

# Allen County 4-H Livestock Fair Update



Extension  
ALLEN COUNTY

**July 23-28, 2019**

Listed in this update are IMPORTANT items that you should know before you load up your animals and head to the County Fair. By reading this update, you should have a great county fair exhibition.

### **General Information for Everyone**

County Fair dates are officially Tuesday through Sunday, July 23-28 with the Livestock Auction on Monday, July 29. The County Fair is held at the Allen County Fairgrounds, 2726 Carroll Road, on the northwest side of the County.

By the nature of this being a "COUNTY FAIR," where family, friends and the general public come to view ALL the 4-H exhibits, it is expected that you will have your animals at the fair the entire week. It is also expected that you will feed and water daily and have your animal stall/pen area clean. Yes it takes work to do this, but it is important to present a clean and well maintained area, for all to see.

Please exhibit good sportsmanship throughout the Fair. This is for all 4-H Members, 4-H Parents and 4-H Volunteers. 4-H is about positive youth development. Please be respectful and courteous to everyone, including all the judges.

### **Livestock exhibitors are expected to:**

- Have successfully completed their livestock activity sheets, and records by June 28 and submitted them to the Extension Office. Any member not having done so by June 28, is still eligible to "show" their animal, will receive a completion ribbon and not be eligible for any showmanship classes. Exception Horses NOT eligible to show.
- ALL 4-H Exhibitors should have completed Fair Entry by June 28th.
- YQCA: To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits, 4-H members must be certified through the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program. This is an annual program that can be completed via online modules or in-person trainings.
- Health paperwork is not required for animal exhibition. However, CATTLE, GOATS, SHEEP and SWINE must stop at the southeast gate **BEFORE** entering the grounds to have their livestock committee double check those animals. These animals will be checked against their earlier registration for compliance. Horses, Llamas, poultry and rabbits will be checked at their barn as only healthy animals will be allowed to be stalled or penned. As you bring together many animals from all over the county, it is very important that you bring healthy animals to prevent the spread of sickness to other animals, exhibitors, or the general public.
- Again this year – all swine will have temperatures checked outside at the gate prior to unloading.
- Please assist with set up of the livestock barns as needed. Stall/pen assignments will be made at the discretion of the livestock committees. Priority will be given to ensure we have adequate space for animals rather than tack.

#### **Set Up Schedule:**

- Beef & Dairy & Dairy Beef – Saturday, July 20, 9:00 a.m
- Goats & Rabbits – Saturday, July 20, 2:00 p.m.
- Poultry – Sunday, July 21, 2 p.m.
- Sheep – Sunday, July 21, 1:00 p.m.
- Llama & Swine – Sunday, July 21, 2:00 p.m.

### **Animal Check in at East Gate.**

Remember that Horses, Rabbit, Poultry and Llamas may proceed directly to their barn to unload.

**ALL OTHER ANIMALS** please enter at the Main Entrance to the Fairgrounds and drive past the McComb Administration Building and form a long line to be checked **Before** you may drive in the East Gate.

- Bring your animals and equipment during the times scheduled:

Day	Specie	Entry Time
Monday, July 22	Horses	Noon – 9:00 PM
Monday, July 22	Rabbits	4:00 – 7:30 PM
Monday, July 22	All Goats & Sheep	5:00 – 8:00 PM – Please NOTE – this time is correct
Monday, July 22	Beef, Dairy Beef, Dairy Heifers, All Poultry	5:00 – 9:00 PM

Tuesday, July 23	Llamas	8:00 – 11:00 AM
Wednesday, July 24	Swine	5:30 – 8:00 AM
Wednesday, July 24	Dairy Cows ONLY	Enter Before Show & Leave after Show

