

# PRE-FAIR NEWSLETTER #1

JULY 10, 2020

## BOX BUTTE COUNTY 4-H EVENTS

I will be sending out Newsletters out before fair to remind you of upcoming events for fair and some of the changes that have occurred due to COVID and the guidelines we need to follow.

Please maintain a six-foot distance from others at all times, masks are recommended, but not required, if you feel sick or are not comfortable attending an in-person event please stay home. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!

**We NEED EVERYONE'S HELP in order to make sure we can keep our county fair safe during the week!**

- We will need help with increasing sanitation in the higher touched areas (bleachers, tables etc.)
- **MAINTAIN A 6 FOOT DISTANCE AT ALL TIMES BETWEEN PEOPLE!!!!!!!!!!!!**
- If you are not able to keep a 6-foot distance we will ask you please wear a mask.
- We will have personal protective equipment (PPE) and symptom regulating equipment available for our 4-H families if they need it. We will not be able to provide PPE for the general public.
- There will be sanitation stations throughout the fairgrounds! Please use sanitizer and hand washing frequently.
- If you are having symptoms related to COVID, or are not feeling well or have a fever, PLEASE STAY HOME!!!!!!!!!!!!!! We do not want to become a community exposure spot.



## FASHION SHOW NARRATION CARDS

Please turn in your Fashion Show Narration Cards by WEDNESDAY, JULY 15!!!!!!!!!!!!

# FAIR CLEAN-UP SATURDAY, JULY 25TH

- Fair clean-up is Saturday July 25 **STARTING AT 8 AM!**
- All 4-H families are encouraged to help ready the buildings and grounds for the Fair. Bring rags, buckets, shovels, rakes, hammers, weed eaters and any other cleaning supplies that you feel would help your work go faster.
- The 4-H Council will be serving lunch at **NOON.**
- If your family is unable to attend, there may be other projects that need completed that could be done at another time. Please contact Ashley, a fair superintendent, 4-H Council or fair board member and find out how you can help!
- Remember we will need to practice safe physical distancing and good hygiene. Please try to not share equipment if possible and wash hands or use sanitizer frequently.

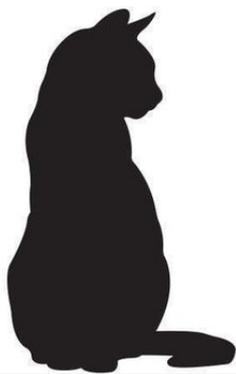
## SMALL ANIMAL UPDATES

### DOG SHOW

The Dog show will run close to what it normally does. We will need to make sure when exhibitors are in the show ring, they maintain a six-foot distance from other exhibitors and dog(s).

If public comes to watch please remember no dogs are allowed in the barn, other than the dogs being exhibited.

We will be streaming the Dog Show on our Facebook Page. All you have to do is like the page and you will be able to watch!



### CAT SHOW

The cats will not be caged in the normal cages that the superintendent provides. You will need to make sure you have your own carrier and leave your cat in the carrier until it is your turn to show.

With that, you will not need to decorate the cages, so don't bring your fabric curtains.

Please bring food and water for your cat, litter box is optional. Cats will not be vet checked at the 2020 fair since they will not be in contact with each other.

If you have questions don't hesitate to ask.

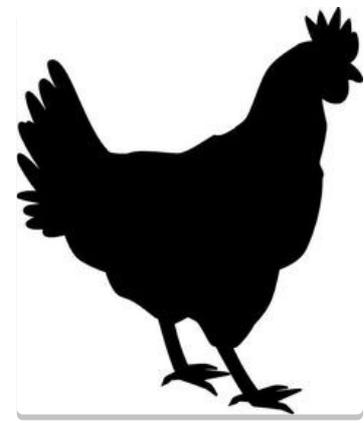
### POULTRY SHOW

Please have your Pre-Entries to the Office by Wednesday, July 15th!!!!

Poultry will be checked in on Wednesday, August 5 from 8:00-10:00 AM!  
There will be a quick Barn Meeting following check-in starting at 10:00 AM  
The Show will start at 1:00 PM.

Youth will need to get pictures of sale animals taken right after the barn meeting (10:30ish)

There will be an open poultry show with check-in between 10:00-11:00 AM with the show starting at 11:00 AM. **REMINDER: If a 4-Her is participating in the open poultry show, you will not be allowed to show birds entered in the 4-H show.**

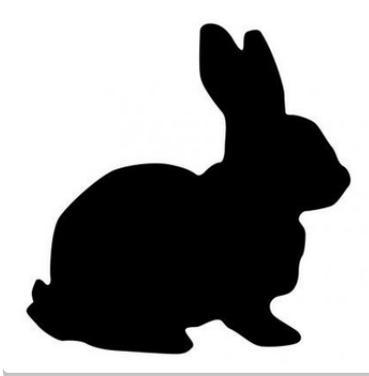


Youth will have the option at check-in to either leave their birds in the Little Red Barn through Fair OR you can take them home after the show.

