

# **2020 Cass County Fair**

## **COVID-19 Fairbook Updates #4- Dated 6/25/2020**

### General Fair Updates:

- An updated fair schedule has been posted to the fair webpage (link)
- Exhibitors needing special accommodations for any contests due to health concerns should call the Extension Office to make arrangements.
- Exhibitors may call and stop by to pick up fair awards from the Extension office after August 3, or they will be sent to club leaders for pickup at September meeting after August 24.
- All Livestock shows will be live streamed whenever possible, and will also be archived online for later viewing. All judging results will be shared as soon as available via website, social media and with local print and radio media. If you do NOT want images, names, etc. of any exhibitors shared with the public, please contact the Extension Office.
- To maintain the health and safety of our exhibitors, staff and volunteers, the Cass County Fairboard respectfully asks that only members of the exhibitors' immediate family (those living in the same household) be present in person for any live shows. Only shows/judging held outdoors will allow any spectators. All spectators are asked to maintain at least 6 foot distance from other households, follow hand-washing and sanitizing procedures in common areas, and bring their own seating, as bleacher space will be extremely limited or unavailable. Wristbands will be handed out to each exhibitor when they check-in livestock for the day.
- The FFA Food stand will be open limited hours, with a limited menu, during livestock show days. Additional details coming soon. As no other food will be available on grounds, exhibitors may bring their own food, but large coolers and multi-family picnics and potlucks are strongly discouraged. The Cass County Fair continues to be an alcohol-free fair.

### Fair Attendance:

We are asking exhibitors and their families to honor the spirit of limiting spectators to members of the "immediate household (living under the same roof)" rule. We understand that each family has a different situation, so we would REALLY prefer not to have to limit each exhibitor to a certain number of wristbands. We also understand there are many others who are close to the

exhibitors that would like to come see them show. Please understand we can only allow exhibitors this chance to showcase their hard work on the livestock project if family/friends are willing to follow the rules this year. We will not be answering specific questions about exactly who qualifies and who is allowed to attend each show. We will do everything we can to share results via video, local media, and any other way possible. If we have to continuously argue with people about who is/isn't allowed to attend in person and watch, we may have to make the decision that in-person shows aren't feasible this year. We are trying to provide youth an opportunity to exhibit. Please don't make it more about the spectators than the kids.

#### General Livestock Updates:

- Showmanship Judging will be done while exhibitors are in the ring exhibiting in market/breed classes. No separate showmanship class will be held. Exhibitor numbers (back tags) will be color coded so judge can tell junior/intermediate/senior/FFA exhibitors apart. ONLY exhibitor owning that number should wear it in the ring. Substitute showmen may wear a handwritten tag on white cardstock only (will be available at announce stand if needed during show, due to quick turnaround time between check in and show)
- Back tags will be available at livestock check ins from staff. ONE tag will be printed for the week of fair. Please keep track of your back tag!
- There will be no Parade of Champions. A video slideshow of winners will be created and shared with the public.

#### Livestock Species Specific Updates

- There will be no Beef Fitting Contest
- There will be no carcass scanning or carcass contest held for swine
- Beef Carcass Contest- limit of three calves per exhibitor (4-H and FFA) is waived. Exhibitors may enter as many calves in carcass contest as were ID'd at December weigh-ins. All calves entered in carcass contest must still be currently ID'd as 4-H or FFA market animals in the current year.
- Pet show will be held outdoors on Thursday July 23 at 10 AM
- The 2020 Cass County Fair Swine Show will remain a paylean free, terminal swine show. All hogs must directly from the fairground to slaughter after the show on Tuesday, July 28.

### Livestock Judging:

- Livestock Judging will be a virtual event. Judging will be based on pre-recorded videos/photos of animals.
- Teams must sign up by Monday July 20, with a list of all members, to enter. Contest will take place on Thursday July 23.
- FFA and out of county 4-H teams must have a designated adult sponsor/advisor listed as the contact for their team. In-county teams may designate an advisor, or if none is available, may sign up for a time to view videos in a supervised, distanced setting on the fairgrounds on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Additional details on virtual format will be shared at a later date. All teams signed up by July 20 will receive detailed rules and contest information.

