

IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ, MANY CHANGES!

FAIR CLEAN-UP/SET-UP SATURDAY, JULY 30th at 8:30a.m.

- ✿ Last year hardly anyone brought tools, shovels, rakes, wheel barrows, or gloves and was ready to work. Please be ready to get dirty (no flip flops) to clean-up the place and set up necessary stuff for the fair.

Livestock

- ✿ Complete the Livestock portion of the pre-entry form and return it to the office by 5:00 p.m. on July 15, 2016 in order to enter classes and reserve stalls for the fair.
- ✿ Fair Livestock Weigh-in: Sunday, July 31st, at 4:00 -8:00 p.m.
 - Small animals (including bucket calves) weigh-in at the Fairgrounds
 - Market Beef & Heifers weigh-in at the Sale Barn
 - No check-ins on Monday.
- ✿ Be sure to pre-enter for Showmanship and Carcass classes in all the areas you wish to compete in.
- ✿ The small animal wash rack attached to the east side of the new barn now has nice pens & gates. We discourage washing in the pens inside the barn as this will cause a muddy mess to the west and there is no slope in the east pens. Shavings, rubber mats, even carpet can be placed in the small animal pens.
- ✿ We continue to work on the mister system for the 40 pens on the outside rows.
- ✿ Night tie-outs and straw bedding will be provided for all cattle inside the enclosed Tuff Trux arena. This is not mandatory but encouraged. They need to be brought in by 8 a.m. and taken out after 9:30 p.m. or after the rodeo. These hours allow public viewing. Night tie-outs help keep the display area clean and provide the animals a more comfortable bedding on straw, also, it tends to be cooler, unless it is raining like last year, then I'm sure you will all want to stay in the barn.

NEW FOR THIS YEAR

- ✿ Willow Creek Meats: McCook NE will be the processing facility this year NOT Oakley Meats. Check them out at www.willowcreekmeats.com.
- ✿ They DO NOT process Lambs or Goats
- ✿ In order to be inspected we need to work with them when their inspector is available. This is quite a change but hopefully positive compared to previous issues of no inspection and final product confusion.
- ✿ Market Beef will be delivered to McCook on Thursday, August 4th and processed August 10th & 11th. They will be held at the feedlot facility of Marty Sis. He is donating the feed for the week until they can be taken 2 at a time to the locker versus cramming them in pens and having them stand for 2 days or making two trips to McCook and still having part of them stand all day. He is very knowledgeable and will keep a close eye on digestive issues as they transition to a new ration.
- ✿ Swine will need to be taken back home until Sunday, August 7th. We will have to let you know later when to bring them back to haul them up to the locker for processing early August 8th.

- ✿ Transportation will be \$5-small animals & \$10-large animals
- ✿ No livestock will be loaded on trailers to go to locker without Carcass paperwork-COMpletely FILLED OUT! This will be a pink sheet that you can pick up from me after the Premium Auction.
- ✿ Carcass Show and Awards Ceremony will be Friday, August 12th 6:30 p.m.

Graham County 4-H and Open Class Horse Show

- ✿ Pre-entries are due in the office by 5:00 p.m. July 15, 2016 for 4-H. The 4-H form is ivory colored. The open-class form can be obtained from the Extension Office.
- ✿ Be sure to enter all the classes you think you will participate in. You may cancel entries, but additions are difficult the day of the show since the entries are already printed.
- ✿ Reserve your horse stalls on the General Pre-entry form.
- ✿ Horse ID papers need to be presented at the Horse Show.

Poultry/Rabbits

- ✿ Poultry are back at the County Fair per the Kansas Department of Agriculture!
- ✿ We do have feeders and a limited number of waters available.
- ✿ You are more than welcome to bring ice to put in the pens to keep them cool. Lemonade/Kool-Aid containers, Gatorade bottles filled with water and frozen work well.

Dog/Cat Show

- ✿ Pre-entries due in the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on July 15, 2016.
- ✿ Required for dogs and cats: proof of rabies vaccination shown at entry time, must be signed by a veterinarian. It is also recommended dogs have DHL and parvo-virus vaccination.

Wood Chips & Waste

- ✿ Bags of wood chips will be available. The trailer will be NW of the horse/beef barn. Brandy Born, Ty Hockman, or I (Tressie) will have a key. Please remember to mark them down on the clipboard as you get them, last year you all did an excellent job of this!

Please sign up for Ag Challenge of Champions, it is a great contest and Kathy Hofstetter is donating prizes-something for everyone and it would be nice to get her an accurate count.

If you have any questions, please contact Tressie at the
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