Off to the
2008 Richland County Fair
with my livestock!

Richland County 4-H
Livestock Exhibition Handbook

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Welcome!

County Fair exhibitions provide the opportunity to showcase your efforts in raising livestock. Whether you’re a seasoned show veteran or this is your first time in the show ring, exhibiting livestock is one important piece to the learning that takes place in science projects. We hope this handbook provides you with useful information as you prepare for your fair experience. Please contact us at the Extension Office if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you at the Richland County Fair!

Livestock Ethics

*The livestock program is a unique opportunity to use live animals to develop youth. The main objectives of the program deal with the young person, not the animal. Youth do learn about agriculture and livestock production and develop an appreciation for the livestock industry, but the focus is on teaching life skills and helping youth become productive citizens of our society. Ribbons, trophies, and money are not our focus.*

*Owning and working with animals; being responsible for their care, health, growth and training, and exhibiting them in a competitive environment are tremendous character-building activities.*

*Youth exhibitors learn from adult and youth leaders through hands-on activities while developing integrity, citizenship, and sportsmanship. Parents, leaders, and especially older youth must model ethical sportsmanlike behavior.*

*All animals are to be treated in a humane manner. Adequate feed, water, and shelter are to be provided at all times. Physically abusing an animal is unacceptable at all times and the maltreatment of animals will not be tolerated. Exhibitors who abuse their animals, for whatever reasons, will be disqualified for the show. Striking an animal to cause swelling is absolutely prohibited.*

*Any member found drinking at a 4-H event (fair) will not be allowed to sell their livestock.*

Sale Regulations

*Ownership - Market beef animals must have been owned by 4-H member by December 30th, 2006. All animals must have an affidavit to the local County Agent verifying ownership requirements.*

*Only one (1) market animal per class (i.e., beef, sheep or swine) is eligible for the Livestock Sale regardless of number of animals shown by the exhibitor in each class.*

*Weigh in at exhibit entry time will constitute sale weight.*

*Sale order will be: Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, blue and red ribbon for each class. There will be a drawing for blue and red ribbon winners to determine their final sale order. No white ribbon animals will be eligible for sale.*

*No private treaty sales will be allowed on Fairgrounds prior to sale. Any 4-H member who violates this rule will be disqualified from participation in the sale.*

*Delivery is the responsibility of agreements between buyer and seller.*

*Only beef animals marked on December 29th, 2008 can sell.*
Livestock Activities at the Fair

Round Robin Showmanship
The champion showman in Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Horse, Goat and Swine show each others’ animals in a showmanship competition to determine the overall show person at the Richland County Fair. The event takes place, following the showmanship show on Friday.

Buyers BBQ
In appreciation of local buyers, 4-H will be holding a BBQ during the sale. Local businesses make the 4-H Livestock sale a success and we appreciate all the support of area business men. Please invite your buyer for a free meal to show them how much you appreciate their generosity.

Market Livestock Photos
Photos for the buyer’s plaque will be taken Thursday during the market shows. It is the responsibility of each member to have their picture taken. A group photo will again be taken by the Round up Newspaper on Friday at 10:00 am between classes during the morning Showmanship.

Carcass Show
This year Richland County 4-H will be holding a carcass show at two locations. All animals processed after that time or at different locations listed below will not be included in the show or measured. If your animal is not part of the carcass show, arrangements can be made to measure it by contacting the Extension Office but will NOT be in the show.

The carcass shows will be held at the following times and locations:

- Lamb and Hog Carcass show will be held at all processing plans Tuesday, August 5th. Craigs 10 am -11 am, M3 1 pm - 2 pm, C&R 3 pm - 4 pm

- Beef Carcass show will be held August 11th at M3 Meats from 10 am to 11 am

This will be a time to look at the carcasses and learn about carcass quality. All carcass’s may not be measured by 10 am.

Health Requirements
All animals crossing state lines must have current/proper paperwork and blood test. A vaccination program for all breeding livestock, market animals, dairy and horse must be in place prior to fair. For a list of tests and paper work, please contact your local veterinarian.

