TO: 2019 FFA Horse Exhibitors

FROM: FFA Entry Department

Thank you for entering the 2019 Iowa State Fair. Your exhibitor admission ticket, and load/unload permit(s) have been sent to your advisor. Each exhibitor will be given one load/unload permit that allows 30 minutes to load/unload animals and tack, but does not provide parking. The vehicle load/unload permit has been dated for the FFA Horse Show. Please enter the Fairgrounds through gate 8. 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.

Horses may arrive, beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, August 5th and must be in by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6th.

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.

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 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.
- **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.

**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.

Horses will be released after the show ends on Thursday, August 8th, and must be out by 10:00 p.m. that night.

**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!

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.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Ryan at 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**
**Monday, August 5th**
3:00 p.m. Horses may arrive (West end of Sheep Barn)

**Tuesday, August 6th**
5:00 p.m. Horses must be in
5:00 p.m. Exhibitor Meeting with check-in immediately following

**Wednesday, August 7th**
8:00 a.m. Exhibitor Meeting
9:00 a.m. Horse Show - Division 2-4 (Livestock Pavilion)

**Thursday, August 8th**
11:00 A.M. Exhibitor Meeting
Following 4-H Horse Show - Division 5-9 followed by Division 1 (Jacobson Exhibition Center)
After Show Horses are released
10:00 p.m. Horses must be out