

Washington County Bucket Bottle Calf Exhibitors,

We are excited to see your projects soon! Please review this letter closely for procedures, fair tips, and important information regarding the bucket bottle department to help make for a smooth fair. Please note this will not include every detail of the department but serve as a preparation tool and guide to answer some questions ahead of time!

**Without a doubt and like all departments,** you need to read the fair book regarding the bbc department, general livestock rules and herdsmanship. ALL of those areas apply to you as a bucket bottle exhibitor. You all should have a copy from your June club meetings or it is available online at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/washington/county-fair> with all other fair forms.

Fair tickets will be collected at all gates Sunday afternoon – Friday. Please make sure exhibitors WEAR their exhibitor wrist bands. All other fair goers should have a season pass, daily ticket, or wristband. Those without tickets will be asked to pay gate admission.

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

## **RECORDS/INTERVIEWS**

- Each exhibitor will have a bucket bottle workbook **completed** and brought at the time of interviews on July 8. Bucket bottle workbooks are available at the Extension Office. 1 workbook per exhibitor (not calf).
- The interview schedule will be made after May 15 and sent to all families. They will be set for Saturday morning or early afternoon. Save the date now. Intermediates/Seniors will take their test at that time as well.

## **STALLING**

- Superintendents and 4-H volunteers coordinate the stalling placement of all animals. You will be with the rest of your club who have bbc. Signs will be posted with your name as to where your calf should be tied in the barns.
- BBC are tentatively set to be in the big cattle barn. Fair board will confirm these locations once final July 1 entry numbers are in.
- Stall cards will be posted by 3 p.m. on Saturday if you want to find your location while you are on the grounds. Sometimes that is easier than coming with a full trailer and not knowing where to go.
- Wood chips will be provided as bedding in your stalls.
- Limited tack space is available. Please bring feed/hay for only a day or two at a time.

## **COMMUNICATION during county fair**

- Posted notes: There will be one location for fair announcements in the barn near bucket bottle calf stalling. (Tentatively the south end of bucket bottle row in the beef barn) Parents and exhibitors should check that announcement board multiple times a day. Other important notes may be posted in that space as well as next to the Herdsmanship board on the north side of the north hog barn.

- Emergency Notifications from the fairboard can also come from a group text by the Washington County Emergency Management Team. Enter this number: 67283 Enter this text message: WashColaFair

## **FAIR CHECK-IN**

1. Calves may arrive on the fairgrounds starting Sunday at noon. They MUST be in their stalls by 9 a.m. Monday for veterinarian inspection.
2. See the trailer map included for unload zones and trailer parking options. It is important that families follow this map so all exhibitors can come and go easily during these busy unload and check-in times for all departments. Thank you.
3. Mandatory exhibitor meeting in the barn at 10:30 a.m. on Monday. Exhibitor and parents, if possible, should attend. Weigh-in will immediately follow.
4. At weigh-in, you will receive your own scale ticket copy for your records.
5. Between Monday 2 p.m.- Tuesday noon, you must check in at the Extension Office to complete the performance paperwork. (Juniors, your form is called a Profit Performance Summary. Intermediate/seniors complete the last page of their workbook titled Project Summary). That performance paperwork is figured into your final score. These will be available on a table in the Extension Meeting Room. The table will be marked BBC with books, calculators and pencils to make those final calculations. These must be completed by Tuesday noon to be figured into total scores.
6. Record books with completed grade sheets should be picked up from the Extension Office between Thursday noon-Friday 2 p.m. This will allow you to see your scores in all areas with judge's feedback.
7. Exhibitors will have a show number at the Extension Office front counter to pick up. One number is prepared for each exhibitor for all species. Keep this safe if you are showing another species. The Extension Office is open 7am-8pm during the county fair.

## **DAILY CARE:**

- No water buckets should be left all day with the calves (due to constant spilling and ruined bedding and alley puddles). Please note this could change due to heat and would be posted by the by the superintendent. You will NEED to be present often to offer bucket water to your calves so they are properly hydrated since they will not have free water all day. If you are not able to be here all day to offer that care, talk with club members or those who are around you to share duties. Do not let your calf go without.
- No feed or hay should be left with your calf during the day. Feed meals in the morning and night.
- Calves must be in the barn 8am-8pm except for practice walks in the show ring or to water. Calves may be moved to the beef tie outs at 8pm if desired. This is not required.
- Read the herdsmanship rules in the fairbook to better understand how to care for your barn space and be rewarded for it! We have an amazing herdsmanship board to record results twice every day after community judges evaluate barn space. Take pride in your space, care for your animals, and create a welcoming and clean space for all fair goers visiting your livestock.

