



June 16, 2020

Dear Jones County 4-H/FFA Exhibitors, Families, and Club Leaders-

The following communication is the Jones County Extension and Outreach, Jones County 4-H and Great Jones County Fair's strategy plan to hold 4-H/FFA shows for 2020 as of June 16<sup>th</sup>. We have been working closely with the Great Jones County Fairboard, Jones County Public Health, Iowa 4-H, and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach to create a plan for our youth to exhibit both their F.A.S.T and livestock projects this summer. Our top priorities in delivering the 2020 Great Jones County Fair will be the health and safety of our exhibitors, families, volunteers, staff and animals. These priorities are guiding our staff in designing social distancing plans, health and hygiene solutions, show efficiency and safety options.

As you are all aware and expecting fair week will look different this year. Please expect adjustments as fair week nears and we gain additional knowledge, regulations, and recommendations. More information will be provided for all exhibit and show events as details are coordinated.

Please make note of the points listed below as they apply to our youth exhibitors and their families.

**July 1 Forms:** Forms must be completed and turned into the office by **5:00 pm on June 30<sup>th</sup>**. These forms will require families to identify EXACTLY what is coming to fair for both Livestock and Non-Livestock exhibits. It is critical that we have complete and accurate information turned in. This information will drive how we plan for show prep, programs, judges, staffing and volunteers. *Exhibitors will not be allowed to show if they have not completed this **REQUIRED** paperwork.*

Forms can be turned in three different ways:

- Emailed to Devan Cress at [dcress@iastate.edu](mailto:dcress@iastate.edu)
- Dropped off at the office between 8:30 am -11:30 am M-F
- Mailed to 800 N Maple Street, PO Box 28, Monticello, IA 52310

**YQCA:** YQCA (<http://yqca.org/>) certification is still required for youth exhibiting beef cattle, dairy cattle, poultry, meat rabbits, swine, sheep, and goats. Certification needs to be completed before June 30<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. This is a state requirement and will not be waived.

**Entry & Parking for Fair:** Each family will be provided with 2 parking passes. Only those with parking passes will be allowed onto the fairgrounds. Fair is **NOT** open to the public for 2020. We are asking families only to bring the exhibitor(s) and immediate family members (those who live in your household). We strongly suggest those with underlying conditions and over 65 not attend shows. We have had a generous volunteer offer to do Live Streaming for all the shows as an option for those that are not attending; this is a great opportunity for grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, etc. to still be able to see your hard work. Parking (not including animal trailers) will be along the fence facing Maple Street; the usual 4-H/FFA parking will now be trailer parking. Staff will be assisting with car entry, trailer entry and parking. Please follow the information they will provide.

**Fair Book:** This year we have decided not to print a "Fair Book" as normal. With many uncertainties and expected changes, we think it would be best to create a document of rules, guidelines, and major changes specific to the 2020 fair. The 2020 document of rules is available on the Jones County Extension and Outreach website under 4-H and Youth. Families are expected to understand and adhere to the rules.

**Club Booths & Challenges:** Cancelled 2020. Exhibit building will not be open during the fair.

**Herdsmanship:** Cancelled for 2020.

**Stalling:** There will be no overnight stalling of animals at the Jones County Fairgrounds. We will be holding show and go style this year. Families are expected to take home any manure or other items that normally would get thrown away therefore we will not have a stall fee for beef.

**Quizathon:** Cancelled for 2020.

**Premiums:** The Great Jones County Fair board is committed to providing premiums as normal.

**Personal Protective Equipment:** Hand hygiene, masks, and social distancing will be priorities and will be highly encouraged. There will be no hand shaking with any judges or volunteers.

**4-H Food Stand:** There will be no 4-H Food stand this year. Families can bring coolers with food and drinks. Coolers will be allowed for this year only!

### **Livestock Shows**

- Please review the attached schedule and note times may change. We will be sending out the dates and times each species is allowed onto the grounds – **animals are not allowed on the grounds prior to the time indicated.** We will be doing trailer shows (pens will be provided if needed \*must indicate Trailer or Pen on July 1 form).
- Vet checks will be conducted prior to parking. Trailer Parking for most shows will be in the 4-H parking lot and will be assigned by staff based on your arrival to the fairgrounds. Please remember to limit the number of people coming to watch the shows; we ask that only the exhibitor and immediate family attend in person. Livestream options will be sent out closer to the show date. Animals will not be housed overnight – we are intending for this to be a Show and Go year.
- As a reminder all shows will be **NO FIT**. No fit is defined as no product! The judges will be aware of the no fit rule. The judge has the right to touch your animal. If the judge finds that you are using any fitting products (adhesives, oils, paints, etc.), you will be immediately disqualified. You will still be allowed to use wash racks and blow dry animals. You must bring your own equipment, social distancing will be observed, and check-in/show prep time will not be extended. Specific species information will be sent to exhibitors after July 1 forms are turned in. Exhibitors will need to clean up and remove waste from their stalling or trailer areas including manure.
- Social distancing is still a priority! In the showing areas, we will be following social distancing guidelines. Families choosing to utilize stalling during the day will need to keep spaces between them and other families. More information to come on exact guidelines and protocols for each show. This will include guidelines and protocols for check-in and day-of-show rules.
- Exhibitors please ensure you have worked with your animals. We will provide as many safety mitigations and volunteers to assist, but it is still the primary responsibility of that exhibitor to control their project showcase.

