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Thank you for making a livestock entry in the Hancock County District Fair. We are excited that the fair is less than 30 days away!! Here are important details you need to know.

## General Livestock Information

- ❖ **HEALTH PAPERS MUST BE SPECIFIC TO THE HANCOCK COUNTY DISTRICT FAIR AND WILL BE COLLECTED!**
  - Refer to the Hancock County Health Paper Resource list (enclosed) if you need assistance lining up a vet.
  - Swine papers must be done within 7 days of check in, July 26th. Complete between July 19-26.
  - Sheep papers must be done within 14 days of check in, July 26th. Complete between July 12-26.
  - Beef, dairy, goat, horse, and bucket bottle animals must be done within 30 days of check in, July 26th. Complete between June 27 - July 26.
- ❖ Please bring your own staple guns, tape, markers, etc.
- ❖ Refer to enclosed livestock schedule for times of check-in, shows, and exhibit release.
- ❖ Bedding will be available for purchase in the fair office. \$40/bucket of mulch or \$8/bag of wood shavings.
- ❖ **PUT THIS NUMBER IN YOUR PHONES: Starting Tuesday of fair, July 25 Extension Staff can be reached at 641-843-0528 for any questions pertaining to check-in's, show programs, auction, and any other 4-H/FFA related questions during the week of the fair.** The Extension staff also have a service window on the east side of the fair office.

## Check-In's

4-H/FFA exhibition phone line: 641-843-0528  
General fair office phone line: 641-843-3820

### **Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, Livestock Check-In Process - Rabbit/Poultry:**

- The poultry and rabbit barn this year will be the white tin shed across from the fair office (old bus barn/old commercial building). – Letter N on the enclosed map.
  - You may enter though the north gate and park east of the show ring and Farm Bureau building.
- Prior to placing birds in their cage, please line up for pullorum testing. Once tested, you may then place the bird in their cage.
- **ANIMAL CARE RULE FOR FAIR:** To ensure the quality of care for our poultry, there will be multiple daily water supply inspections. Failure to maintain the water supply in your cage will result in the following steps of action:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> resupply of water by superintendent – yellow zip-tie on your cage as a warning
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> resupply of water by superintendent – red zip-tie on your cage and disqualification from auction.
    - If you know you will need help maintaining water in your animal's cage, please reach out to the superintendents. They will be happy to help.
- **Under the cages will need to be cleaned out to help keep odor and flies down. Cleaning will be announced at time of check-in. The fair board expects you to do your part and help pull out the wood shavings from under your cages to be cleaned up by the skid loaders.**

### **Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, Livestock Check-In Process:**

- ❖ All livestock will enter the south parking lot across the road from the fairgrounds, receive their check-in cards, and get in line for vet inspection.
- ❖ Once health papers have been checked and livestock have been inspected, you will be directed across the road to unload and check-in. (Review enclosed map for species specific check-in locations.)
- ❖ Traffic flow will be entering in the south gate and leaving through the north gate.
- ❖ Please have your check-in cards filled out prior to checking in an animal with the superintendents.
  - This includes the drug affidavit on the back of cards for animals being sold to a packing plant.
  - This includes if you plan to auction your animal/ribbon or if you plan to take them back home.
- ❖ Please be courteous, once you are unloaded - move your trailer. Come back to set up. We will need to keep the traffic flow moving, we have many people to move through the grounds in a short amount of time.
  - Do not park more than one vehicle wide on all gravel driveways.
- ❖ There is designated trailer parking area in the back row (along the field) of the north additional parking lot.
- ❖ The \$50 stalling deposit fee will not be required this year. However, families are still expected to clean their areas prior to leaving the fair grounds. Failure to do so will result in a \$50 charge to the families due by August 31, 2023. Families will be ineligible to show at the 2024 Hancock County District Fair until fee is paid.
- ❖ Exhibitor numbers can be picked up during the designated time of Wednesday, July 26 from 4:00-6:00 pm outside of the fair office.

