

Washington County Poultry Exhibitors,

With the Fair quickly approaching, we are looking forward to seeing all of you and the quality poultry you will be exhibiting at the Fair this year. The information in this letter is to help prepare to make things run smoothly in the poultry barn; please take the time to read it carefully and ask questions ahead of time if needed.

Like all departments, you need to read the fair book regarding the poultry department, along with the general livestock rules and herdsmanship. All of those areas apply to you as a poultry exhibitor. You should each receive a copy at your June meetings, but you can also find it online at

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/washington/county-fair>

Please be in touch with questions. We all want you to have a good fair week and most importantly **HAVE FUN and make good memories!**

Poultry Check-in and Exhibitor Meeting:

- Watch for the poultry superintendent and department committee in red shirts in the barn.
- All poultry (with the exception of Standardized Broilers) may begin arriving on Sunday between 3pm-8pm and must be in by 8:30am Monday morning.
- Standardized Broilers will be weighed Monday morning between 7am-8:30am. The exhibitor or a family member should be present for weigh-in if possible. Production Broilers will also be pullorum tested at that weigh-in time.
- There will be a poultry exhibitors' meeting at 8:30am Monday following check-in in the poultry barn.
- We would advise that if you bring poultry along with other species, you place poultry in their designated cages before unloading your other animals, as poultry will be more susceptible to heat and stress than most other animals.
- Vehicles can be pulled up temporarily near the poultry barn to unload. Please be sure NOT to block the traffic flow pattern for other vehicles or large trailers for other species. See the map included on traffic patterns.
- Any poultry showing signs of disease at check-in or otherwise will be disqualified from competition and the exhibitor will be asked to remove the animal from the barn immediately.

Equipment and Supplies:

- Each exhibitor is responsible to supply bedding (wood shavings or chips) along with feed and water supplies for their birds.
- Each bird will be caged individually (except for pen of three exhibits), so make sure you have enough waterers and feeders for each individual exhibit.
- There will be space provided under the cages to store excess feed and bedding.
- Heavy duty fans are provided by fair board and mounted in the building for air flow. No additional fans are allowed for safety of fair goers.

Poultry Herdsmanship:

- Read the herdsmanship expectations in the fair book to better understand how to care for your barn space and be rewarded for it! We have an amazing herdsmanship board to record club scores/results twice every day when barns are graded by Herdsmanship judges. Take pride in your space, care for your animals, and create a welcoming and clean space for all fair goers visiting your livestock. The herdsmanship score sheet is included in the back of this letter.
- Because poultry exhibits are arranged by class rather than club, herdsmanship is a community effort. It is expected that you all play a part in keeping the aisles swept throughout the Fair.
- Exhibitors will be responsible for cleaning their pens and aisle each day. Bring the appropriate tools to do that such as rakes, shovels, brooms, dust pans. Talk with your club members who also have birds to share this equipment.
- Each exhibitor is also responsible to keep his or her individual cages clean and dry with fresh bedding as needed.

- During the Fair, it is critical that all birds have access to clean water. Please check your cages often. If you see another exhibitor's bird has tipped its water or is out, please tend to it. If you have to be away from the Fair at any time, please make arrangements with another exhibitor or someone you trust to check on your birds.
- If it appears you are not attending to the water, feed, and cleanliness of your poultry, your Club Leaders will be notified.
- Eggs should be removed from cages and placed in provided cartons.

After the Show

- The area media sources have been invited to take pictures at the small animal backdrop located inside the poultry barn of exhibitors and any champions approximately 7:30 p.m. Tuesday after the show. Watch for them and bring your bird to the table for a chance to be in the fair results newspaper. Or take your own picture and email to amygreen@iastate.edu with youth name, club name, parents name, class, award name.

Auction:

- Any poultry may be sold in the Auction on Friday morning. Exhibitors can have up to 2 lots of poultry with maximum of 5 birds sold total.
- Carrying cages must be provided by the exhibitor to get poultry from the barn to the main show ring for the auction.
- Any poultry being sold must be signed up in the Extension Office by Wednesday at noon.
- Exhibitors selling in the auction must turn in signed Animal Care & Disclosure form poultry version which is included in the back of this letter.
- Youth should be dressed in a 4-H shirt to sell in the auction.
- Read other auction expectations in the fair book.