**NOTE: Sale birds MUST come back on sale day, unless they are retained ownership.**

Due to close quarters in the Little Red Barn, youth who leave birds on the fairgrounds will be required to wear a mask while taking care of animals in the Little Red Barn.

If you have questions please contact your superintendent or call the office.



## RABBIT SHOW

Please have your Pre-Entries to the Office by Wednesday, July 15th!!!!

Rabbits will be checked in on Wednesday, August 5 from 8:00-10:00 AM!

There will be a quick Barn Meeting following check-in starting at 10:00 AM.

The Show will start at 4:00 PM.

Youth will need to get pictures of sale animals taken right after the barn meeting (10:30ish)

Youth will have the option at check-in to either leave their birds in the Little Red Barn through Fair OR you can take them home after the show.

**NOTE: Sale rabbits MUST be brought back on sale day, unless they are retained ownership.**

There is a pretty severe rabbit virus called Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease, that has been going around, and we are within the 150 mile radius of a previous case. Please use good judgement with your rabbits.

For more information:

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/animal/diseases/rhd/index.html?fbclid=IwAR2ldjZj1ALxdDxp2h5M1Auht1N1dWxDLYUI8qWjtEAOoCZS9dINXnWPHaM>

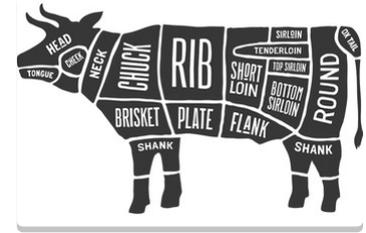
Due to close quarters in the Little Red Barn, youth who leave rabbits on the fairgrounds will be required to wear a mask while taking care of animals in the Little Red Barn.

If you have questions please contact your superintendent or call the office.

## CARCASS CONTEST

The Carcass Contest is scheduled for Tuesday, July 28th at Meyring Cattle Company.

We will be taking carcass projects between 7:00-9:00 AM.



YOU MUST BE THERE BY 9:00 AM FOR YOUR PROJECT TO BE TAKEN!

Please bring your Brand Papers or Bill of Sale or we will not be able to load your animal(s). Also if you have a Record book please make sure to bring that as well because the interview portion is part of your overall score.

If you have questions please let us know.



## FAIR PEN SET-UP

Wednesday, July 22 we are asking for some help to get all the fair pens set up.

We will start around 6:00 PM.

## SIGN UP FOR REMIND

For all the up-to-date fair info or events that happen at the fair, PLEASE sign-up for REMIND.



Text the word @boxbut to the number 81010.

You don't need the app. You will get texts right to your phone!

We might try to limit the number of programs that get printed this year, so we might be using this app to send out animal class information before the shows.

## LIVESTOCK UPDATES

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 4TH

Static: Please see the Fair Newsletter for Static requirements. This will not be changing for 2020. Please be checking your email for a drop-off schedule.

Livestock: If you would like to bring in Tack early we highly encourage this. We believe that it will help cut down on how crowded check-in day will be.

### PLAN C - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5TH

After much consideration and discussion with PPHD, the livestock committee has created a PLAN C that will be in-place unless otherwise told differently.

*In the Fair Newsletter that was previously sent out there are some changes, so please read closely!!!*

**WEIGH-IN TIMES HAVE CHANGED:** All market animals will arrive at the fairgrounds on Wednesday, August 5 at certain spaced out times, and please f

- **Swine:** 6:00-9:00 AM Please use the East Door
- **Beef:** 8:00-Noon Please use North Door and enter with your trailer from the west side of the fairgrounds
- **Sheep/Goats:** 10:00-11:00 AM Please use South door.

**Sale Pictures will be taken Wednesday** - Please be sure to maintain a 6-foot distance while getting your animal ready for pictures and while taking pictures!!

- **10:30 am Rabbits/Poultry**
- **11:00 am Sheep/Goats**
- **1:30-3:00 pm Beef**
- **3:00-5:00 pm Swine**

There will be NO LIVESTOCK BARN MEETING.

**At Weigh-in youth will receive a packet with your exhibitor number (2), 2 sale cards, and a letter from your superintendents & 4-H Staff. Please keep track of this!**

**MAKE SURE YOU READ YOUR LETTER FOUND IN YOUR PACKET!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

## PLAN C - THURSDAY, AUGUST 6TH

### PIG SHOW: 8:00 AM

- Please plan accordingly as we will only be able to allow 5 people in the wash racks at a time. We will try to go in order of pens. Masks are recommended, but not required as long as you can keep a 6-foot distance.
- Classes for the hog show will be smaller to allow 6-foot distancing in the show ring.
- We are planning to have more holding pens set up to keep youth separated.
- Please use your best discretion when cleaning stalls, caring for pigs, moving in the alley ways and getting pigs out of stalls. We really need to attempt to maintain a 6 foot distance between youth, especially in the 4-H Space.
- **All sale animals MUST remain on the premises**, but if you have non-sale animals or retained ownership pigs you may take them home after the show.

