

Wright County Fair 2020 FAQ - 4-H and FFA Exhibitor Information

Q: The Fair Board has canceled public grandstands and ground entertainment. Are the 4-H/FFA events still going to be held?

A: As of right now, our answer is yes, if it is ok to gather for such events. The Wright County Extension staff and Wright County Fair Board are working on what that will look like. These plans will be subject to change pending all health and safety concerns and stipulations set upon large events.

Q: What will fair look like?

A: The fairgrounds will not be open to the public but will be open for exhibitor competition and those exhibitor families only. It will not be the experience you are familiar with, however, it will give you the opportunity to have a showcase of your learning, receive evaluation and recognition. 4-H & FFA families only will be allowed on the grounds for their shows. There will be ribbons and trophies. The Wright County Fair Board and Wright County Extension staff are currently working on the details of this plan that will be most safe and reasonable. Details and directions will be emailed directly to families and volunteers when confirmed and finalized. These plans will be subject to change pending all health and safety concerns and stipulations set upon large events.

Q: Will we still be able to show our exhibits (livestock, static, communication, fashion, etc.)?

A: Yes, there will be opportunities but again it will look different and will be subject to change.

Livestock= The show schedule will be adjusted to include only a few shows each day. Most livestock will come the day before the show and leave the day of the show. There will not be a livestock auction.

Communication and Fashion= Working in making these events virtual, or other possibilities.

Static Exhibits= A schedule for times when your project will be judged with more information will come as we approach July. Please enter your static exhibits into Fair Entry as well so we know what you have to exhibit and can continue to plan accordingly. As of now we are working to make it in person with safety measures in place with barriers of some sort.

Q: When will we know what fair will look like?

A: We will update you as decisions are made. Please frequently check your 4hOnline email, with FFA Advisers, our website, and social media as they will all include updates as available. These plans will continue to be reviewed pending all health and safety concerns and stipulations set upon large events and all will be subject to change. This FAQ document will change as decisions are made as well.

Q: How will you communicate plans for the fair?

A: The Wright County Extension staff will communicate through your 4hOnline email and FFA Advisors, through the Extension webpage , and Wright County 4-H Iowa Facebook Page, County Fair Facebook page, and FFA advisors.

Q: The 2020 Wright County Fair Book was just published online. Does it still apply?

A: Yes. Class numbers, rules, and descriptions are still helpful and accurate. It can be found on the Fair Form's webpage and the Wright County Fair webpage. June 12th Fair Entry deadline or June 17th with a late fee for animals will still apply. An updated schedule will be communicated to families as soon as available.

Q: Are the Bucket-Bottle Calf, Little Squealers, and Novice Lamb classes still on?

A: The Wright County Fair Board is working with the Farm Bureau and Bucket-Calf volunteers to make this event still happen. Watch for more details soon. Unfortunately, the Little Squealers and Novice Lamb classes will not be possible this year.

Q: If the shows are limited to exhibitor families only will there be a way for my extended family and friends to watch me show?

A: The Wright County Fair Board and Wright County Extension Office is working on a way to video the shows as they are happening. Plans are being made to use a livestream format or Facebook live each day. More details will be made available as plans are secured.

Q: What should I do now?

A: Keep working on your static exhibits, clothing event exhibits, and with your animals. Animal ID in 4hOnline and YQCA certifications are still due on June 1 at 11:59pm.

Q: I have more questions, who do I contact?

A: For 4-H/FFA exhibitor questions and exhibitor event details, contact the Wright County Extension 4-H Staff at 515-532-3453. For public events normally held at the county fair, contact the Wright County Fair Board 515-448-3351.

Q: Do we have to be present at Static Exhibit Judging if we don't feel safe?

A: No, you can drop off the project with your 4-H Leader and the judge can write down the comments on paper