- NOTE: ONLY RABBITS will be allowed to enter the fairgrounds between 4-5 pm. on July 22. If you have rabbits and another specie in your vehicle to check in, you will have to wait in line until the 5 pm check in start time for the other species.
- You **MUST** declare at weigh in/check in what your intentions with your animals are: i.e. Take Home OR Auction OR Consign.
- Animal Medications** - Reminder that if you are selling your animals be sure that the animals are “DRUG FREE”. Animals that have been fed medicated feed or given medical injections should not be sold if the drug withdrawal time is beyond July 29. Be a smart food producer and sell a “clean product” that you would want to eat.  
If during the course of the County Fair, one of your animals requires medication, then you will need to contact a member of your 4-H Livestock Executive Committee for approval. An additional paper will also need to be completed before you treat the animal. Those forms will be available at the Livestock Fair Office.
- Weigh In Schedule** - Members should bring animals that need to be weighed to the scales at the assigned times. **It is your responsibility to bring your animals to the scales.**

Day	Specie	Weigh Time
Monday, July 22	All Beef	5-6:30 PM
Monday, July 22	All Dairy Beef	6:30 – 9:00 PM
Monday July 22	Sheep	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Monday, July 22	Dairy Goat & Meat Goat Wethers	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Monday, July 22 NEW	Advanced Pack Goats + All Milk Production Does	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Wednesday, July 24	Swine	9 AM – 12 Noon

- First bedding** is provided for poultry and rabbits. Everyone else is expected to bring bedding for their animals. Appropriate bedding generally is wood shavings or straw. Shavings bags either need to be placed in designated areas or directly into the trash dumpsters – NOT the TRASH BARRELS. For Swine – ONLY shavings are allowed for bedding.
- Pen fees** should be paid to each livestock committee at time of check in or weigh in.
  - Beef, Dairy Beef and Sheep collected their pen fee at the spring weigh in. Beef: If you did NOT pay at Weigh in you owe \$ 6.00/animal.
  - Dairy - \$3.00/head – heifers only
  - Goats - \$5.00/pen
  - Horse exhibitors will be expected to pay a refundable \$20.00 deposit for their stall, which will be returned if/when your stall is cleaned after Sunday, July 28, 6:00 p.m.
  - Poultry \$3.00/pen
  - Rabbit - \$1.00 PER Animal.
  - Swine Tag Fee – will be \$3.00/animal, if you did NOT already get/pay for a tag earlier. CARCASS Scan – TBA Approx. \$6.00
- Stall Cards** will be available at the Livestock Office – in the Cattle Barn – for you to identify each of your pens or stalls.
- Wheel barrows and manure pits or spreaders will be provided in or around each of the animal barns. You will need to bring your own rakes and shovels. Be sure to put your name on them.
- You may want to bring your own hoses if you need to wash your animals.
- \*\*Electrical fans should have guards or cages on them to protect people from sticking things into them.
- \*\*Electrical cords, if used, need to be single use – or connected to a power strip that has a circuit breaker. **Please Bring GFI power strips. No three-way cords allowed. The Fire Marshall will not allow use of cords with multiple outlets on the end. Cords cannot be located or placed under bedding material or wrapped.**
- Feed and extra bedding should be kept to a minimum inside the barns and tents, according to the Fire Marshall. Recommend ONE DAY SUPPLY ONLY. Keep other bedding and feed in your trailer or truck.

#### **MANURE MANAGEMENT:**

- Please dump your animals manure all the way to the back of the cement manure pit. Do NOT leave it by the entrance. Thank you.

#### **ANIMAL LIABILITY:**

- Reminder that owners of any animals at the Fair are responsible for any/all damages that the animal may do to other animals, fair visitors or buildings. Take extreme caution when moving or working with your animals at all times. Make sure that they are properly fed, watered, exercised, and have clean stalls.