### MEAT GOAT SHOW: 1:00 PM

- Please plan accordingly as we have to limit the number of youth/animals in the wash rack at a time. Youth last names A-J will wash from 7:00-9:00 am and J-Z will wash from 9:00-11:00 am daily (we know this will not work for some people, but please do your best, and make sure there is 6 foot distance at all times). Masks are recommended, but not required as long as you can keep a 6-foot distance.
- When feeding and or cleaning your stalls please make a visual check of the area before entering. Exhibitors will need to maintain a 6-foot distance from the pen located on either side and possibly across.

- Classes will be smaller to maintain a 6-foot distance between exhibitors. This is good practice to keep enough space between you and the other exhibitor and their animals.
- If you have breeding animals please make sure they get checked in the morning of the show. We are asking that all breeding stock get taken home to allow extra room in the barn. However, this is at the discretion of the family and superintendent(s) so we know we have enough room in the barn.
- **All sale animals MUST remain on the premises**, but if you have non-sale animals or retained ownership goats you may take them home after the show.

**FOR ALL SHOWS:** parents/guardians, grandparents, family/friends, etc. PLEASE DO NOT crowd around the show ring. We expect all 4-H youth, family & friends follow the 6-foot social distancing guidelines while in all 4-H Space this includes: pens, wash racks, show arena (in and out, holding pens, staging area, waiting areas, fitting areas, etc.

## PLAN C - FRIDAY, AUGUST 7TH

### DAIRY SHOW: 8:00 AM

- Make sure to check-in all Dairy animals with the superintendent by 7:30 AM.
- If you have dairy animals, we are asking that they get taken home to allow extra room in the barn. However, this is at the discretion of the family and superintendent(s) so we know we have enough room in the barn.
- If you have a Round-Robin Dairy Animal competing please leave it on the grounds until after the show.
- Please see beef show & goat show rules as well

### BEEF SHOW: 9:30 AM

- If you have breeding animals, stocker feeders, or bucket calves please make sure they get checked in the morning of the show. We are asking these animals get taken home to allow extra room in the barn. However, this is at the discretion of the family and superintendent(s) so we know we have enough room in the barn.
- **THE SHOW ORDER WILL GO AS FOLLOWS:** Bucket Calves, Stocker Feeders, Breeding Beef, Showmanship (Sr., Int., Jr.), Market Classes
- We are asking more families to go outside to do their fitting in order to allow for 6-foot distancing while fitting animals.
- We will need to limit the number of people in the wash racks please check before taking your animal. Please no more than 5 people at a time. Masks are recommended, but not required as long as you can keep a 6-foot distance.
- **All sale animals MUST remain on the premises**, but if you have non-sale animals or retained ownership beef you may take them home after the show.
- When feeding, cleaning your stalls, or taking animals to and from tie-outs please make a visual check of the area before entering. Exhibitors will need to maintain a 6-foot distance from the pen located on either side and possibly across.
- Classes will be smaller to maintain a 6-foot distance between exhibitors. This is good practice to keep enough space between you and the other exhibitor and their animals.

### SHEEP SHOW 1:30 PM:

- We will need to limit the number of people in the wash racks please check before taking your animal. Please no more than 5 people at a time. Masks are recommended, but not required as long as you can keep a 6-foot distance.

- **All sale animals MUST remain on the premises**, but if you have non-sale animals or retained ownership beef you may take them home after the show.
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#### **Large Animal Round Robin 7:00 PM:**

- Round Robin will run as mostly normal.
- Masks are recommended, but not required as long as you can keep a 6-foot distance.
- Only Grand and Reserve Overall winners will be eligible for Round Robin. If neither is able to participate or have already won, that area will be represented by the species.

## **LIVESTOCK SALE SATURDAY, AUGUST 8**

The livestock sale might look a little different than in the past.

- We are taking down a majority of the arena to allow to move in more bleachers and seating for buyers.
- Youth will not be taking their live animals into the show ring, but will stand and/or move around with their sale picture. Buyers are able to walk around and see animals prior to the sale.
- We will be taking phone bids this year as well as live streaming the sale and the shows, hopefully on YouTube live (still working out a few kinks).
- If buyers are planning on bidding via the phone, please have them call Briana Robertson (303)506-5935 to pre-register.
- Please encourage your buyers to contact their local processors as their capacities is limited.
- We are hoping to have resale buyers for sale animals only.

#### **Buyers BBQ:**

- The BBQ will be only serving pulled pork and sides in a to-go fashion as there will be limited seating in the multipurpose hall. This will allow people to spread out across the fairgrounds to help us practice our physical distancing.
- Plates will be \$9 per plate or with a buyers ticket that you would have received in the mail.



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