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TO: State Fair Rabbit & Poultry Exhibitors

FROM: Kris Spath, 4-H Program Manager

We have received your 4-H livestock entries and are excited that you will be joining us at the Nebraska State Fair. This letter is to inform you of State Fair procedures that apply to all 4-H livestock and small animal exhibitors. If you have specific questions about your entries, have your County Extension Educator contact one of these people:

Companion Animal Specialist: Lisa Karr-Lilienthal, UNL Animal Science Dept (402)472-6458
Poultry Superintendent: Dr. Sheila Purdum (402)472-6451
Rabbit Superintendent: Lisa Poppe (402) 727-2775
State 4-H Program Administrator: Kathleen Lodl (402) 472-9012

Entry to Grounds, Unloading and Traffic Flow:

- Coming from either the east or west, enter Brunks lot (south of the fairgrounds) from Stolley Park Road.
- Pick up exhibitor packet at livestock check-in trailer, no vet inspection of your animals is required. Express lane should be used to pick up these packets. Packets may be picked up prior to bring your animals to the fair grounds.
- Enter Gate #3, proceed when directed, to sheep the barn.
- Unload on north side of sheep barn.
- After dropping off your animals, travel east and south to exit through gate #2 and park in exhibitor or general parking.
- If you have purchased a parking permit, you may park in exhibitor parking by entering gate #3 or entering Brunks lot to the south of the fair grounds. Brunks lot is off the grounds so entry though the walk through gate is required with a pass or admission fee.
- Trailers may be parked in the Luebbe Lot. Follow Stolley Park Road east to Stuhr Road, north on Stuhr road to the trailer lot (Luebbe lot) across from Gate #8.
- You may view the entrance route on the web at http://4h.unl.edu/web/4h/statefairlivestock

Reminder: Exhibitor badges are your pass to get into the fair grounds. If you do not have an exhibitor badge, single day passes will allow entry.

Livestock Check in Trailer Hours:

- Open from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. starting Thursday, August 23.
- Available 24 hours (overnight) on Monday, August 27 and Friday August 31.
- Closing on Saturday, September 1 at noon.

Schedule:

- Cages are available for both rabbits and poultry after 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 31 in the sheep barn.
- Check-in for poultry will begin on Friday, August 31 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and from 8:00-10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 1. Rabbits will check in on Saturday, September 1 from 8-10 a.m. Check in will be held in the sheep barn, look for signs as to the location.

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The 4-H Youth Development program abides with the nondiscrimination policies of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture.

- All poultry and rabbits must be in place by **9:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 1.**
- All rabbits, except fryers, must have permanent ID numbers or names tattooed in their ear with a pin tattoo pliers and tattoo ink (permanent marker numbers written in the ears of the rabbits are NOT permanent ID numbers). These ID numbers or names must match the ID sheets to be able to show.
- All rabbit IDs will be checked at check-in. Check IDs before State Fair to make sure they are correct. If they are incorrect that rabbit will not be able to show.
- Animal substitutions within the same class are acceptable as long as the substitute meets all ownership and eligibility rules. For example, a fancy breed rabbit, Polish, can be substituted for another fancy breed rabbit, Rex. However, a commercial rabbit, American, cannot be substituted for a fancy breed rabbit, American Sable. A standard fowl cannot be switched for a bantam.
- Exhibitors are responsible for having their animals checked in during the designated times.

NEW There will be separate age divisions for showmanship: Junior (10 yrs.), Intermediate (11-12 yrs.) and Senior (13-18 yrs.) divisions.**

Show Ethics Affidavits:

Rabbit and poultry exhibitors must complete and present the show ethics at time of check in (see enclosed). Identification numbers must be accurately completed. **Please put different species on different sheets.**