Pre Fair Check List

Two Weeks Before Fair
Turn in:
* Entry Form to Extension Office (Due July 15)
* Beef-2 Bill of Sales (BOS), Delivery Agreement (LDA)
* Hog, Lamb, Goat- Delivery Agreement (LDA)
* Check with vet on regulations for entering state for horse and other livestock
* Purchase Neck Rope for Cattle (mandatory)

One Week Before Fair
* Buy wood shavings for bedding from local feed store.
  You can NOT use straw!
* Check your paper work (BOS and LDA) with Extension Office. It is easier to have it done before fair.
* Fair Clean-up Day (July 20, 2:00 pm with Pot Luck to follow)

Tuesday, July 29th
* Indoor Project Interview 9 am and 2 pm. Club will be informed of when they need to be there.
  - Failure to do so will disqualify you from livestock show and sale
**Order of Fair Activities**

**Wednesday**
3:30-7 Livestock Exhibits Entered
7-8 Weigh-in Hog, Sheep, Goat

**Thursday**
8:30
Hog
Market Light then Heavy Feeder
Pen Of Three Breeding (Youngest Females to Oldest, then male)
Sheep
(Same order as Hog)
Goat
(Same order as Hog)
Dairy
Jr Dairy Calf
Inter Dairy
Sr Dairy
Breeding Beef
1:00
Dog and Cat
Poultry & Rabbit
5:00
Beef
Market Light to Heavy

**Friday**
8:00 am
Showmanship (Sr then Jr) Hog Sheep Goat Dairy Beef
11:00
Overall Champion
4:00 Trophy Presentation
4:30 Livestock Sale

**Sunday**
7-10 am Animal Check Out

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**Goat**
- Show Box (individual or share with other club members)
- Neck chain or halter for showing
- Water pails
- Hay
- Feed pan
- Pitchfork
- One broom
- Wheel broom
- Wheelbarrow
- Grooming Equip.

**Horse**
- Bridal
- Grain
- Halter & Lead rope
- Manure fork
- Hay
- Wheelbarrow
- Saddle pad(s)
- Water pail
- Feed buckets
- Lawn chairs
- Hoof pick
- Bug Spray
- Rags/sponges
- Scissors
- Screw driver
- Heavy duty stapler
- English stuff
- Horse treats
- Boots
- Jeans
- Personal items
- Panties
- Short sleeved shirt

*Check with your vet for proper papers and blood tests.

**Poultry**
- Feed
- Feed pans
- Brush/dustpan to scoop droppings
- Waterer
- Long-sleeve shirt for showing
Rabbits

- Feed
- Brush/dustpan to scoop droppings
- Bucket to carry manure to disposal site
- Long-sleeve shirt
- *Don’t bathe your rabbit
- *Clean tattooed ear so they can be recorded at check-in
- *Ice bottles are recommended to keep animals cool

Sheep

- Show Box (individual or share with other club members)
- halter
- hay
- feed pan
- pitchfork
- one broom
- Wheelbarrow
- *Clean ear tags so they can be recorded at weigh-in
- *Sheep blankets may be used to keep animals clean
- *Scrapie tags must all be in place

Swine

- Show box (individual or share with other club members)
- Show whip, slapper or cane
- pitchfork
- Grooming equip.
- Feed
- Feed pan
- One broom per club
- *Wash your pigs at home and spot-wash them at the fair
- *Clean off ear tags so they can be recorded at weigh-in
- *Bring proper health certificates. If purchased out of state, animals must have health records.
- *If showing a registered animal, bring registration papers.

General Rules

1) Only 4-H members will be permitted to care for 4-H Club animals on exhibit, unless good reason is presented for the necessity of other arrangements.
2) Only 4-H members are permitted to fit animals for show ring after animals arrive at fairgrounds.
3) Only 4-H members are permitted to hold animals in the show ring unless Livestock Chairman or Extension Agent determines otherwise. The Extension Agent and/or Judge has the right to excuse any unmanageable animal from the ring.
4) Breeding classes may enter 2 under each lot.
5) Animals not ready for market will be put in respective Feeder Class by the judge.
6) Animals in Market Classes may be purebred or crossbred.
7) No livestock may be removed until 7:00 a.m., Sunday, August 3, 2008, unless it is approved by the 4-H Extension Agent prior to fair.
8) Prize money will be withheld if stalls and pens are not cleaned with bedding material and moved outside to the front or rear of livestock buildings.
9) All members are required to take a minimum of one indoor project.
10) Only animals that have been weighed in on weight in days will be in the rate of gain contest.

Dairy

1) Animals in Dairy Classes will be judged on size for age, dairy type, vigor and condition and milk producing characteristics. Cows and calves will be penned together, although, shown separate unless shown as a cow-calf pair.
2) The dress code for dairy members is as follows: white short or long sleeve button up shirt with a collar, long white pants, belt, and hard soled shoes.
3) Only producing dairy animals may be excused from the fair with prior approval of the 4-H Extension Agent.

