

## Fair Recap 2019 Notes (21 in attendance)

- Table #1
  - Clothing Event
    - Was wonderful with stores
    - Price tags out of pictures
    - Presentation location was good
    - Judging day went well
    - Nicely done modeling boutiques
  - Olympics
    - Ag separation- good
    - Open to non-4Hers
    - Fair board forgot to reserve space
      - Had to move cars
    - Kids enjoyed it
    - Kids love it
  - Conference Judging
    - Judging day went well
    - The judges started to leave when we got there
    - Judge didn't know how to judge child's project
      - Same judge said " I'd consider all of them for state – pick one"
    - We had too many cards at check in and were treated unprofessionally
    - A bigger award should be given for state fair participants
      - Pins- "quit being cheap" [actually more expensive than plaques]
      - Shouldn't need to have a leader/adult to check out exhibits
  - Working Exhibits
    - Floral hall – needed more marketing of location and what it is
    - Food Stand would be a better location to get an audience [most were in the food stand]
  - Communication
    - Communication can always be better
    - Communications is always good
    - Move share the fun to queen coronation
      - Don't know how to encourage participation in share the fun.

- Table #2
  - All things cattle
    - Require double tie for market beef
      - Neck tie at night required
    - Suggested alternate area for walking/exercise at night and early morning
  - Availability of superintendents throughout the fair and at weigh in/check in
  - General livestock –
    - Make “mistakes” learning experiences
      - 1<sup>st</sup> year exhibitor not allowed to show next year for removing an animal
  - Rework bucket bottle show
    - Get a different judge
  - Scale was inaccurate
    - 5 lb in same location for weigh in and fair calibrated
    - Set up scale to earlier to “pre weight”
  - Cattle need to be looked at better, one had bad warts
  - Carcass show
    - Need better communication on what’s available to the kids
    - It was really good
    - Liked the carcass show being in the show ring
      - Love the new show ring
    - Maybe have a live carcass judge volunteer to explain what is going on and make it more educational
  - Promote auction- need to be able to auction more animals/ribbons
  - Need to have fair books available for leaders/superintendents/volunteers @ check ins
  - House all bucket bottle calves together
  - Make an “all other breed” class
  - Move Bucket bottle/ dairy show to Saturday
  - “There’s a dairy show”? Promote dairy better
  - Move the auction to Sunday and make it a BIG thing.
  - Should have a parade of champions every night
  - “Novelty goats” need to be in the market/breeding goat shows or in the pet show
  - Get a small committee together to get cedar county represented at the governor’s show at the state fair
  - Move showmanship to same day as cattle shows
  - Move BBC to Saturday after MB, move Auction & Awards to Sunday
  - Better judge selection processes or committee

- Table # 3
  - Rabbit
    - Great weather for the rabbit show
    - Required to haul rabbit tables off the grounds, need a place to keep them on the grounds [no they were not required to do this]
      - Better way to store rabbit tables
    - Film from fine works gets on rabbit's tables, have set up prior to cleaning
  - Dog
    - Splitting ring in two
    - Do agility at the end
    - Eliminate practice walk throughs
    - Dog group works really hard
    - Better way to store dog stuff
  - Pet
    - Change time of pet show to increase participation
    - Advertise pet show more
  - Poultry
    - Poultry judge was good and explained well
    - Liked moving to show ring from pig barn, allowed more people to view
    - Poultry and horse show are at the same time creating conflicts with kids.
    - Need all other species barn to keep rabbits and poultry during the fair
      - Allow rabbits and poultry to stay. Not everything but representatives of breeds or champions for public to view
    - Exhibitors should make video about shows for leaders to share
    - Bedding needed to be picked up- Just need to be fore warned, didn't know this
- Table # 4
  - Awards
    - Cups were cheesy
    - Didn't know what the award was for
      - Labeling of trophies were specific
    - Donors don't want generic awards, want personalized awards
      - Loss of donors – they want to donate to a specific area [some do, some don't]
    - Youth learn important skills writing personalized thank yous
    - Kids want to show off trophies to their families, it is encouraging
    - Affected 1<sup>st</sup> year and last year members
    - Cups not bought from JABInk [we did work with JABInk, they made recommendations where to buy the cups and they made the stickers]
    - Not happy, want a trophy that their parents ordered

