



IMPORTANT 2020 UPDATES

May 11, 2020

Hello Exhibitor!

As we plan for the 2020 Fair and see our way transitioning into Phase 1 of Delaware's phased re-opening, we had to make several important adjustments to: (1) how and when livestock arrive and depart the Fairgrounds; and (2) when shows will be held; and (3) how shows will be conducted; and (4) impacts on the Junior Livestock Auction, the Livestock Extravaganza and Pretty Animal Contest.

As you read through this, please keep in mind that the deadline for entries is still **Monday, June 1 at 11:59 PM EDT.**

The details surrounding these adjustments can be found in the recently amended departmental pages and Livestock Handbook which can be found on the Fair's website under the Exhibitors tab.

Here is a summary of the adjustments:

1. Changes to All Show Schedules, Animal Arrival and Departure Schedules, Weigh-Ins and Barn Meetings – All dates and times have been modified so that only one species is in the barn at one time. Please check the

schedules very carefully as the duration of livestock presence on the grounds is being shortened thus creating the need for new and in the case of some species several move-in and move-out dates. Every department is impacted so please review the department pages for each species that you plan to show and compete.

- To view the updated Beef Cattle premium book [click here](#)
- To view the updated Dairy Cattle premium book [click here](#)
- To view the updated Goats premium book [click here](#)
- To view the updated Horse & Pony premium book [click here](#)
- To view the updated Sheep premium book [click here](#)
- To view the updated Swine premium book [click here](#)



2. Junior Livestock Auction – Our 2020 Junior Livestock Auction will be conducted over a 24-hour period beginning after the last market show towards the end of Fair in a virtual format using a special virtual auction platform. Details are still being hammered out however, please note that there will not be a live in-person auction like we are accustomed to attending. This virtual platform has been in use since early spring and by all accounts, it has proven to be effective from both the consignors' and buyers' points of view. For ease of computation and on-line auction presentation, all sales will be by the head and not by the pound. More details will be announced next month. One thing for sure is that we will need to receive from you several photos of your market animal taken as close to Fair as possible in order to include in your virtual auction listing. Target numbers of invitations by species to participate in the auction will be determined at a later date by the Junior Livestock Auction Committee.



3. Livestock Extravaganza and Pretty Animal Contest – We regret having to cancel this year's Extravaganza and Pretty Animal Contest. Public health requirements related to enhanced distancing among event organizers, departmental personnel, exhibitors and audience members make holding these events nearly impossible. Grand and reserve champions will be announced by the judge at the conclusion of their respective market shows. For the reasons outlined above, the Fair will not be in a position to judge and announce an Overall Champion Showman.

4. Tagging Dates – 2020 tagging dates have been revised as follows: (1) Saturday May 16th (2) Saturday May 23rd ; and Sunday May 31st. All tagging events will be held on the Fairgrounds from 8:00AM – 12-noon each day. On each date, animals will only be tagged. There will be no weighing of any animals. Rate of gain contests will not be held this year. The schedule of Fair time weigh-ins can be found in the departmental pages and Livestock Handbook. Distancing and face mask requirements will be observed at all tagging events. Please arrive with the least number of helpers in your party. Tagging will occur while the animals are in your trailer(s). Unless directly helping with the tagging process, your passengers should remain inside the vehicle.



5. Livestock Handbook - The handbook this year is only available digitally. It can be read on the website by [clicking here](#). You also have the option of downloading the handbook to your smartphone or tablet for ease of reference.

Please check the website regularly for any updates to the departmental pages and the handbook. The effective date and revision dates of any departmental pages and the handbook will be clearly identified.

[Click here](#) to view how to download the livestock handbook to your smartphone.



6. YQCA Mandatory Training for All MARKET Exhibitors - YQCA

requirement is still in place. All junior market animal exhibitors **MUST** complete a Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training certification, unless they have an existing Youth Pork Quality Assurance (YPQA) certification that is still valid through July 2020. The YQCA training certification course can be only done online, but must be completed prior to the start of the 2020 Delaware State Fair (July 23, 2020).

a. This mandatory training requirement shall apply to all those exhibiting market animals. The training certification is not limited to only market animal exhibitors and all exhibitors are encouraged to consider completing this course.

b. If you are a junior market animal exhibitor and have not attended or completed the online YQCA course or currently have an existing YPQA valid certification by the start of the 2020 Delaware State Fair (July 23, 2020), you will not be permitted to show your animal and will be asked to remove your animal from the grounds.

c. [Click here](#) for more detailed information about the YQCA requirement and how to fulfill it for each specific age bracket.

7. Use of Portable Fans in Kent and Schabinger Barns - New large (and I mean real large) format overhead fans in copious quantities have been installed and are now in service in both Kent and Schabinger Barns. Due to now limited electric supply circuitry in both barns, the use of portable fans cannot be permitted.



8. Species' Show Audience and Attendance – Enhanced distancing requirements will be strictly followed at all livestock shows. This applies to exhibitors with their animals as well as the show audience itself. The audience capacity for all livestock shows held in the New Castle and Kent Barns will be calculated in conformity with future distancing requirements in effect in mid-July. Audience attendance in the New Castle and Kent Barns will be limited to that number and all attendees must wear an event specific color-coded wristband in order to be seated. Wristbands will be distributed by the superintendents. No standing areas around the show rings will be permitted for show attendees or exhibitors. The New Castle and Kent Barns will be closed to the public while the shows are in progress. Shows in the Quillen Arena will not be impacted by these attendance restrictions, however proper social distancing will be required even in the Quillen Arena. For the convenience of those family members and friends unable to attend the show in person, all livestock shows will be live streamed real-time through the Fair's website.

After you have read and considered all of the adjustments to the livestock showing experience applicable to the 2020 Fair, in the event that you have already entered an animal or two and would like to reconsider your exhibitor status, the Fair would be happy to rescind your entries and refund your entry fees. If you no longer wish to exhibit, please email Caitlyn

at Caitlyn@thestatefair.net in order to request a refund. Such requests must be received by June 1, 2020.

Similarly, if you were planning to camp at this year's Fair, signed a camping contract and made one or more payments towards your camping fees and no longer wish to camp, you can request a cancellation of your camping contract and receive a full refund. Partial fair week camping is not an option. Camping at the Fair represents a commitment for all 10 days. Refunds can be obtained by emailing Rebekkah at Rebekkah@thestatefair.net . If you decide to cancel your contract, doing so will have no impact on the issuance of a camping contract to you for next year. If you want to cancel, please let Rebekkah know about your plans as soon as possible but such requests must be received by June 1, 2020.

Thank you for your continued support of the Fair.

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