

2019 Wayne County Fair/4-H Year Comments & Suggestions

Beef

- Require registration papers for registered classes
- Check tattoos on breeding heifers and British breed steers
- Fair Book: Market Beef, Letter E-British breed challenge—can this be removed?
- Fair Book: Breeding Beef, add statement: Animals will show in the class as they were ID'd.
- Open Class Beef Show: Fair Book does not clearly state that open class beef (breeding heifers, bulls) need to be at the fair the entire time of the Fair. Entries were brought on Saturday (show morning) and could not be shown. Should this policy be reviewed?
- The ring help needs to make sure they are paying attention to and helping kids struggling in the show ring.
- Rotate the dairy stalls and beef stalls since the barn is to be rebid this year.

Dairy

- Fair Book – Letter D-add FFA to Dismissal Policy

Goats/Sheep

- Breeding Meat Goats – suggestion to follow other species and not have them come to weigh-in.
- Weigh Breeding Meat Goats at the fair and split classes by weight.
- Goat show needs to follow the rules in the Fair Book.
- Do not require breeding goats to come to weigh-in, and do not require they be ID'd until the state fair deadline.

Horse

- The 2019 Wayne County Fair was wonderful. It was well run again and the goal of serving 4-H youth was achieved. The only negative I took from the fair happened at the Open Class Horse Show. There was a confrontation between an adult participant/spectator (I'm not sure which) and who I think was the Superintendent. It was uncomfortable to listen to and didn't show either woman in their best light. It wasn't a good example of problem solving for kids to see. It was my first horse show, ever, and that was an unfortunate thing for everyone to watch and hear. I understand that conflicts arise, but how those conflicts are handled is important.
- All horses shown at the fair should come with a 15 day vet health certificate and proof of vaccinations. There was sickness present this year that could have been prevented. It's only fair that 4-Hers should expect the horse in the next stall to be healthy, just like at state.

Poultry/Rabbit

- Poultry are tested on a rotating basis at County Fairs. (testing did not occur at the 2019 Fair due to unforeseen circumstances-expect in 2020).
- Could we please get somewhere or something to dump dirty saw dust in from the rabbit and poultry barn? We had to carry it to the dairy barn or north end of hog barn. Kind of big to carry that far.
- Sound System: Work on better fit for hands-free microphone
- Sound System: Great this year
- New cages for larger birds: Great-very nice
- Storage units: Great idea

General

- Add FFA Static Exhibits
- Eliminate the 4-H Food Stand-our club was still participating in the cow/calf show when scheduled to work on Friday. It is also an issue when no one is available to complete herdsmanship tasks due to being in the Food Stand.
- Rework the bonus auction and pool money. Horse participants can use the same animal every year and are not competing in rate of gain. Why are they receiving pool money? That money could be distributed among the market animal participants.
- Announce the winners at the bonus auction, with champions and reserves of each species being recognized. Have the kids bring their animals to the ring so the buyers know what they are spending their money on and the kids can show off their projects.
- Buy a plaque for the purchaser of the champions to hang in their businesses, something like “purchased the Grand Champion Market Beef at the 2020 Wayne County Fair.”

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