- We are looking for 4-Hers to be Barn Hosts on Wednesday morning of Kids Day to share information with families going through the barns and with kids excited to learn more. Contact [amygreen@iastate.edu](mailto:amygreen@iastate.edu) if you would be willing to represent the bucket bottle department and be in the barns Wednesday morning for fair visitors. We will provide you with more information then.

### **EQUIPMENT AND TACK:**

- Neckties are mandatory while tied in the stalls in addition to halters.
- Please be respectful about the amount of feed and tack you bring as there is not space for all youth to store for the entire week with giant tack boxes. You may need to bring some supplies halfway through the week to restock. Be respectful in how you share the space with ALL exhibitors in the barn ALL week. There is LIMITED tack space available.
- Tack should be stored in the assigned club tack pens. Equipment needed during county fair may include: water bucket, feed, feed pan, cleaning/grooming supplies, rake, scoop, broom, and extra halter/lead rope. Slabs of hay may need to be brought daily depending on space available. Hose may be brought on show day for washing.
- It is recommended to bring the tack on Saturday evening or Sunday morning which will cut down on congestion at check-in time. A map is attached to this with the traffic patterns marked. It is important to follow this map, so all exhibitors can get to where they need to be in a timely fashion for unloading.
- Exhibitors will be responsible for cleaning their pens and alleyway each day. This is called Herdsmanship. Bring the appropriate tools to do that such as rakes, shovels, brooms. Talk with your club members who also have bucket bottle calves to share this equipment.
- No grooming chutes should be set up in the bucket bottle tack space.

### **SHOW DAY:**

- The show order will be posted at the south end of bbc row on the bbc announcement board and in the Herdsmanship announcement space. The show will be this order: seniors, intermediates, juniors.
- Do not prepare calves too early. It can be a long day for these little calves. It is recommended that one hour is plenty of show prep time for young calves.
- Calves should be washed and brushed but no grooming with adhesives is allowed.
- Classes will be called over the barn speakers, so you know when to bring calves to the ring. Do not bring your calf to the holding area until your class is called.
- It is recommended that juniors watch the senior class to see how the judge will run the show ring. This is a great chance to get showmanship reminders and tips too.

### **AFTER THE SHOW:**

- Champion Signs: In the Extension meeting room lining the north wall floor are milk crates labeled for each species. Inside are metal champion and reserve champion signs that can be posted above those calves selected. If you were to win one of those, please stop in the office meeting room after the show, find your sign, sign it out on the clipboard, and post it for the rest of week above your calf. These must be returned to the same place and noted on clipboard by

Friday when the barns are cleared. Signs that are not returned will have a sizable bill. 😞 You are welcome to neatly sign and date (in a small space) the back as part of our #washco4h family tradition to record champion history.

- The area media sources have been invited to take pictures at the large photo backdrop located just southeast of the cattle barn of champions approximately 7:00 p.m. Wednesday after the show. If you were a champion or reserve champion watch for them at the photo backdrop and bring your calf to the backdrop for a possibility to be in the fair results newspaper. You can also take your own picture and email [amygreen@iastate.edu](mailto:amygreen@iastate.edu) with this information (youth name, parent name, club name, class name, award title)

### **LEAVE TIME/RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Animals and tack may be loaded Friday to go home between 6 am – 8:30 a.m. and then start again after the auction is over approximately at noon. No animals can leave the fairgrounds before Friday morning at 6 a.m.
- Stalls should be scooped free of all manure and straw before leaving. Wood chips may stay. No trash should be in your pens or tack stall. Be respectful not to just scoop everything to the alleyways or other stalls, but completely remove them to the large pile by the cattle wash racks. No wire or trash should be placed in the manure pile.
- Make sure all wires, ribbons, fans, signs are removed and returned as needed.
- ALL families are strongly encouraged to contribute to the fairgrounds clean up on Saturday morning at 8 a.m. Check in at the Extension Office or a fair board member for assignments that morning. This is part of contributing to the fair that is put on for you.

### **IMPORTANT NUMBERS:** Extension Office 319-653-4811

- Bob Spenner, superintendent = 319-330-5418
- Jeff Fair, superintendent = 319-936-4162
- Kelsi Fair, project leader = 319-936-1995
- Joceline Spenner, project leader = 319-530-4875

We strongly recommend 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 when coming and going from food stands and also using personal coolers. We want all exhibitors and animals healthy!

Remember to get to know, encourage and help your bucket bottle neighbors too to have a good fair week. Watch for and connect with the bucket bottle mentor families too! They will be around and will have tips too. Enjoy getting to know each other.

- Scott & Michelle Bartholomew (Taylor & Clayton)
- Dan & Erin Northup (Brynn & Morgan)
- Matt & Betsy Stalder (Claire)
- Dan & Rachel Berdo (Tess, Sarah, Jake, Grant)

**HAVE FUN! You have worked hard and deserve to enjoy 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.

