

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS MEETING

Set up for livestock is Friday, July 14 from 6-8:30 p.m. for Beef, Sheep, Walking Fleece, Swine, Dairy, Goats, Llamas, Veal. Poultry starts at 6:30 p.m. Rabbits starts at 5:30 p.m.

- What to bring? Every family should bring a broom and shovel to sweep barns.
- What if you have to set up in 2 or more areas at the same time? Families should split up and attempt to set up in multiple areas. If you cannot split up, check in with the superintendent of the area that you cannot set up and let them know you are on the grounds, but in another area.
- When can you decorate pens? Anytime after 8:30 p.m. on Friday, July 14.
- Wood chips are available for sale outside the show arena.

Equipment to bring to the fair? Every family and/or club should have the following items:

- Wheel barrow, pitch fork, shovel, broom, dust pan and hand broom (poultry & rabbits), feed pans, waterers (hogs), buckets, rakes
- Make sure all your equipment is legibly identified with a club name or person's name
- Disinfect all equipment prior to bringing to the fair, and disinfect it again when you take it home.

Pens/cages are to be clean by 10 a.m. daily and again by 7 p.m. daily. Please review the Red Tag Policy for any livestock that has not been cared for appropriately. Exhibitors are responsible to feed, water and care for their livestock for the entire length of exhibition.

Ear Tags: If you market animal loses an ear tag, notify your superintendent as soon as possible. You can find their contact information on the fair book page for your species.

Weigh in of Market Animals, check the set up-check in schedule or the page of fair book to determine what time each species must be checked in/weighed. Beef & Veal are Sunday 12-5, Dairy is Sunday 1-6 or Monday 8-11, Walking Fleece & Goats is Sunday 1-5 and market goats are Sunday 1-3, Llamas are Sunday 1-6, Poultry is Sunday 1-3, Rabbits is Sunday 2-5, Sheep is Sunday 12-3, Swine is Tuesday 7-11.

- All market livestock **MUST** be weighed in at fair at the designated time. Failure to weigh in during the designated time will make the **market animal ineligible for show and sale**. If you are running late due to extraordinary circumstances (example: flat tire on the way to the fair), contact the superintendent immediately. Their numbers are on the project fair page.

Biosecurity: Disinfect all your buckets, pans, waterers, equipment prior to bringing it to fair. Dairy, beef, sheep, swine, llamas, goats, poultry & rabbits cannot be exhibited at another exhibition within 14 days prior to the first day of fair.

Veterinarian: Thumb Veterinary has been hired to serve as the liaison between the fair and the Michigan Department of Agriculture, as well as perform health checks throughout the week and check in of some species of livestock. There is NOT a veterinarian "on call" or available to

exhibitors to treat their livestock during the week of fair. Exhibitors are required to consult with their own veterinarian and assume responsibility for all costs associated with their animal's medical care. If there is a veterinary issue at the fair in which your animal is treated by Thumb Veterinary the exhibitor/exhibitor's family is responsible for payment at the time the care is provided, payable to Thumb Veterinary.

Tear Down. Beef, veal, sheep, swine, walking fleece, dairy, goats, llamas are released Saturday, July 22 at 9 p.m. Rabbits are released Sunday from 8-9:30 a.m. and poultry is released Sunday at 8 a.m.

- All exhibitors must clean & help tear down pens starting on Sunday, July 23 at 8 a.m.
- What if I exhibited in more than one species for tear down? Families should split up and attempt to tear down in multiple areas. If you cannot split up, check in with the superintendent of the area that you cannot tear down and let them know you are on the grounds, but in another area.
- Each project area will be assigned a different area of the fairgrounds to clean up at the end of fair.
- Failure to participate in tear down on Sunday, July 23 will result in withholding monies related to exhibiting at the fair.

Project Area Notes:

