

Washington County Swine Exhibitors,

It is almost here! We are excited to see your projects in the barns and in the show ring next week. Please review this letter closely for procedures, fair tips, and important information regarding the swine barn 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 swine department, general livestock rules, and herdsmanship. ALL of those areas apply to you as a swine 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 info.

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!**

### **PRE-FAIR HEALTH AND BIOSECURITY**

- Please observe your swine closely between now and fair. If they show any signs of illness, we ask that you refrain from bringing them to the fair for risk of contamination.
- **It is critical that no swine projects be unloaded UNTIL** they are cleared by the fair swine vet that will be on site during the unload hours. Those unload hours are Sunday 5pm-10pm or Monday 6:30am-7am. This vet will be looking for a variety of symptoms that will not be allowed on the grounds. It is strongly encouraged that other species be hauled in different trailer loads to decrease potential risk of cross contamination. **Any animals on an infected trailer will be sent home (not just swine). No swine should unload until approved by the vet.**
- There has been recent increase in swine with vesicles with some positive cases in the state at county fairs. A common cause of vesicles in swine is Seneca Valley Virus (SVV)-common virus found in the United States. The Washington County Fair Association/4-H Swine Department has a plan in place if there were to be a case here, but it is most important that you do your job to keep any sick animals or potentially sick animals at home.
  - For more information on the symptoms to watch for of common communicable swine diseases, please follow these links:
    - **Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) – [FMD fact sheet](#)**
    - **Senecavirus A – [Senecavirus A fact sheet -- Iowa Pork Industry Center \(2017\)](#)**  
Formerly known as Seneca Valley Virus which has STRONG resemblance to FMD
    - **Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea Virus (PEDV) – [PEDV fact sheet](#)**
- All Washington County Fair swine are expected to be ractopamine free and not fed any products with ractopamine or cross contamination risks.
- Fair pigs may be tested at the slaughter plant for “sulfa residues.” It is extremely important that all fair-bound pigs not be fed or exposed to manure of pigs fed any feed containing sulfa nor be treated with sulfa to prevent possible illegal residues in the pork meat. Follow withdrawal requirements.
- Remember to practice strict biosecurity measures when coming and going from fair and your farms to protect all involved.

### **COMMUNICATION during county fair**

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- An exhibitor and parent need to be present at the Swine Exhibitor Meeting on Monday, July 18 at 7:45 AM in the main show ring for important rules and procedures for fair.
- Posted notes: There is a wall in the northeast corner of the north barn where announcements will be posted specific to your department. Parents and exhibitors should check that multiple times a day. Other important notes for all livestock exhibitors are posted next to the herdsmanship board on the outside north side of the north hog barn.
- Emergency Notifications from the fairboard can also come from a group text. Enter this number: 67283 Enter this text message: WashCoIAFair

**GUIDELINES FOR SWINE UNLOAD/CHECK-IN Sunday, July 16, 5-10 PM and Monday, July 17, 6:30 AM-7 AM**

1. All pigs **MUST** be unloaded at the west side doors during the designated unload times **ONLY AFTER** being cleared by the vet on site. Any animals in the barn without vet inspection on site will be disqualified and sent home.
2. See the map included in packet for the Sunday/Monday fairground traffic pattern and trailer parking. It is important to follow this map, so all exhibitors can get to where they need to be in a timely fashion for unloading. Do not block the moving traffic routes. Do not leave trucks/trailers unattended in the unloading zones. Livestock trailers can be left on the fairgrounds during the week but must be parked on the south most fence beyond the grandstand and pit areas. Those can be moved then on Friday morning
3. 4-H'ers must know at weigh-in what pigs will go to Heinhold with fair group transport/sale or go home. Plan accordingly and know this by the time you get to the scale with your pigs.
4. **If pigs are NOT going to Heinhold on the fair truck, the exhibitor must complete a Non-Terminal Form at check-in.**

