

2017 Wayne County Fair/4-H Year Comments & Suggestions

Beef

- Can the beef wash rack be updated?
- Schedule a Beef Fitting/Clipping Clinic
- Bucket Calves – do calves need to be 90 days old at Fair if ID deadline is June 15?
- Can cows be shown in showmanship?
- Renee's Herd Builder – change the one class listed in Fairbook to two classes:
 - 2-3 year cows & calf
 - 4 and older cows & calf

Dairy

- Under 4-H Animals-General Rules, Registration of Livestock (p. 130 of Fairbook):
 - Dairy should be taken off the list for showing registration, because there are no registered classes for the 4-H Dairy Show.
 - If the exhibitor must own the animal by June 15 and have a registration certificated in one of the 3 ways listed, I am assuming that is for proof. If so, I just want to point out that the registration paper from the Holstein Association does not guarantee ownership of the animal, as listed on the bottom of the registration.

Goats

- Add Nigerian Dwarf Dairy Goats to the Dairy Goat breed list
- Do Breeding Meat Goats need to come to weigh-in?
- Do Market Goats need to be weighed since there isn't a rate-of-gain class? Add rate-of-gain class?
- Review the amount of goats that can be shown.
- Add a wether class to Dairy Goats and Pygmy Goats
- Start the Sheep Show before the Goat Show?

Horse

- 2-3 year-old pleasure class (county fair) – clarify rules
 - If a 4-Her is working with an ID'd 2-3 year old and shows it in the halter class, do they need to ride it in the 2-3 year-old pleasure class to be eligible to exhibit a 4th halter horse?
 - Can a 2-3 year-old horse (as a 3rd performance horse) be ridden in the costume class since it's not a point class?
- Could a horse be shown in the same class if the second class is not a point class? Example: two exhibitors – 1 exhibitor in walk-trot pleasure (not a point class), the other exhibitor in Jr. Pleasure (point class).
- I wish we could find a way so the horse show and goat show did not overlap. It takes so much away from the kids participating. They work hard on both projects all year and instead of being a fun experience, it ends up a stress filled hassle-for both kids and parents.
- If the Fairboard has the big shades, maybe they could put it over the bleachers on the SE corner. Not sure if they move with the wind and spook the horses though.

Poultry

- Poultry are tested on a rotating basis at County Fairs. No need to require testing every year.
- Allow 2 birds per class of the same breed.
- Need sanitary wipes for the microphone.
- Would like additional outlets on the poultry/rabbits side of the barn.

Sheep

- The new sheep barn was very nice.
- Do Breeding Sheep need to come to weigh-in?
- Start the Sheep Show before the Goat Show?

Swine

- Revise statement about swine going to slaughter (p. 154 of Fairbook, Letter A)

General

- Return to regular trophy awards and not plaques for the kids
- It was a great fair! Thanks Amy, Laurie, and Tarrin for all your hard work!
- Put a note up about cutting pies into 6 pieces. Some newer workers may not realize that is how it is cut. I had a piece that was cut into 8 and some people might be upset if they get a smaller piece.
- Great job!
- No 4-H Food Stand. It's difficult for families to find sitters for younger children not working. Maybe rent space out to another organization; then that money can go to scholarships.
- More trash cans everywhere, especially by campers on the hill.
- Whoever was in charge of cleaning bathrooms this year did an excellent job!
- Good Fair. One issue I have is the use of the ATVs. Seems like they are over used. Several people including myself were almost hit. I can understand using them if you have to take something to the other end of the fairgrounds (but to go from the food stands to the fair office?). The ones I have issues with were driven by adults and a bit fast.
- Under 4-H Animals – General Rules, Ownership of Animals (p. 130 of Fairbook) – as written now it says: All animals in the 4-H Show must be owned by the exhibitor and ownership certified where required on the appropriate 4-H forms in the Extension Office. Since this ruling is not true, I suggest to include they do not need to own animal and something specific about the ID sheets have an affidavit to sign off on.
- Need to reference the Animal Exhibitor Handbook in the Fairbook

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