TO: 2019 FFA Dairy Cattle Exhibitors

FROM: FFA Entry Department

Thank you for entering the 2019 Iowa State Fair. Your exhibitor admission ticket, and unload permit(s) have been sent to your advisor. Each exhibitor will be given one unload permit that allows 30 minutes to unload animals and tack, but does not provide parking. The vehicle unload permit has been dated for the FFA Dairy Cattle Show. Please enter the Fairgrounds through gate 6. Vehicles entering the State Fairgrounds from Saturday, August 3rd to Sunday, August 19th, MUST have a load/unload pass. Contact your advisor for this pass. Vehicles without a permit will not be allowed to enter the Fairgrounds. NOTE: Please remember to bring wood blocks to use when parking/setting your trailer.

Dairy cattle may arrive beginning at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, August 6th and must be in by 9 a.m. on Wednesday, August 7th.

Upon arrival please take your animals’ health certificates to the Veterinary Office for approval. Health certificates must be examined, approved and stamped by the veterinarian in the Veterinary Office prior to animals being checked in. **Veterinary office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., please plan your arrival accordingly.** Health Certificates not completed properly will be denied and the owner will be required to obtain a new certificate at owner’s expense. The Iowa State Fair must be listed as the destination.

Check-in time is from **9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.** on Wednesday, August 7th. FFA members or a designated person must stay with their animals until clerks have verified your entries. Have your registration papers ready for the clerks. Animals housed with the open class dairy animals will be checked-in by the open class clerks as early as possible Wednesday afternoon. Please do not leave your cattle until they are checked-in. We appreciate your cooperation as we try to speed up the check-in process.

DHI records should also be available on animals qualifying for production premiums. **It is up to the exhibitor to inform clerks that your animals qualify for the production premiums.** Production information – milk and combined records must be shared at check-in time with the check-in crew. Documentation (DHI records) must be present at check-in time in order to be eligible for this award.

Please read the rules and regulations listed in the Premium Book at [http://www.iowastatefair.org/participate/competition/how-to-enter/#ffa](http://www.iowastatefair.org/participate/competition/how-to-enter/#ffa)

A few rules to note:

- All FFA exhibitors are expected to conduct themselves in a cooperative and courteous manner while participating in FFA events at the Iowa State Fair.
- At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises medication of any kind is to be administered to livestock animals by an Official Iowa State Fair Veterinarian ONLY. If an FFA exhibitor or his/her assistant administers a shot or medication, this exhibitor shall be barred from showing and premiums will be taken away.
- **No drugs or medications of any kind may be administered at the Fair except by the order of the Official State Fair Veterinarian.** All animals will be subject to chemical testing and analysis of saliva, urine, blood, other excretions or tissues to determine whether a substance or drug has been induced or whether a substance or drug has been introduced to interfere with the testing procedure. Positive tests will result in immediate disqualification of the animal, forfeiture of ribbons, trophies, premiums and sale prices. The exhibitor of that animal and the exhibitor’s family may be barred from participation in future Iowa State Fairs.
• **THE USE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS AND THE PRESENCE OF DRUG RESIDUE IS PROHIBITED.** Exhibitors may not use stimulants of food or beverage products that may contain stimulants such as caffeine.

• **NEW FOR 2019:** Animals must have 2 out of 3 of the following identification methods recorded online by May 15:
  a. Tag/Ear Tattoo; or
  b. Registration Number; or
  c. DHIA metal tag ID number

  All levels of registry are acceptable. Registration papers or identified grade papers must match the animal.

**Livestock Release Procedure**

To help alleviate traffic congestion and expedite load out procedures a process for livestock release will be used again this year. Please familiarize yourself with the following steps. Cooperation from all exhibitors is greatly appreciated and will provide a better experience for everyone.

1. Exhibitor will go to the barn office to obtain a release form no earlier than 30 minutes before scheduled release time.
2. Exhibitor will take the release form to the appropriate trailer lot to receive their load-out mirror hanger. **ALL vehicles picking up livestock MUST** go to a trailer lot to get a load-out mirror hanger before being allowed on the Fairgrounds.
3. Trucks and trailers will be lined up according to species/barn.
4. Vehicles will be released from trailer lots to the Fairgrounds.

Dairy cattle will be released beginning at 5 p.m. on Saturday, August 10th, and must be out by 7 a.m. Sunday, August 11th.

Please make every effort to keep your area clean and neat. The aisles must be open at all times to the public. Thank you for helping us put on a great display of quality show animals for all visitors and other exhibitors.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** In coordination with Metro Waste Authority, the Iowa State Fair will dispose of waste livestock bedding as a compostable material. In addition to being environmentally friendly, this program puts our waste to a better use and helps reduce disposal costs. We need the help of exhibitors, superintendents, and attendees to make this program successful. Please make sure to keep bedding clear of unaccepted material such as paper, cans, show supplies, feed bags or leftover food that could disrupt the composting process. Your cooperation is much appreciated!

If you have any additional questions, please contact the FFA Entry Department by phone at 515-262-3111 ext. 246 or by email ffa@iowastatefair.org.

Thank you and good luck at the 2019 Iowa State Fair!

**SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, August 6th**

8:00 a.m.  Dairy Cattle may arrive

**Wednesday, August 7th**

9:00 a.m.  Dairy Cattle must be in- Completed entry cards due in Dairy Office

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  Entries checked- please remain in your stalls and wait for check-in crews to come to you

4 p.m.  All substitute showmanship forms must be submitted to the superintendent

**Thursday, August 8th**

4:00 p.m.  Dairy Awards Program

**Saturday, August 10th**

8:00 a.m.  Youth Dairy Cattle Show (Livestock Pavilion)

5:00 p.m.  Dairy Cattle released by zone

**Sunday, August 11th**

7:00 a.m.  Dairy Cattle must be out