**EQUIPMENT AND TACK:**

- Please be respectful about the amount of bedding, feed, etc you bring as there is not space for all youth to store for the entire week with giant tack boxes. For easier and quicker unloading, you are welcome to bring tack in any time after Saturday noon. You may need to bring some supplies half way through the week to restock. Be respectful in how you share the space with ALL exhibitors in the barn ALL week.
- Exhibitors will be responsible for cleaning their pens and alleyway each day. Bring the appropriate tools to do that.
- Some additional suggestions supplies to bring:
  - Wire
  - Zip ties
  - 3 prong adaptors
  - Fans
  - hammer
  - shavings
  - feeders/waterers

**STALLING:**

- Superintendents and 4-H volunteers coordinate the stalling placement of all animals. You will be with the rest of your club who have swine. Signs will be posted with your name on your pens/tack stalls.

- Stall cards will be posted on Saturday if you want to find your location while you are on the grounds assisting with barn set up or participating in nonlivestock judging day. Sometimes that

**REQUIRED SWINE EXHIBITOR MEETING = Monday, July 17, 7:45 am at the main show ring**

- Exhibitor and/or parent should be present to get updates on the swine barn, weigh-in procedures, and or show notes
- All exhibitors will receive a Swine Card they will need to complete before getting to the scale. It is attached below to be prepared on required information needed. These will be printed and ready for you at the exhibitor meeting.

**HERDSMANSHIP:**

- Read the herdsmanship rules 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 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. Extra points are earned by clubs with welcoming, friendly, and courteous 4-Hers in the barn. The barn is not evaluated during show times. The swine herdsmanship check list is included below in this packet so you are aware of what judges are looking for.
- Exhibitors will be responsible for cleaning their pens and alleyway each day. Bring the appropriate tools to do that such as rakes, shovels, brooms. Talk with your club members who also have pigs to share this equipment in the barn. Try to do your best to keep stalls manure and urine free.
- Check them often, if you are showing another species have someone you trust check your pigs while you are away.
- Make sure you have enough clean bedding for the week of fair. This may need to be stored in your vehicle/trailer if tack space does not allow.
- You can see below on the chart that judges will use to evaluate the swine barn. Each club will earn a collective score based on all club members' stalls.

**SHOW ORDER:**

- After all swine cards are entered Monday after check-in the final show order with class breaks will be produced. This will be posted in the swine barn Tuesday expecting all exhibitors to check that and make any corrections by 6pm Tuesday evening. The show order will be the order of classes listed in the fairbook on page 54.

**SHOWMANSHIP:**

- Participation in showmanship is open to all exhibitors. Remember the Showmanship classes will in between the production and market shows and judged by both judges at the same time. This will be approximately 10 am. There are 4 showmanship classes: Top Gun, Senior, Intermediate and Junior Showmanship. Once an exhibitor has won champion showman in their age division, the following year if they are still in that age division, they will show in the Top Gun Showmanship Drive instead of their age division class.

**LIVESTREAM: Livestream/recorded Livestock shows** are sponsored and hosted by KCTC. What a unique and powerful local service! Share this link with family and friends who cannot join us on the fairgrounds for show days. They can still tune in and cheer you on. These live stream shows will also  
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then be available as recorded videos as well. You can go back and watch yourself! Here is the link to view those: [www.kctc.net/washcofair-livestream/](http://www.kctc.net/washcofair-livestream/) NOTE: Multiple shows cannot be livestreamed at once so some shows will be posted as a recorded video for viewing later.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all who participated in the first Swine Knowledge Test on July 8. 14 exhibitors completed the knowledge test sponsored by the Washington County Pork Producers. Winners will be announced on show day in between the production swine and market swine show. There will be a champion earning \$100 and a reserve champion earning \$50 announced for each age division.