**F.A.S.T Projects:** This year will be a “State Fair Style” judging. This means no face-to-face conference judging; project write ups will be critical to the judging. Each club has an **assigned** a date for project drop-off (see below). F.A.S.T. judging is still scheduled to be on Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> (no one is allowed at judging. Only judges will be here for this event). A slideshow from judging day will be shared on the Jones County 4-H Facebook Page and will be available on the Jones County Extension website. Projects will be available for pick-up for all clubs on the following days July 23 – July 25 from 1 pm to 5 pm.

## Project Drop-Off Assignments:

### Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 5 pm:

- Prairie Hill
- Jones County Central
- Scotch Grove Challengers

### Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 3 pm:

- Jackson Wise Owls
- Be Original
- Lovell Lions
- Olin

### Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> from 12 pm to 5 pm:

- Richland R&R
- East Greenfield
- Wyoming Pioneers
- Oxford Livewires
- Fairview Thunderbolts

**Clothing Projects:** For Fashion Review, \$15 Challenge, and Clothing Selection judging will take place on Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. Assigned times and instructions will be provided after July 1<sup>st</sup>. The usual required forms are due by June 30<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. Email to [dcress@iastate.edu](mailto:dcress@iastate.edu).

**Working Exhibits:** The judging will take place on Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. Assigned times and instructions will be provided after July 1<sup>st</sup>. The usual required forms are due June 30<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. Email to [dcress@iastate.edu](mailto:dcress@iastate.edu).

**Share the Fun:** The judging will take place on Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Assigned times and instructions will be provided after July 1<sup>st</sup>. The usual required forms are due June 30<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. Email to [dcress@iastate.edu](mailto:dcress@iastate.edu).

**Educational Presentations and Extemporaneous Speaking:** The judging will take place on Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Assigned times and instructions will be provided after July 1<sup>st</sup>. The usual required forms are due June 30<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. Email to [dcress@iastate.edu](mailto:dcress@iastate.edu).

**Horticulture:** The judging will take place on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. This will be a project drop-off with “State Fair Style” judging. New this year: Project Write-Ups will be required with each entry when it is dropped-off. Project drop-off and pick-up times will be communicated after July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Clover Kids Fair Exhibits:** We are planning to hold project judging with Clover Kids on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm (\*this could change). Additional information will be sent to the Clover Kids families later this month.

**Blue Ribbon & Trophy Sponsorship:** Awards and premiums will be given as normal. We want to thank all the supporters we have each year for Fair. This year with the unusual and difficult times facing our families, businesses, and communities Jones County Extension and Outreach has decided not to send out sponsorship letters as we do not want to put additional financial stress on any families or business’s. If there are donors that feel they would still like to support our Blue Ribbon and Trophy fund; contact the office at 319-465-3224 or email [jenfisch@iastate.edu](mailto:jenfisch@iastate.edu).

**Event Schedule:** Below is a list of what will be happening on each day of fair. Additional details including the times for each event will be sent out to members in that project area around July 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Monday:** Project Judging, Dog Show, Sheep & Goat Show

**Tuesday:** Rabbit Show, Clothing Event, Working Exhibits

**Wednesday:** Bucket/Bottle & Dairy Show, Cat & Other Animal Show

**Thursday:** Communications Event (includes Share-The-Fun), Swine Show

**Friday:** Beef Show

**Saturday:** Poultry Show (both breeding and meat), Horticulture

**Sunday:** Horse Show

**Your next steps as Exhibitors for the 2020 Great Jones County Fair:**

1. Please watch and read all communication that is sent out. Communication is sent in a variety of formats each time it is sent out. Please know you can find that communication through Email (the email address you have listed on your 4-Honline account), through Leaders, and through social media. It is the **family's responsibility** to review communication, ask questions as needed, and ultimately to adhere to the instructions/rules given.
2. Start reviewing the projects you are planning to bring to fair.
  - a. Fill out the July 1 forms!
  - b. Work on your project write-ups!
3. Consider doing a communication, clothing, working exhibit, or share the fun project – you still have time to put those together!

**It is critical you complete your July 1 forms and turn them in by Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.**

**These are REQUIRED forms!**

**Youth will not be able to exhibit without these forms being complete and turned in on time.**

We will continue to communicate regularly, please keep in touch and reach out to our Extension Team as you have questions.

We look forward to seeing you in July at the 2020 Great Jones County Fair.

Sincerely,

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