### FAIR ENTRY/PARKING

- Remember that you can enter and leave the gated area of the fairgrounds only through the EAST GATE. Starting Tuesday, July 23, vehicles inside the gate between 8:00 AM and 10:00 PM **MUST** have a Fairgrounds Membership Hang Tag displayed in the front windshield. If you come earlier in the morning just to feed and check on your animals, be sure to have your vehicle outside the gate by 8:00 AM if you don't have a hang tag. Each passenger and driver must also have a ticket/pass – the hang tag is NOT a pass for the person.
- 4-H membership passes that allow the member to enter any gate of the fair should be picked up on Saturday, July 20 or Sunday, July 21 or Monday, July 22 in the Celebration Pavilion. Cost of these passes is supported by Allen County 4-H, Inc. APPROVED 4-H Adult Volunteer passes will also be available at that same location and will cost \$5.00.
- NO PETS** – Reminder that during the official fair dates – non-exhibit animals or pets are not permitted on the fairgrounds.
- Campers** - Tags will be available from the FAIRGROUNDS at the same time 4-H member passes are distributed, or in the Fairgrounds Administration Office. Campers may not be moved in until after Noon on Sunday, July 21. Contact Miranda at the Fairgrounds Office – 449-4444 – to reserve your spot. Only one (1) vehicle with a hang tag is permitted for each camper slot.
- Parking** – inside the fence should be in designated parking lots only. Do NOT leave a vehicle parked next to a building as this is a fire access lane. Note there will be NO Parking beside the Swine/Sheep Barn.

### EXERCISE/WALKING Your Animals

- As many of the animals you bring to the fair may not be familiar with the smaller pens at the fair, it is encouraged that you find time to “exercise” or walk your pigs, sheep, cattle, llamas, goats, and horses during the week of the fair. CAUTION should be the key as you do so. Animals should only be exercised during times when there are not major shows going on. You must keep your animal under control AT ALL TIMES as the general public often is unaware how to act/behave around these animals. The designated areas include the grass area between the Show Barn and the Lions Cattle Barn – and the field next to the cattle tie-outs – staying away from the llama tent as much as possible. Also, stay away from the south end of the horse arena. Times to do this are between 6-11 a.m. and between 10-11 p.m. The Show Barn can also be used, provided that there is not a show being set up for or going on. Take extreme caution moving the animals when there are lots of general public in the aisles or around the barns. Remember also that your animals may not be used to the other types of animals that will be at the fair. Be Polite. **DO NOT EXERCISE YOUR ANIMALS NEAR A SHOW RING WHILE ANOTHER SHOW IS GOING ON. This includes the Horse Arena, Llama Arena and Show Barn.**
- Swine Exercise Run:** Keep in mind that pigs should NOT be in that area during ANY CATTLE, SHEEP, GOAT or LLAMA Shows – as this may cause those animals to become scared resulting in them getting loose with possibility of injury to handlers and spectators.
- UNDER NO circumstances** take an animal up to or near any of the food vendor areas, including the 4-H Food Booth outside of the Show Barn.
- If your animal makes a “mess” while out walking, please be kind and go back after you have put your animal away, and clean up. It just makes for a nicer fairgrounds if we all pitch in and help out.

**4-H ANIMAL CONTACT TENT:** We will again have a “petting zoo type” display where visitors can interact more with animals. David Kelsey will head up this area. It will be open from 2-9 PM Tuesday & Wednesday, 10:00 AM-9:00 PM on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday and on Sunday from 12 noon – 5:00 PM. ANY 4-H member wanting to sit or interact with the public and these animals is WELCOME to assist. Just go on over and offer to help.

### Exhibitor Back Numbers

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For exhibitors of all cattle, goats, pigs and sheep, we will use back numbers that are assigned to each exhibitor and a general listing of these will be provided with the show bills. You will get **ONE** number that will need to be worn for any and all of these shows that you participate in. These numbers will be available for you to pick up in the Livestock Office of the cattle barn. Rabbit exhibitors will also receive an exhibitor number.

#### • **Clean up in and around the Show Barn, Small Animal, Cattle, Swine, Sheep, Poultry and Llama exhibit areas:**

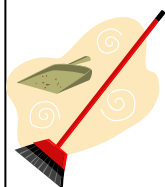
- Each barn needs to watch/empty trash barrels during the day – set full bags at the EAST end of your barns for pick up.
- Each barn needs to clean aisles periodically though out the day and at the end of the day.
- After shows are finished for the day – the designated specie needs to have adults and older members clean the show barn, empty ALL trash in/around the 4-H Animal Barns – Show Barn, Food Booth, Small Animal, Cattle, Swine/Sheep, Poultry and Llama. Trash needs to be moved to the dumpsters.
- Show Arena Cleanup

Tuesday – Rabbits  
Wednesday – All Goats  
Thursday – Llama

Friday – Swine /Sheep  
Saturday - All Cattle

#### **FREE ICE CREAM**

for those that help at the end of the day!



