DATE: August 7, 2012

TO: State Fair Livestock Exhibitors

FROM: Youth Show Dairy Committee

We have received your youth dairy show entries for the Nebraska State Fair and are excited that you will be joining us. This letter is to inform you of State Fair procedures that apply to all youth dairy exhibitors. If you have specific questions about your dairy entries, have your County Extension Educator or FFA Advisor contact one of the Superintendents. Superintendents are:

Youth Dairy: Marvin Rousey, mlrousey@gamil.com

4-H: Robert Tigner, Southwest IV Counties; (308)882-4731, robert.tigner@unl.edu

FFA: Don Esau, de55806@windstream.net

Entry to Grounds, Unloading and Traffic Flow:

- Enter Brunks lot from Stolley Park Road.
- Pick up exhibitor packet at livestock check-in trailer; livestock will be health checked at this time.
- Enter Gate #4 and proceed through cattle tie outs.
- Drive through dairy barn to unload.
- Exit to east and south through Gate #2.
- After unloading and exiting grounds, drop trailer off in Brunks lot to the south of the grounds.
- Move vehicles with exhibitor permit to exhibitor parking inside Gate #3 or Brunk's lot. Vehicles without exhibitor permits must park in general parking.
- **Please be courteous** to other exhibitors by quickly unloading animals and equipment and then moving trailers and vehicles so other exhibitors can unload.

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.

Herdsmanship:

Herdsmanship is an important part of presenting a positive image of 4-H and FFA members and their livestock projects to the public. Herdsmanship **will be** judged this year, all exhibitors are encouraged to keep their areas neat and clean for public viewing.

Health Certificates: These are required on all animals entering the fairgrounds and will be checked by a veterinarian at the Livestock Check-In Trailer prior to entering the grounds. Dairy cattle must have a certificate dated within 30 days of exhibition and must have proof of a negative BVD test. **If you have both 4-H and FFA livestock, they may be listed on the same health certificate as they will be checked at the same time.**

Stall Availability: Stall assignments for all species will be available at the livestock check-in trailer and posted in the barn. The livestock office will be staffed with 4-H staff from 1:00 pm on Friday, August 24th through 5:00, Sunday, August 26th.

Additional Electricity Available: Please continue to use common sense in the equipment you bring - though there is sufficient power available, it is not unlimited.

Bedding: The State Fair will be operating a Feed Store this year. Bagged bedding will be used for the Cattle Barn; 4 bags will be supplied for each entry. Additional bedding may be purchased from the Feed Store.

Livestock Insurance: Because of heat, stress or other conditions, an animal occasionally dies during transit or at the State Fairgrounds. Some insurance companies do offer special insurance for exhibitors to cover their animals during transit and exhibition. If you are interested in assuring that such a loss will be covered, contact a local insurance agent. There is no insurance coverage (through State Fair) for this type of loss.

Feed Service: Bring your vehicle with feed and/or tack to Gate #3, a 30 minute unloading pass will be issued to you to allow for unloading. After unloading, exit through Gate #3 to either the exhibitor parking lot (with permit) or general parking (without a permit). Vehicles exceeding the 30 minutes will be towed at the owner's expense.

Youth Dairy Check-In: Check-in information will be included in the livestock exhibitor packet picked up at the check-in trailer prior to entering the fairgrounds. Cattle can be checked in from 6:00-8:00 pm on Friday, August 24th and from 7:00 am-noon on Saturday, August 25th.

****Exhibitors are responsible for having their animals checked in during the designated times.**

Showmanship: Three divisions in showmanship will be 10-13 years old, 14-16 years old and 17-21 years; each division is age by January 1, 2012.

Show Schedule: Dairy Showmanship will be at 8:00 am on Sunday followed by the youth dairy show. All heifers in each breed will show first, the cow show will begin at the completion of the heifer show.

Fans: Because of the new fans in the building, there may not be the need for as many fans as in the past. No free standing fans allowed in any of the barns. Evaporative coolers **will not** be allowed at the 2012 State Fair.

Premier Exhibitor: Youth who have entered the Premier Exhibitor contest will be receiving a separate letter with the interview schedule and additional details for that competition.

4-H Dairy Judging and FFA Dairy Evaluation Contest: Youth entered will receive a separate letter with details about the contest.