#### **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 animals 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 pigs. These must be returned to the same place and noted on clipboard by Friday afternoon when the barns are cleared. 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 backdrop/in the barns of exhibitors and any champions approximately 2 p.m. Wednesday after the show. Watch for them and bring your pig for a chance 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)
- All pigs shown at the Washington County Fair will have the opportunity to go directly to slaughter. Hogs will be sold on a Grade & Yield basis. *Trucking fees are donated by Jarrod Holmes with Holmes Livestock Logistics.* The load out time for Heinhold will be EARLY early Friday morning. No one should be in the barn between 5am-6am Friday during load out unless you are helping load out.

#### **SWINE PREMIUMS:**

- No swine is sold in the live county fair auction but swine exhibitors have other opportunity for paid premiums include:
  - **Swine Premium Fund:** Money collected by the swine committee from countywide sponsors. Money raised for this fund is divided equally to each swine exhibitor. Checks are sent directly to the exhibitor in August.
  - **Heinhold group sale:** All exhibitors are welcome to sell their pigs in the group sale to Heinhold. Transportation is provided for free for pigs. This is an optional market outlet for exhibitors who do not have other plans for their pigs and who cannot take them back to their farm due to biosecurity reasons. Checks are sent in August to exhibitors who sell to Heinhold.
  - **Top 5 money:** Unique to the swine department, EVERY class has cash awards given to the top 5. These selections are made by the judge. Some departments have this only for overall champions or do not offer cash awards at all. Sponsor dollars are collected by the Extension Office from local donors. These cash award checks are sent directly to the exhibitor in August.

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

- No animals can leave the fairgrounds before Friday morning.
- Animals and tack may be loaded Friday between 6 am – 8 a.m. and then start again after the auction is over approximately at noon. Anyone who does not abide by this rule will lose fair premium.

- The pigs going to Heinhold will be loaded Friday morning early. No one should be in the barns between 5am-6am unless you plan to help load the semi. Gates and pens cannot be altered during that time of load out. This is a safety concern of all pigs loading and pigs getting to the proper location.
- Friday is the main day for swine barn clean up. Because majority of the pigs are out of the barn by early Friday morning that makes cleaning easier. Stalls should be scooped and swept before exhibitors leave the grounds. No shavings or trash should be in your pens or tack stall. Be respectful not to broom your shavings into the alleyways or other stalls as you are cleaning, but completely remove shavings to the designated spaces outside.
- Make sure all wires, ribbons, fans, signs are removed and returned as needed.

#### **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 afternoon and/or Saturday, July 23, 8:30am-noon. Volunteers are fed after fair clean up on Saturday thanks to a generous sponsor.
- Please play your part as a thank you and respect to our fair board to be a part of clean up too. Thank you.

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 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 swine neighbors to have a good fair week too.  
Enjoy getting to know each other.

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





# TRAILER TRAFFIC

ALL enter the grounds using the North West Livestock Entrance.