### **OVERNIGHT STAY:**

- 4-H members who have permission from their guardian/parent are allowed to stay in their livestock area overnight IF they have a permission slip turned in by 4:00 PM that day AND if there are enough adults also staying to supervise those staying. The 4-H Board assumes special liability for allowing youth to stay overnight. Member will be expected to abide by all rules set forth on the permission slip. Anyone not abiding by these rules will be expected to call home and leave the fairgrounds. They will not be allowed to stay any future nights. One adult (age 21+) is required to stay for each five (5) 4-H members of that specie.
- A 4-H Board of Director will be "on-duty" each night to oversee the 4-H exhibits.
- Animals will be released to leave the fairgrounds on Sunday, unless they are being sold in the 4-H Livestock Auction or consigned to the market. ALL animals will be released after 6:00 PM on Sunday. Those selling animals for the auction should make sure the animals left have ample food and water for the next day.
- The livestock barns will be cleaned up following the Monday auction. Any and ALL HELP is needed to tear down the pens and gates, clean up the trash and bedding, and put away all the equipment from the 2019 County Fair.

## **Additional Information for your Specie**

### **SHOW ATTIRE for everyone:**

**Show attire is long pants, closed heel and toe shoes, tucked in shirt with capped sleeve. See specific species for additional expectations. Volunteers working livestock show should comply with 4-H'ers show attire (refer to 4-H Rule Book.)**

### **SWINE EXHIBITORS**

- Remember this year: All swine will have their temperature checked before they are allowed on the Fairgrounds as per BOAH recommendations.
- See the additional page for information on penning procedures that will be followed this year.
- Hair – Animals going through the Auction or on the market truck will be required to have **at least ½ inch of hair** per the markets. This is being required to assist with the processing of these animals. When loaded, pigs should also not have any other residue on their skin – oil or other products.
- Everyone wishing to participate in the Swine Showmanship Classes will need to sign up when they weigh their pigs in. This will allow the committee to break classes if there are too many contestants in one group.
- Note there will be NO Parking beside the Swine/Sheep Barn.
- Carcass Scan will be done at weigh in.
- All pigs that came across the scales that do NOT already have an 840 RFID ear tag in their ear – will be tagged with an 840 RFID tag. Ear tag fee is \$3.00 per tag.

### **RABBIT EXHIBITORS**

- Note that there will be a meeting for ALL Rabbit Exhibitors at 9:30 AM prior to the Show, Tuesday, July 23. It will be held in the Show Barn.

### **POULTRY EXHIBITORS**

- Please help set up the Poultry Barn on Sunday, July 21 at 2 PM.
- Water and feed cups will be provided for bird cages. All other animals will need their own feed and water containers.
- Show Attire - All participants are asked to wear appropriate clothing, ie: no printed or torn T-shirts. Polo or button-up shirts are desired and slacks or jeans for the show judging to show respect to the judge. Also participants will be asked to remove the birds from the cage with the judge watching if the judge so desires. If for some reason you cannot be there to show your birds please let one of the committee know ahead of time.

### **CATTLE**

- Be sure to check with the Livestock Executive Committees on where you may relocate your trailer if you are leaving it on the grounds during the County Fair.
- Beef Grooming - 4-H'ers will be asked to sign up any and all people that may help them groom their animals for show. They must be a current Allen County 4-H leader, family members no more than 2 generations removed from the exhibitor member or another Indiana 4-H member. REMINDER that generators are permitted only on show day and must be at least 25 feet away from the wash rack and/or show barn.

### **STATE FAIR ENTRIES:**

If you are planning to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair, hopefully, you have already completed your entry online for the State Fair Entry Dept. They were due June 1 or July 1, depending on the specie. Following the Livestock Auction at the County Fair, BEEF, DAIRY, GOAT, SHEEP, AND SWINE EXHIBITORS, the Extension Educator will indicate which animals sold through the auction or were consigned in the 4honline/Fair Entry system.