Check Out & Barn Clean Up:

- All poultry will be released at 6:00 AM Friday. All poultry and equipment (feeders, waterers) must be out of fair cages by 8:00 am Friday morning. All excess feed, bedding and other material stored under the cages must also be out Friday morning so the barn can be cleaned and picked up Friday.
- Tear down of cages will begin at 8:00, and again, we rely on a community effort to break down and clean the exhibit area. The process will begin promptly at 8:00 and, with enough hands, can be completed before the start of the auction!
- No animals can leave the fairgrounds before Friday morning 6 a.m. That is a rule set by the Washington County Fair Association as the host of this fair. Anyone who does not abide by this rule will lose fair premium.

Fair Clean Up

- It takes a village of volunteers putting in time to make a county fair happen well and be a place we are proud to belong. It is important that all families take care of this space together.
- It is expected that exhibitors assist with fair clean up on Friday and/or Saturday, July 23, 8:30am-noon.
- Please play your part as a thank you and respect to our fair board to be a part of clean up too. Thank you.

Important Numbers

- Extension Office 319-653-4811
- Poultry Superintendent Marty Van Roekel 319-461-4601

We strongly recommended families practice strict and safe biosecurity measures as you come and go from the fairgrounds and barns at home. We encourage animals returning home are put in isolation/close watch until you know they are free from any sickness. Use hand washing stations

frequently while on the fairgrounds as you come and go from food stands and also your own coolers. We want all exhibitors and animals healthy!

Remember to get to know, encourage and help your poultry neighbors to have a good fair week too.

Finally, have fun at the Fair. You have worked hard with your projects and deserve to have a great time with friends this week!



TRAILER TRAFFIC

ALL enter the grounds using the North West Livestock Entrance.

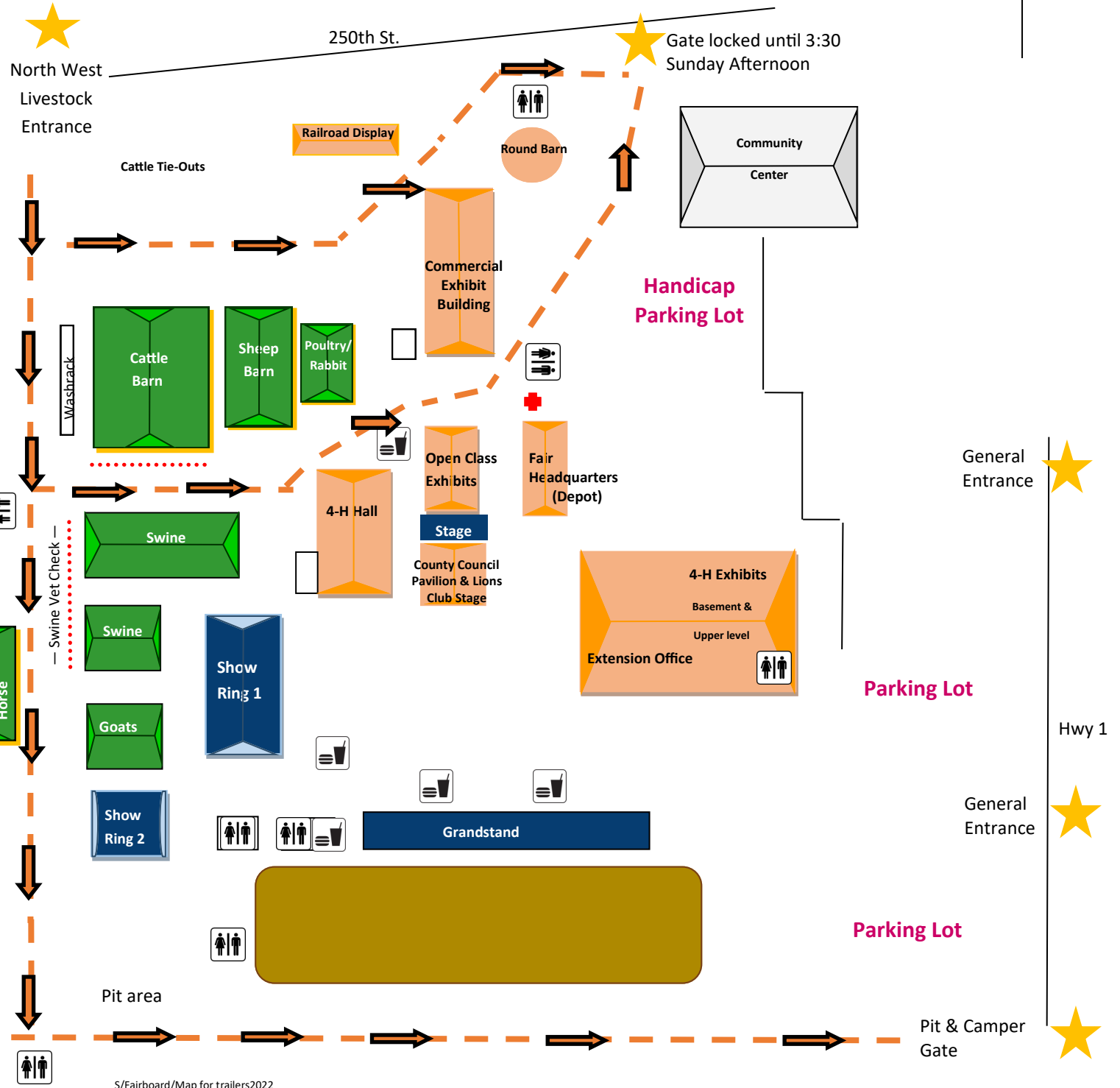
Community Center Gate is for exit only.

