TO: 2020 FFA Dairy Cattle Exhibitors

FROM: FFA Entry Department

Thank you for choosing to exhibit at the 2020 Fair Special Edition: 4-H and FFA Livestock show. We are thrilled to offer an opportunity for you to exhibit your livestock. Please keep in mind there are some big changes this year.

- EVERY person (6 years and older) entering the Fairgrounds MUST have a wristband.
- Each exhibitor has been mailed 3 wristbands (per session exhibiting). If you have not received your wristbands by August 3, please contact the Entry Department.
- No admission or parking fees will be charged at the gate.
- Please refer to the map included with the wristbands to see which gate to enter and where to park your trailers. It changes slightly each weekend. Maps can also be found online: (https://www.iowastatefair.org/participate/competition/how-to-enter/#ffa).
- Exhibitors will be allowed to load out and leave after completing their classes. No release forms will be necessary for 2020 shows.
- The hours of operation for the ice/bedding store on the grounds are from 6 am – 5 pm Thursday, 8 am – 5 pm Friday and 8 am – Noon Saturday. Hay, straw, and other feed will NOT be available this year.

Dairy cattle may arrive beginning at 8 a.m. on Thursday, August 6th and must be in by 2 p.m.

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. - 4:00 p.m.** on Thursday, August 6th. 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. 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.

Please read the rules and regulations listed in the Premium Book at 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 show.
- 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 Show 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 Show 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.
Please make every effort to keep your area clean and neat. Thank you for helping us put on a great display of quality show animals for all visitors and other exhibitors.

**REMEMBER**: 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 2020 Fair Special Edition!

**SCHEDULE**
**Thursday, August 6**
8:00 a.m. Dairy Cattle may arrive
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Entries checked – please remain at your stalls and wait for check-in crews to come to you
Noon - 2:00 p.m. T-shirts & exhibitor numbers must be picked up by the Cattle Barn Office
2:00 p.m. Dairy Cattle must be in

**Friday, August 7**
1:00 p.m. Youth Dairy Cattle Show: Heifers - Livestock Pavilion

**Saturday, August 8**
8:00 a.m. Youth Dairy Cattle Show: Cows - Livestock Pavilion
After show Dairy Cattle released
7:00 p.m. Dairy Cattle must be out