Note – you will need an animal affidavit for EACH Market and Breeding animal for Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Swine, Sheep, Dairy Goat, Boer Goat and Meat Goats entered at the Indiana State Fair.

**CELEBRATION PAVILION** - Time set aside for your project/group to have a party at the fair. The Pavilion is located between the 4-H Food Booth and Small Animal Barn. Watch for more announcements posted in your exhibit area.

DAY	LUNCH TIME	EVENING
Tuesday		Rabbit right after show
Wednesday		
Thursday		5 pm Poultry Sheep – following show
Friday	Swine                      Goats 3 PM	Dairy 7 pm
Saturday		Beef/Dairy Beef 6 pm

**GUIDELINES FOR ALLOCATION  
OF EXTRA SWINE PENS**

Each 4-H swine member bringing pigs to the county fair will have the opportunity to participate in a random drawing to receive an extra pen:

- Each 4-Her will be asked on the swine activity sheet if they would like to participate in the random drawing for unused pens.
- Each 4-H'er will be requested to attend the barn set-up and will be asked to fill out a card confirming the number of pens needed and requesting or declining participation in the random drawing.
- Following the barn set-up, a phone call will be made by the Swine Committee, to any family that did not attend the barn set-up. This call will be confirming the number of pens needed and the 4-Her's request for an extra pen.
- Drawing for extra animal pens will be done at set up.

There will be two (2) community tack pens per row (a row consists of 18 pens). This will be a total of 16 community tack pens, the same as we have had in the past. The few pens that will be held back for error and the pens at the east end of the barn used for weigh-in will become available later that day, if needed.

ALL 4-H members names, that requested participation in the drawing, will be placed in a box and drawn out according to the number of extra pens available. After the initial drawing, if pens are still available, a second drawing will take place.

Results of the drawing and availability to use an extra pen will be announced on Monday evening. It is "STRONGLY" encouraged that the extra pen be utilized for pigs, rather than tack.

If, after check-in is complete, there are still extra pens available, they will be used as additional community tack pens.

Extra pens should be utilized by immediate family members.

Extra pens should be in use for the entire week of the fair and not sit empty.

Members will be expected to pay the annual pen fee for any additional pens allotted.

**LIVESTOCK EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES:**

**We will again be holding the Livestock Executive Committee elections at the fair IF more than four adults and/or two 4-H members apply by July 12.** Your help is needed! We need 4-H Adult Volunteers willing to step up and help with each specie group. Only 4-H members currently enrolled in the project may vote for their respective committee. Any 4-H member with at least 3 years of tenure in that livestock project or current 4-H adult Volunteer may nominate themselves for election onto the committee by returning their 4-H Bio Sheet by July 12. You will vote for a maximum of four adults and two 4-H'ers. The Executive Committee works with all the other interested livestock committee members to determine rules, awards, judges and workshops. Complete the Bio Sheet and return to Barb Thuma in the Extension Office by July 12. If you have questions, be sure to ask the Livestock Executive Committee. Youth – to request an application, please call the office. All Current Adult Volunteers – were emailed the 4-H Bio Sheet in a separate mailing in June.

In addition to returning the Bio Sheet marking your specie – all persons seeking the Executive Position should indicate 1) How are you affiliated with 4-H? (parent, former member, etc); 2) Familiarity with 4-H and what you may have done in the past with this committee; 3) Why you wish to be on the Executive Committee?

All 4-H Volunteers will need to enroll via the 4HOnline system at the specified deadlines in Fall 2019 including Executive Livestock Committee Members and have Youth Safety and Child Abuse Reporting Training current.

**CURRENT 4-H LIVESTOCK EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS: 2018-2019**

Beef:

Ryan Ott, Chair

Lisa Beaupre'

Dairy Goat:

Amy Kenseth

Beth Wood

Meat Goat:

Roger Clark, Chair

Jennifer Dowler

David Kelsey

Sheep:

Butch Oliver, Chair

Missy Howard

Jonell Malcolm

Don Rodenbeck

Dairy:

Cindy Berning, Chair

Horse:

Jason Wiseman, Chair

Jake Taylor

Poultry:

Sara Wertman, Chair

Gail Edwards

Swine:

Amy DeBolt

Dairy Beef:

Mark Anderson, Chair

Marilou Linnemeier

Lisa Didion

Pam Ott

Sharon Clark

Rabbit:

Cheryl Smith, Chair

Shawn Ryan

Randy Schaefer

Llama

Rita Simmons, Chair

Keri Davison

Mindy Flesher

Shawn Parker

Deb Roth

Megan Flesher, 4-H Youth

Lynette Swineheart

Cara DeBolt, 4-H Youth

# LIVESTOCK AUCTION INFORMATION

The Allen County 4-H Livestock Auction is July 29, 2019 starting at 12:30 PM. The Auction Committee wanted to share a few things with you in preparation for selling your marketable animal that day. Remember you are allowed to sell through the auction ring a maximum of two species. The complete rule is on page 9 of the 2019 Allen County 4-H Rules Book.

The sale order for 2019 is – Dairy Beef - Poultry – Swine - Rabbits - Beef - Dairy Milk - Goat Milk - Goats - Sheep

Reminder that we will only be selling/auctioning the PREMIUM for your animal. Those animals with an established market price – *[includes all but milk – rabbit – poultry]* – will receive their Premium announced at the sale PLUS their Market price support. Buyers planning to keep their market supported animals will be expected to pay both the market support and the premium that they agreed to in the ring.

## Fair Week

Members will draw numbers within each specie to determine auction order with the exception of Champion animals which will be sold first each time. Remember to indicate to the Livestock Committee which animal you intend to sell immediately following your show. Animals not designated within two hours of completion of show will be expected to be taken home. We sell the animals by the head not by the pound.

**It is your responsibility within 2 hours of completion of the show, to inform your livestock committee chairs if you intend to put your animal in the livestock sale or consign to market.** If you don't, you will be expected to take the animal home on Sunday. **No animal destination card by designated time = No interest in the Auction on your part.**

**\*\*NOTE: Selling Dairy Milk/Dairy Product OR Goat Milk/Goat Milk Product will make that animal NOT eligible to advance to the Indiana State Fair.\*\***

## Auction Day

Be on time and in line when your animal is to be sold. Each barn will have a list of the auction order posted. When selling your animal remember your showmanship skills as this is the last time to show your animal. You should be well dressed and groomed to present and show your animal even though you are only in the ring for a few minutes. Always be alert and cheerful.

In an effort to keep the auction moving, the committee would like to limit the messages read by the announcer. If you need a message read, please keep it brief. For example - will dress and deliver or will provide a chicken dinner. Write the message clearly on a piece of paper and include your name, species and your auction number. The committee reserves the right to edit.

The committee has purchased Thank You cards for you to send to your buyer or buyer's. They will be available at the back table the day of the auction.

**\*\*You may also request a listing of your buyers names and addresses AFTER your last sale. This will allow you to send Thank You Notes more speedily.**

## After the Auction

Auction checks will be mailed approximately 45 days after the sale. The check will be for all animals you sold either through the auction or consigned to market. Please cash your checks promptly. A \$20.00 auction fee per animal and check-off fees will be deducted from your check. Note: Auction checks will NOT be issued to the 4-H member until full payment is collected from their buyer(s).

Poultry and Rabbit sellers must honor the wishes of the buyer as to where they want their purchase dressed and delivered to. Please make contact with your buyer ASAP to arrange delivery.

You are expected to write each buyer a Thank You. It will let them know that you appreciate their support. Thank you notes need not be long and should be hand written. The first sentence should express your appreciation and explain why you are thanking them. The next sentence should tell a little bit about your project or describe how you will use the money. The final sentence should confirm your gratitude.

## General Info

Note: The Appreciation Meal is ONLY for registered bidders – not sellers – who register for the 2019 Livestock Auction.

Any questions please feel free to contact the Livestock Auction Committee: Randy Lewis, 438-5382 or Sharon Clark 637-3492

**Remember selling in the  
Livestock Auction is a privilege.**