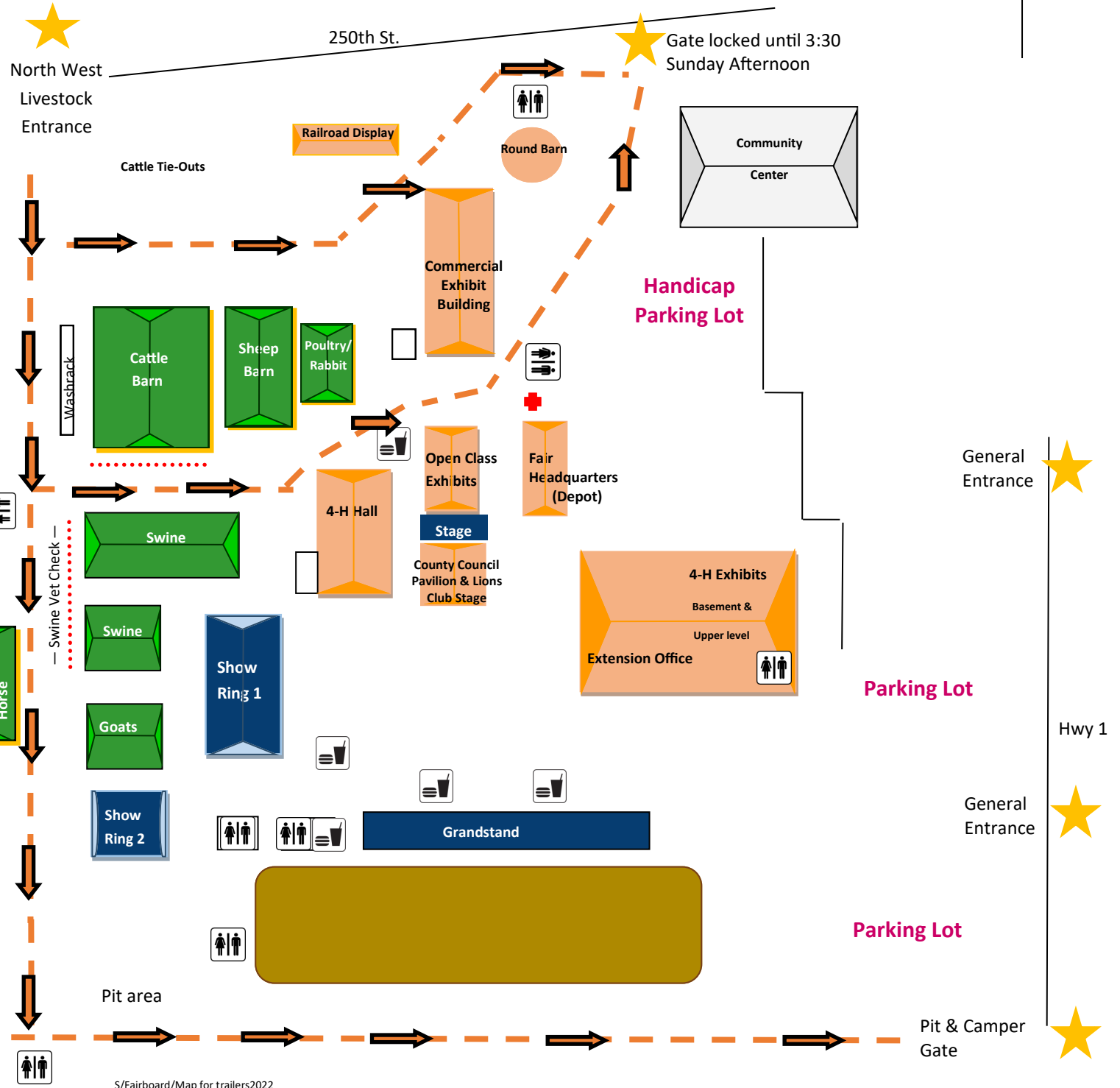
Community Center Gate is for exit only.

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.



# NEATLY complete all sections possible before getting to the scales.

Assign pigs to appropriate classes by placing an “x” in the column.  
 2 max market barrows and 2 max market gilts. Also indicate which pigs will comprise the pen of 3.

*Use Fair Entry report to make labels after July 1 deadline. Custom report called “Swine Card Labels”. export as excel and make labels*

**IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS, Who is the parent we should call? Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell #:** \_\_\_\_\_

Fair Weight	Ear Notch	Tag # (last four digits is fine here)	Check this column if pig is going to Heinhold on fair trailer	<b>BARROWS</b>				<b>GILTS</b>				262 11	262 13	263 00		
				261 11 Single Source <b>3 max</b>	261 12 Prod. Barrow <b>2 max</b>	261 14 Home Raised Barrow <b><u>2 max</u></b>	261 15 Purch. Barrow	Barrows Under 220/ Over 300	261 18 Purebred Market (gilts and barrows) <b>2 max</b> per breed. Write in breed below	Gilts Under 220/ Over 300	261 13 Prod. Gilt <b>2 max</b>				261 16 Home Raise Gilt <b><u>2 max</u></b>	261 17 Purch Gilt

## IF YOUR PIGS are NOT going to Heinhold TURN THIS SHEET OVER AND COMPLETE IT NOW!