Horse/Swine/Goats EXIT with pit/camper gate

Unload Zones: Park closest to the barn, so trailers can continue to go around. Do not block the Orange arrow paths.

Long-term Trailer Parking: ***Trailers can stay on the grounds all week and park by the bean and hay field on the south side of the grounds next to the fence, past the grandstands and past the pits. These can not come and go during the week, but can be moved again Friday 6 a.m. for livestock release

Please remember: Please be patient as we all work together to get traffic in and out quickly and safely.





Poultry

Iowa 4-H Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement

Please print

County _____

Premise ID# (optional) _____

Last Name _____

First Name _____

As a youth livestock producer, I understand that I have an obligation to be a responsible producer and that all market animals will enter the food chain and become edible food products for the consuming public. This subjects every exhibit animal to all state and federal regulations involving proper drug usage and all Food & Drug Administration, Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, Food Safety Inspection Service, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations.

- We, the undersigned, certify that we have read, understand and will abide by all rules and regulations of the local county 4-H & FFA fair, or the 4-H division of the Iowa State Fair. We agree to the condition that these exhibit animals (identified on this form) may be screened for violative residues and foreign substances. Also, as a condition of entry, exhibitor agrees to a background check for any past disqualification from other livestock shows.
- We have completed the Treatment Records information on the back of this form for any injectable, water, or feed medication, pesticide or other substance that has been administered to exhibit animals. Use of these products may require additional time to meet legal withdrawal limits before harvest.
- We certify that our exhibit animals have completed any withdrawal time relative to the administration of any legal drug, vaccine, or other substance, and are in compliance with applicable FDA and USDA regulations (and similar state regulations) concerning drug residues and withdrawal periods.
- We certify that these exhibit animals have not received drugs that are not in compliance with label indications or, if applicable, the regulations of the regulations codifying the Animal Medicinal Drug Use Clarification Act amendment to the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic act (under the direction of a valid Veterinary /Client/Patient relationship)
- If violations are detected, appropriate state and federal authorities will be notified, and regulatory action can be expected. Also exhibitors will be subjected to penalties as determined by show management.
- Effective 4/1/01 due to concerns of BSE, We certify that, to the best of our knowledge, none of the livestock described herein are adulterated within the meaning of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (none of the cattle or sheep have been fed any feed containing protein derived from mammalian tissues, such as meat and bone meal from ruminants), not in compliance with 21 CFR 589.2000. We have purchase invoices and labeling for all feeds containing animal protein products. Copies of these records are to be made available to FDA upon request. See attached fact sheet for more information and website: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/resources.htm>
- **Effective 9/30/08: COOL (Country of Origin Labeling) Compliance.** By signing below, I/we hereby certify that all animals listed were born and raised in the United States; we have followed all COOL compliance guidelines, and have maintained the appropriate records to provide as proof of country of origin.
- We have followed the regulations of the Iowa Scrapie Eradication program by using official scrapie program ear tags on all reproductively intact animals being exhibited.
- We further certify the information provided is correct and accurate, and that we have read and understand these regulations and may be relied upon by any person or entity accepting my (our) animal(s) for harvest.

Owner's/Exhibitor's Signature

Parent or Guardian's Signature

Date _____