Market Beef

1) Entries are limited to fat steers or guaranteed open and spayed heifers owned by Richland County 4-H members.
2) Animals must have been owned and fed by the exhibitor since December 29, 2007.
3) 4-H market beef animals should NOT have been born prior to January 1 of the preceding year.
4) Only one animal will be shown and sold per 4-H member, per class.
5) All animals compete against all animals in the live show at the fair. All fair premiums are paid on the live show places.
6) Market beef sold as per Livestock Sale.

Feeder Cattle

7) Lot is open to feeder steers or spayed heifers of any breed.

Breeding Beef

8) All age limits are as of July 1 of current year.
9) Females may be purebred, straight-bred or cross bred
10) All males must be registered
11) Straight-bred cow with crossbred calf will show in crossbred cow-calf classes

Swine

1) See 4-H livestock Sale for program and selling procedure.
2) Open to market hogs regardless of breed.
3) Market animals must weigh at least 220 pounds and should not weigh over 260 pounds. Those over 260 lbs. will be put in the heavy weight class.
4) Market animals will be judged live, placing them into blue, red, and white ribbon groups to correspond with number 1, 2, and 3 grade hogs.
5) Fair premium money will be paid on live placing at the fair.
6) A single hog may be used in a pen of three.
7) Market hogs owned and weighed on or by April 24, 2008, will be eligible to be sold at auction.
What Do I Bring to the Fair?

Beef

___ Show Box (individual or share with other club members)
___ Halter, training & show
___ Nylon rope necktie (ensures safety in case halter comes off while animals is in stall)
___ Water pails
___ Show stick
___ hay
___ feed pan
___ pitchfork
___ one broom
___ Wheelbarrow
___ Grooming Equipment (may include electric clippers, scotch comb, soft bristle brush, blocking chute, sell curry comb, fans, hard bristle brush, show adhesive, hair spray, rubbing alcohol, mineral/baby oil, soap, dryer)
___ Wood Chips

Sheep

___ Show Box (individual or share with other club members)
___ Halter, training & show
___ Water pails
___ Show stick
___ hay
___ feed pan
___ pitchfork
___ one broom
___ Wheelbarrow
___ Grooming Equipment (may include electric clippers, scotch comb, soft bristle brush, blocking chute, sell curry comb, fans, hard bristle brush, show adhesive, hair spray, rubbing alcohol, mineral/baby oil, soap, dryer)
___ Wood Chips

Feeder Pigs

8) Animals must weigh at least 90 pounds and not over 219 pounds
9) Single entries may be used in pen of 3

4-H Breeding Sheep

7) Sheep entered in breeding classes will be judged upon breed type and characteristic, quality and development for age.

Dairy

___ Show Box (individual or share with other club members)
___ Water pails
___ Milk pails
___ Show stick
___ hay
___ feed pan
___ pitchfork
___ one broom
___ Wheelbarrow
___ Grooming Equipment (may include electric clippers, scotch comb, soft bristle brush, blocking chute, sell curry comb, fans, hard bristle brush, show adhesive, hair spray, rubbing alcohol, mineral/baby oil, soap, dryer)
___ Wood Chips

Sheep

All sheep must be owned by members by April 24, 2007

Market Lambs

1) Lot is open to market lambs of any breed (ewes and wethers).
2) Lambs must weigh at least 110 lbs. and must have been shorn between June 1 and July 1 in order to be shown.
3) A single market lamb may be used in a pen of three.
4) Market lambs will be judged live, placing them into blue, red and white ribbon groups.

Feeder Lambs

5) Lot is open to feeder lamb of any breed (ewes or wethers)
6) A single lamb may be used in pen of 3

4-H Wool

8) Fleeces must be from breeding projects and should be 3 inches in length, sheared with belly wool in, free from foreign material such as straw and burrs, and be tied.

4-H Livestock Showmanship

Junior
1. Any 4-H member exhibiting livestock must enter showmanship in at least one class.
2. The winners of beef, dairy, sheep, swine, horse and goat showmanship will compete in a round robin contest for Overall Junior Grand Champion Showman.

Senior
1. Open to 4-H members whose age automatically places them in the Senior Showmanship Class.
2. The winners of beef, dairy, sheep, swine, horse and goat showmanship will compete in a round robin contest for Overall Senior Grand Champion Showman.

For all Judging and Showmanship classes, exhibitors will be required to wear long-sleeved shirts, long western pants, belt and hard soled shoes. Western hats are optional. Dairy and Horse members will follow their respective dress code for the Round Robin.

Livestock Barns

1. Keep aisles of the barn free of wood chips and manure. Pick up feed pans and pails when finished feeding. Keep chairs and show boxes to a minimum so they do not block the aisle.
2. Keep extra feed and equipment in a stock trailer
3. Keep only one day’s supply of bedding and hay at the fair and keep that arranged neatly.
4. