a daily basis, and we are working on other forms of recognition (slide shows/video/etc.) to allow supporters to view all entries and awards received.

### Static Exhibit Updates:

- Static Exhibits will be judged using the state fair format this year. All projects will be dropped off prior to judging day, and reviewed in person by a judge without the exhibitor present.
- Since conference judging will not be happening, a write-up will be required to accompany all static exhibits. The write up should answer questions about project goals, steps and learning. A template will be provided for exhibitors to follow.
- Each exhibitor/family will be asked to sign up for a time to drop off/check in static exhibits on Monday July 20 or Tuesday July 21. Food items needing extra care will have a special drop off time from 6-8 PM Tuesday if needed.
- Special accommodations will be made for drop off of large static projects (tractors, other items that would typically be judged and displayed outdoors) to arrive and leave on Wednesday July 22. Contact the office if this is a need.
- All static items must arrive at check in time pre-tagged, with all parts of exhibit listed on the tag. Green sheet listing all entries must also be filled out in advance. Title on tag and green sheet should match. Green sheet and tags will be available for pickup in the office, or can be printed from the website. Detailed dropoff checklist will be provided to exhibitors prior to entry dates.

- To streamline judging process, ALL classes are limited to 5 entries/exhibitor (example: may bring 5 photos, and 5 food items, and 5 visual arts projects.)
- Due to safety and insurance restrictions, food items will NOT be tasted by the judge- they will be judged on goals, appearance, texture, smell, etc.
- No food sale will be held at the conclusion of static judging. No food items will be allowed to return home. All will be disposed of after judging.
- As no items will be displayed, food exhibits are encouraged to arrive in disposable containers for judging, to eliminate tracking of plates/carriers, etc. that need to be returned to exhibitors.
- Numbers of items needed for judging foods will be lower. Only one jar of preserves is needed, and other items (cookies, bars, cupcakes, etc.) will only need to provide 3 items. This will allow the judge to evaluate uniformity while reducing wasted product.
- No exhibit or display of static items will take place in person. Staff will work to photograph each entry with tag and ribbon sticker, and create an online exhibit catalog so judging results can be shared with family and friends.

#### Livestock Sale Support Update:

- The Cass County Fairboard is committed to making sure each market exhibitor that sells an animal through the fair has a chance to receive a premium for their hard work. While we are unable to provide a live auction in 2020 to accomplish this, we are establishing a fund to support these exhibitions. All donations received will be pooled and divided between any exhibitors selling their livestock through the packer bid obtained by the fair. The fund will also assist rabbits and poultry exhibitors in mandatory market classes that would normally be required to participate in the fair sale. We will work with our sale clerk from prior fairs and our superintendents to make sure the funds are divided equitably among all eligible participants. Anyone interested in donating to this fund should make a donation payable to the Cass County Fair with a note indicating it is to be donated to the 2020 Cass County Fair Market Livestock Exhibitors Support Fund.

## Best of Iowa Updates:

- All Best of Iowa entry forms and printed recipes must be turned into the Extension Office by July 2. Reminder that contestants must select a recipe using Iowa products. Recipes must also fit the description of the category. Categories are as follows: 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Fruits, 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: Ground Meat, 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>: Ethnic Food.
- The Best of Iowa contest will take place in a virtual format for the 2020 Cass County Fair.
- Contestant video time limit is **15 minutes**. You may pause or edit the video as well as talk and tell the steps/procedure. Pre-measure, chop, pre-cook, etc. only if needed to fit allotted time. Otherwise do everything in the video. Videos are to be submitted to the Cass County Extension Office by **July 17 at 4:30 PM for judging**.
- At the beginning to the video please share your recipe and what you have learned.
- Judging criteria will be based on proper cooking methods (cutting, measuring, etc.), use of Iowa Products, finished product appearance, and food safety.
- Reminder while cooking, make sure to have a hat, hairnet or other head covering while preparing and serving food.
- If you are preparing meat, remember to have a meat thermometer showing correct temperature and do your research to know proper meat cooking temperatures.
- Following preparation and completion of the recipe, the exhibitor will provide a close-up of the finished product and “serve” a slice or piece of the completed product on video.
- If you want to participate in this contest but are unable to find a way to record your video, please contact the Extension Office.
- If you need help editing your video please reach out to Shelby via email or call the Extension Office at 712-243-1132.
- Videos may be dropped off on a flash drive, uploaded to a secure folder online, or submitted via email to [shelbyvh@iastate.edu](mailto:shelbyvh@iastate.edu).

### Clover Kid's Best of Iowa Updates:

- Youth in grades K-3 can submit a photo of them and an afterschool snack they have made.
- We will gather photos and create a sharable showcase of the photos.
- Reminder to make an afterschool snack using Iowa ingredients. Please **DO NOT** have your child use an oven or stove top for this activity.

### Decorator's Showcase Updates:

- All Decorator's Showcase entries are due to the Extension Office by July 2.
- Each participant will be provided an "inspiration packet" with several samples and instruction for their challenge. These can be picked up at the Extension Office, along with a sheet of poster board.
- Participants will arrange samples on the poster board to meet their room design challenge, then present their poster to a judge at their assigned judging time.
- Participants must use at least one sample from their "inspiration packet" when designing their room (please label any materials provided in the packet on your poster). Youth may also use photos from magazines and the internet (cite sources if possible), or materials found around home such as fabric/tile/flooring scraps or samples, or paint swatches/samples. Be creative!
- Juniors will decorate a bedroom and must use at least 4 samples.
- Intermediates may select any room and must use a minimum of 6 samples.
- Seniors will be given a special decorating challenge, provided in your packet.
- Participants will be asked to sign up for a face to face judging time on Sunday, July 26 between 12 PM and 4 PM. If not comfortable with face to face judging, please contact the Extension Office for alternative judging method.
- Maximum time per participant allotted with judge will be 10 minutes.

### Clover Kids Showcase/Animal Show Update:

- All Clover Kid's activities will be offered in a virtual format
- Clover Kid participants are allowed to submit a video of **ONE** project, either a static exhibit or livestock exhibit. We will be combining the static showcase and animal show into one event this year.
- Submitted video must be between 30 seconds to 1 minute long. If the video is over 1 minute long, it will not be included in the final slideshow.
- We encourage youth with livestock projects to continue to fill out the Clover Kid's Animal Record Book form as well. Share it with your club at your next meeting. You can also share your favorite static exhibit with your club as a presentation!