### Static Exhibit Updates:

- Static Exhibits will still be selected to advance to state fair. State Fair judging will be done virtually this year, with a writeup and detailed photos submitted online. No static exhibits will be judged in person, or travel to the state fairgrounds this year. Exhibits advancing to state fair will be photographed locally and allowed to go home with the rest of the static exhibits. Youth advancing to state fair will have a deadline to submit an updated write-up to accompany their state fair project if desired.
- Members will get detailed instructions for the static drop-off, judging and pickup process, along with a link to sign up for judging and pickup times after July 2.

### Bucket of Junk Contest:

- Judging Face to Face on Wednesday July 22 as originally planned. Judging will take place outdoors, with additional precautions and social distancing measures in place
- Participants will need to sign up for a time to arrive for judging
- Buckets must be picked up for assembly by July 6. All youth picking up a bucket will get an email with additional information on contest location and a link to sign up for judging times.
- Buckets will be photographed, and results shared online and with media
- Buckets from the 2020 fair will be eligible to be auctioned in 2021 fair
- People's choice voting will be done online- watch for details soon!

## King and Queen Contest

- Initial judging day will be held as scheduled on July 13. This will be the only day of judging for this contest.
- NO Cass County Fair Royalty will be crowned in 2020. This is in alignment with the Iowa State Fair cancelling their 2020 Queen contest, and no public events being held at the 2020 Cass County Fair for Royalty to assist with.
- The judging day will be reformatted as an interview workshop, with face to face judging still happening and social distancing and other safety precautions in place. Judging will still be held individually and in group settings, along with a large group meal.
- Top male and female contestant will each be awarded a scholarship after judging is completed. More information about scholarship to come.
- All participants in the 2020 contest/workshop will remain eligible to run for Fair Royalty positions at the 2021 fair as long as they meet eligibility requirements in 2021
- There will be no Little Miss and Mister contest in 2020

## Senior Recognition:

- Please continue to submit forms and photos for senior recognition. We plan to do some sort of recognition ceremony via video/slideshow in cooperation with local media

## Communication Events:

- Working Exhibits- We will be working with the YMCA and Wickman Childcare center this year. Each working exhibit entry should plan to submit 10-15 “kits” with all supplies for making your working exhibit activity. These kits will be shared with the YMCA or Wickman Center (depending on the age range you choose for your activity). You will also submit a video walking youth through your activity step by step. Youth and adults will take a quick survey after completing the activity on how easy/fun/engaging it was.
- Educational Presentations will be pre-recorded and submitted as a video. Videos must not be edited down for length (you can take “dead air” off the front or back, but no editing anything out of the middle)
- Extemporaneous Speaking contest will be done in a live “Zoom” format. Participants will sign up for a time on July 20, 21 or 23 to meet live with

judge via Zoom. Topics and materials will be emailed out 30 minutes prior to assigned Zoom time.

- Share the Fun contest entries will be pre-recorded and submitted as a video. Video should not be edited; it should show the entire performance from start to finish (“dead air” may be edited out of the beginning and end only).
- For ALL Communications events- All 4-H members signing up to participate by July 2 will get full information packet with details on each contest entered. If you want to participate in a contest but are unable to find a way to record a video, please contact the Extension Office. Videos may be submitted on a flash drive, uploaded to a secure folder online, or emailed to [shelbyvh@iastate.edu](mailto:shelbyvh@iastate.edu).

#### Clothing Selection/Fashion Review Updates:

- CS/FR judging will take place on July 15 as originally planned, Face to Face Judging with additional precautions and social distancing measures in place
- NO style show will be held
- Photos and contest results will be shared online and through local media releases
- No entry fee/class

#### Clover Kids Showcase/Animal Show – additional details:

- 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.
- Video should include exhibitor name, project area, club name, and anything else the exhibitor wants to share about their learning!
- Videos are due by 4:30 PM on July 17th
- Submitted video must be between 30 seconds to 1 minute long. Videos may be edited to meet the time limit.
- If you want to participate in this showcase but are unable to find a way to record your video, please contact the Extension Office.
- 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).