



To: 4-H Livestock Exhibitors
From: Colleen Pallas, Extension Associate
Subject: Pre-Entry for Livestock Shows (Beef, Sheep, Swine & Goats),
Stall Assignments & Clean-Up Day
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Know how. Know now.

With the fair a few weeks away, it is time to pre-register for the county fair livestock shows. Enclosed is the pre-registration sheet(s), please return these sheets to the Extension Office by **4:30p.m. on Wednesday, June 26th.**

ALL animals to be shown at the county fair need to be pre-entered in the Extension Office using the enclosed sheet in order to be shown at the Polk County Fair with the official 4-H Identification Method listed on the [2024 Polk County Animal Identification Guide](#). ALL BEEF, SHEEP, MARKET GOATS & SWINE MUST BE OFFICIAL TO BE SHOWN AT FAIR. Please call if you have any questions. These entry sheets are used to make show programs and stall assignments. Changes and/or substitutions are allowed until check-in is complete.

CLEAN-UP DAY - This year Clean-up Day will be held **Wednesday, July 10th at 6:30 p.m.** We need families showing livestock to please come and help. Bring shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, etc. Thank you to all who have come in the past and we appreciate all your help this year!! Supper will be served following cleanup!

STALL ASSIGNMENTS - Stall assignments will be posted by superintendents in the swine barn and the beef barn. Assignments will be posted by **4:30 p.m. on Friday, July 12th**. Please do not set up your stall until that time.

PLEASE READ - All livestock (excluding bucket calves, feeder calves and cow/calf pairs) must be in place by **8 a.m. on Thursday, July 17th**. All animals are allowed to be on the fairgrounds starting at 8 a.m. on **Tuesday, July 16th**.

BEEF EXHIBITORS may set up their stalls in the barn starting on **Sunday, July 14th**. Polk County 4-H Council voted that the barn must be left empty in case the horses need a place to shelter the day of the horse show on July 13th.
(MORE INFORMATION ON THE BACK!)



REMINDERS FOR 2024

BEEF- Beef weigh in for Market Animals will be held around 8:30 a.m. on **Thursday, July 17th**. Please be available to lead your animal to the scale! THE Saturday, July 20th SHOW SCHEDULE as follows: Show begins at **8:30 a.m.** with Clover Kid & Bucket Calf show, followed by showmanship. This will be a BLOW and GO show again this year. The show order will be posted in the beef barn with stall assignments. Please note on the sheet if you have a preference of who you would like to be stalled by. **Please refer to attached note on pre-registration form about mulch, tie outs, etc this year.** Registered animals must have a copy of their registration papers attached to the pre-registration sheet when turned into the Extension Office or dropped off in the fair office before checking in on Thursday Morning.

SWINE - Weigh-in will begin at approx. **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 16th** or later depending on the temperature. **We will weigh it later if it is too hot for the pigs at this time. Please have your swine unloaded, clean and ready to go at weigh time.** Stall assignments will be posted. Please note on the sheet if you have a preference of who you would like to be stalled by. The Swine Show will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, July 19th.

GOATS – Weigh In will be held during/following sheep weigh-in, approx. **8:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 17th**. The Goat Show will start at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, July 19th. (Please note time change!) Meat goats will again this year be housed in the former horse barn/now goat barn.

SHEEP- Weigh-in for sheep will be held starting at **8:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 17th**. Show to begin at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 19st, after the goat show is completed.

SHEEP, GOATS AND SWINE EXHIBITORS WILL NEED TO HELP SET UP THE ARENA ON WED, JULY 16TH at approximately 7:45 following Swine Weigh In. And help with teardown on Friday, July 21st following the Livestock Judging Contest.

ALL SPECIES - Any substitute showman must be a Polk County 4-H member wearing the official Polk County dress code. If not shown by a Polk County 4-H member, animals will be disqualified.

Refer to the Polk County Fairbook at <http://polk.unl.edu> for more information. As in past years, all livestock bedding must be wood chips or mulch. **NO STRAW ALLOWED.** For additional information such as dress code, limit on number of animals, Round Robin, etc refer to the Polk County Fairbook you received earlier in the year it is also available on our web page polk.unl.edu, click on the 4-H animal information link to view online.

Thank you for your cooperation and for making fair time easier for our volunteer superintendents. Good Luck!