TO: 2020 FFA Sheep 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; 8am – Noon Saturday. Hay, straw, and other feed will NOT be available this year.

Sheep may arrive, beginning at 7 a.m. on Thursday, August 6th and must be in by noon on Thursday, August 6th. Exhibitors of FFA Sheep must arrive by entering the North Lot off of University Avenue and proceed through the health check. All lambs will be inspected by a veterinarian. Lambs found to have evidence of club lamb fungus or ringworm will be unable to be shown and must be removed from the Fairgrounds. A non-washable marker will be used to identify FFA sheep excused from exhibition.

NEW FOR 2020:
- No cable halters allowed
-Declared Weight Process – Market & Commercial Ewes
  - Practice scales will be open around the barn
  - All market lambs and commercial ewes will show by a declared weight
  - Exhibitors will go to the Sheep Barn Show Ring to pick up their entry cards from FFA officials, fill out the weight and sign the card – WEIGHT CARDS ARE DUE BY NOON THURSDAY
  - Once cards are turned in, NO CHANGES TO WEIGHTS CAN BE MADE!
  - After each class is completed, the top 2 in each class will be re-weighed. The animal must weigh within 5 pounds (+ or -) of the declared weight.

Health certificates for FFA Registered Breeding Sheep must contain all individual identification including the official scrapie tag for sexually intact sheep. Health certificates for FFA Commercial Ewe Lambs, Commercial Ewes, Market Lambs must contain all individual identification including the FFA tag and official scrapie tag for sexually intact sheep. Please review Section 5-SHEEP AND GOATS under Health Requirements listed on the Iowa State Fair website. 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.

Each Market Lamb exhibitor is required to fill out the Iowa State Fair FFA Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement which can be found at http://www.iowastatefair.org/participate/competition/how-to-enter/#ffa. The Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement must be on file before the exhibitor can show their livestock. **ALL treatment given to animals since nomination time must be listed on the Statement.**
Please read the rules and regulations listed in the Premium Book. 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.
- Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects of conformation in animals exhibited will be considered as fraud and deception. No unnatural means of providing animal feed, water or other fluid (i.e. stomach pump, drench gun, IV) will be allowed. All animals giving evidence of such treatment will be barred from exhibition.
- **No artificial alternations or stimulants of any kind may be applied or administered to animals (icing, electric shock, alcohol/formaldehyde baths, etc.)** All animals showing evidence of such treatment will be barred from exhibition.
- 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 Shows.
- **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.

**REMINDER:** In coordination with Metro Waste Authority, the Iowa State Fairgrounds 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**
- 7:00 a.m. Sheep may arrive
- 9:00 a.m. - Noon Market & Commercial Check-in and turn in weigh cards
- Noon Sheep must be in
- 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Check-in Breeding
- 4:00 p.m. Exhibitor Meeting

**Friday, August 7**
- 9:00 a.m. Breeding Sheep & Commercial Ewe Show

**Saturday, August 8**
- 9:00 a.m. Market Lamb Show
- After Show Sheep released
- 7:00 p.m. Sheep must be out