### **Bucket Bottle:**

- Stalling will be in the same barn as last year (Letter BB on the map), unless otherwise selected in Fair Entry.
- All animals must be through the vet inspection and in their pens on the fairgrounds by noon Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Swine:**

- Reminder health papers must be dated no more than 7 days prior to exhibition.
- Trailers are to be unloaded on the south end of the swine barns (see enclosed maps). Animals must be penned and cards must be filled out before swine can be weighed in.
- **IT WILL BE EXPECTED TO HAVE 2 PIGS PER PEN! Please bring dividers if your pigs need to be kept separate.**

### **Beef/Feeder Calves:**

- Displays, fans, and other tack may be set up on Monday (July 24) from 5:00-7:00 pm. Fans must face one direction in all beef barns, blowing south.
- Only market beef will cross the scale.
- Market pen of 3 beef will be unloaded on the south end of the south beef barn. Lead market beef calves can be led to the scale. (see enclosed map)
- Registration papers must be shown at check-in for those who are showing in a purebred breed class.
- Breeding heifers will need tags and tattoos checked at checked-in. They do not have to cross the scale.
- Pre-4H and 4H Market Feeder Calves will check-in with all big beef.

### **Sheep/Goat:**

- Reminder health papers must be dated no more than 14 days prior to exhibition.
- Unload animals on the north end of the barn. (see enclosed map)
- Take animals directly to their designated pens. Turn in check-in card to superintendent as you weigh-in your animal.

## Horse:

- Unload your animals on the north end of the barn and check-in with the superintendents.
- Jump Out Exhibitors: Park your trailers in the pit area, then check-in at the announcer stand before unloading your horse to receive further directions.

## Shows

- ❖ Be sure to check the show programs that are posted on the ends of the barns. Contact the Extension Office staff phone number, 641-843-05828, with corrections or questions.
- ❖ Shows this year will be live streamed for real-time viewing. This is made possible by Supreme Champion fair sponsors.

## Release

- ❖ All livestock not staying for the auction will be released at 4:30 pm on Sunday, July 30.
- ❖ Exhibitors need to check out with each species superintendent to ensure pen/stalls are cleaned to expectations. You must check out with superintendents to not be charged the \$50 cleaning fee.
- ❖ All traffic will enter the grounds from the south and leave out the north.
- ❖ Please be patient and courteous to others on the grounds. Once you are loaded move your trailer. We will need to keep the traffic flow moving and we have many people to move through the grounds in a short amount of time.
  - Do not park more than one vehicle wide on all gravel driveways.

## Auction

- ❖ **All animals wishing to participate in auction must sign up during check in.**
- ❖ Exhibitors must be at least 4<sup>th</sup> grade and **MUST be present to accompany their animals through the auction.**
- ❖ The livestock auction will start promptly at 8:45 am on Monday, July 31. Order of species will be: Rabbit, Poultry, Beef, Goat (including dairy and fancy goat ribbons), Sheep, Swine, Horse ribbon.
- ❖ Only 3 hogs, 3 meat goats, and 3 sheep per exhibitor will be offered at auction. Any additional hogs, sheep, or goats will be sold at market price.
- ❖ Rabbit and poultry exhibitors will be allowed to enter the auction no more than 2 exhibits per species.
- ❖ Dairy cattle, dairy goats, fancy goats, and horse exhibitors may bring highest ribbon they wish to auction.
- ❖ Exhibits NOT ELIGIBLE for auction include market beef pen of three, bucket bottle calf, bucket bottle sheep, bucket bottle goats and any feeder classes.

# 4-H Fair Office Hours

Tuesday: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM Find staff in 4-H exhibit building  
3:00 PM – 8:00 PM 4-H Fair Office Open

Wednesday: 7:30 AM – 8:00 PM 4-H Fair Office Open

Thursday: 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM 4-H Fair Office Open

Friday: 7:30 AM – 8:00 PM 4-H Fair Office Open

Saturday: 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM 4-H Fair Office Open

Sunday: 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM 4-H Fair Office Open

Monday: 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM 4-H Fair Office Open

Staff members can be reached at the following phone numbers during the fair:

**4-H/FFA exhibition phone line: 641-843-0528**

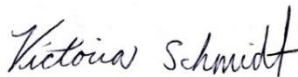
**General fair office phone line: 641-843-3820**

Please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible.

As always if you have any questions prior to fair don't hesitate to call 641-923-2856 or email us at [karast@iastate.edu](mailto:karast@iastate.edu) or [vschmidt@iastate.edu](mailto:vschmidt@iastate.edu). Thank you for your support and dedication to the youth of Hancock County!



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County Youth Coordinator

## **Enclosures:**

Hancock County Health Paper Resource list  
Livestock Schedule  
Livestock Check-In Map  
4-H/FFA Fair book Changes for 2023

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