

2018 Wayne County Fair/4-H Year Comments & Suggestions

Beef

- Reduce the amount of breeding beef classes.
- Clarify Renee Herd Builder premiums, check-in procedure, and quotas.

Cat/Dog

- Possibly stagger the starting times for the cat and dog shows.

Goats/Sheep

- Don't split arena for goats and sheep again. Possibly build another one in north "waiting area".
- All goats check in Wednesday evening.
- Best Dressed Animal class must be pre-entered.
- Splitting ring for goat and sheep show worked well, would like to see that happen again in the future.
- There's a rule in the fair book that says all meat goats must be slick shorn to 3/8". I would like to see that changed to market meat goats so the breeding does can keep their hair.
- Split the breeding does up into smaller classes. They split them by weight at the State Fair this year and it seemed to work pretty well.
- Push weigh-in for goats to June when State Fair nominations are due.

Horse

- The horse show (on Tuesday) was ran amazing. Excellent help, good judge, kept things moving.
- Lauri Huyck offered to do a Hitching and Driving Clinic – is there interest?
- Youth that enter walk-trot pleasure and/or horsemanship should not be able to enter reining or speed events.
- Ranch Horse Pleasure trophy – have a sponsor
- The 4-H Horse Show went well – Great team work that kept it moving and was done by the Goat Show.
- Many concerns about adults drinking during the horse show and in the barn.

Poultry/Rabbit

- Poultry are tested on a rotating basis at County Fairs (2019 for Wayne County Fair).
- Please do not move bleachers during the Poultry and Rabbit Shows.
- The sound system for rabbits and chicken show doesn't work well. No one could hear the kid's presentations. This is an ongoing issue – these kids work hard too! Could we please have a decent sound system?
- The large cages for geese, etc. need major attention. Most of these cages are at least 10-20 years old (yes that is true).
- The netting was stolen from the cabinet for the north and south ends – needs to be replaced.

Swine

- In the hog show arena, the hogs gather in the corners (at the gates where they enter & exit) and they stay there and squeal because they want out. If solid panels could be put up in those corners so they can't see past them, they shouldn't bother the corners and stay in the middle of the arena.
- Rather than disposing of the wood shavings in the arena right after the hog show, it could be piled somewhere/somehow for kids to use in their pens to keep them clean and dry the rest of the fair.

Horticulture

- Consider using a bowl rather than a plate to display cherry tomatoes.
- Please no Styrofoam containers.

General

- More dumpsters and port-a-potties on the hill by campers.
- Bathrooms and port-a-potties were well kept.
- No trophies – awards like feed pans, brushes, halters, chairs, buckles, etc.
- Rent the 4-H Food Stand to a different organization and 4-Hers don't work it.
- There needs to be more emphasis/enforcement of members assisting with the club them booths. For too many years a leader has been the only one to put up her club's booth and the kids learn/gain nothing from that.
- Get rid of 4-H Food Stand and find another way to raise the money that doesn't take kids away from their projects at fair. Maybe a raffle and kids can sell tickets all year? Or give the option of making a donation instead of the food stand.
- There is drinking that takes place during some of the livestock shows and in livestock barns during the fair. This will continue to be addressed. The 4-H Code of Conduct needs to be reviewed by all volunteers and leaders.

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