TO: 2019 FFA Sheep 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 Sheep Show. Vehicles entering the State Fairgrounds from Saturday, August 3rd to Sunday, August 18th, 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.

Sheep may arrive, beginning at 7 a.m. on Tuesday, August 6th and must be in by noon on Tuesday, August 6th. Exhibitors of FFA Sheep must arrive by entering Lot M at the corner of Dean Avenue and East 34th Street 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.

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/Carcass 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/Carcass 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 Iowa State Fair.
- 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 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.

**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.

Sheep will be released beginning at 4 p.m. Friday, August 9th, and must be out by 6 p.m. Friday, August 9th.

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**

7 a.m. Sheep may arrive
11:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. Check-in/Weigh-in Market & Carcass
Noon Sheep must be in
3:00 p.m. – 4 p.m. Check-in Breeding

**Wednesday, August 7th**

8 a.m. - 9 a.m. Check-in/Weigh-in Commercial
11:00 a.m. Exhibitor Meeting
TBA Carcass Lamb Ultrasound Evaluation

**Thursday, August 8th**

8:00 a.m. Market and Carcass Lamb Show

**Friday, August 9th**

8:00 a.m. Breeding Sheep and Commercial Ewe Show
3:00 p.m. Awards Presentation
4:00 p.m.  Sheep released
6:00 p.m.  Sheep must be out