- Some people think the cups are cool
  - Concern about underage drinking with cups
    - Overkill on the cups, just too many.
  - Award variety would be better
  - Maybe there are too many awards/trophies all together to make everyone feel like a winner
    - Not everyone is a winner
  - 1<sup>st</sup> year parent appreciated not getting a trophy- it's not about winning trophies its about the experience and learning.
  - Ideas to acknowledge:
    - Banners, stickers for cups, functional barn items, blankets
  - Cattlemen rewarded their exhibitors with a new building and show ring
  - It was nice not to muddle with trophies as a superintendent
    - Was able to move through show smoothly- it was freeing
  - Not sure about new format of awards
  - Sound system sucked and could not hear in the back
  - Awards worked well- grandkids enjoyed their cups, maybe label what it was for.
  - How can we utilize unawarded trophies
  - Had not been there for several years, as an advertiser, could not designate award area
    - Could not hit their target demographic
  - Understand why moving to cups but not what they were "campaigns"
  - Liked getting something useable and relevant for the time
  - Maybe narrow down to breeding beef, market beef etc. more than just species area.
- Auction
    - Youth should be able to auction more than one animal
    - Did not say what their project was for- sale started as market beef
    - Don't want bid numbers to make a bid
    - Not happy with one specific auctioneer
      - Doesn't work hard for the kids
    - Take rabbit superintendent off auction committee
    - Length nice, selling an animal or ribbon
    - Getting a number worked
    - Glad it was shorter
    - Felt bad kids were not able to sell more than 1 animal and 1 ribbon
    - Overall good
  - Livestock judging
    - Livestock judging should be during fair not check-in/ weigh-in

- Livestock judging- not to do on entry day
  - Tuesday before fair was good
  - Livestock judging was nice
  - Would be nice to see more emphasis on judging
- Skill-a-thon
  - Need more information for Skill-a-thon
    - It was awesome
    - Possibly put on website to promote it
  - Don't know much about it but it looks really neat
  - Make people more aware to participate
- Table #5
  - Sheep/goats
    - Track/Post rate of gain for exhibitors
      - Component of evaluation element of some performance
      - Skip rate of gain
      - Not a minimum on rate of gain
      - Market does & Market wethers- why split?
        - Breeding doe classes?
        - Further discussion is necessary
      - Sheep weigh in time- check timing
        - Conflicts with beef showmanship
  - Horse
    - Horse show went well and fast
    - Horse and poultry need to be at different times
  - Swine
    - Eliminate packing plant option, all pigs should go home
    - Better communication with fairboard on pens/ #'s needed barns
    - Carcass contest sheets need handed out and for sure need to be online
    - % lean deal? Why Scan carcass?
      - Should be different evaluation for carcass

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- Should be able to show until 21 if in FFA
  - Maybe if still at home at age 19 they can still show through 4-H
- Need new swine & sheep & goats building – keep all together
- Need better communication with kids
- Have hard copy fair books at each show, especially at check in and weigh ins

- Superintendent set times
  - Set way to get in contact and who is in charge
- All animals multiple times in auction ring
  - Ex: 2 weigh ins for pigs, 2 going home times, 2 sheep weigh in times
- Hate club funds going through office
- Hang on to checks if you don't receive thank yous for awards
- Need to find more ways to get people at shows
- Make a parade of champions
- Have support of youth committee with fair
- Complaint- money donated was not supposed to be for general use
  - Don't need money going into one pot
- Need equality between all livestock species
- Need better communication to help young new exhibitors
- 4-H Online
  - Pay late fee and accept people after May 15
    - Not fair that the kids can't participate because their parents messed up
  - 4-H Program Coordinator should check 4-H online and contact every parent/family projects they are enrolled in and missing projects before the deadline
- Why can't they get money on judging day for static exhibits?
  - Cash Premiums-
    - \$1500- lockbox
  - Families use premium checks
  - Kids use money for fair
- Would like to see mentor programs for new members
  - Add a beef mentoring group to help cattle learn about handling and caring for cattle
- What's up Wednesday
  - "Wow helpful and great new format"