



To: Small Animal, Poultry & Rabbit Exhibitors
From: Colleen Pallas, Extension Associate
Date: June 20, 2024
Subject: Pre-Entry for Small Animal, Poultry & Rabbit

Enclosed you will find the pre-entry sheet for Small Animal, Poultry & Rabbit. Please fill this out and return to the Polk County Extension office by Monday, July 8th @ 4:30 p.m. **YOU WILL STILL NEED TO FILL OUT STALL CARD TO PLACE ON CAGES FOR HERDSMANSHIP ON POULTRY & RABBITS. THOSE ARE AVAILABLE IN OUR OFFICE NOW OR WILL BE AVAILABLE AT CHECK IN TIME.**

REMINDER – WE NEED YOUR HELP ON CLEAN UP NIGHT (WEDNESDAY, JULY 10TH @6:30) TO CLEAN UP THE POULTRY AND RABBIT BARN! IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE 4-HERS TO CLEAN THE BARN THEY WILL BE HOUSED IN. SO PLEASE MAKE THIS A PRIORITY SO THAT YOUR ANIMALS HAVE A SAFE AND CLEAN ENVIRONMENT FOR FAIR.

The Rabbit show will be at 10:00 a.m. and the Poultry show will follow at 11:00 a.m. or following the rabbit show on Thursday, July 18th. The Small Animal Show will be held on Saturday, July 20th @ 2 p.m.

Feel free to choose your cages for Rabbits and Poultry at your convenience. REMINDER – If your exhibit does not fit into the cages located in the barn, you are responsible for bringing a cage large enough to house your animal comfortably and safely during the fair. The fairboard/4-H Council is not responsible for providing cages other than what is available currently.

NEW – POULTRY AND RABBITS need to be checked in by Thursday, July 18th at 9:30 a.m. You can start moving in on Wednesday, July 17th at any time.

Please remember that YOU as an exhibitor are responsible for your animals, it is NOT the job of the superintendent to feed, water or clean up after your exhibit.

Here are a few Reminders on the specific projects you are enrolled in:

- **Rabbit** - The show will begin at **10 a.m.** with showmanship under the open-air building. *You must be present to show your own rabbits* and in show dress which includes a Polk County 4-H T-Shirt, blue jeans (no shorts), tennis shoes, etc. Please be ready to go so we can complete the shows in a timely manner. Please note that all rabbits must be shown in the rabbit show, but showmanship is optional.
- **Poultry** - The poultry will be judged on tables just under the open-air building beginning at approximately 11:00 am. *You must be present to show your own birds* and in show dress which includes a Polk County 4-H T-Shirt, blue jeans (no shorts), tennis shoes, etc. Showmanship will begin the show at approximately 11:00 a.m., which is optional, but all chickens and ducks must be shown in the show. Please be ready!
- **Pet Show** - Will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 22nd. Clover Kids will go first then cats, small pets, and unusual pets.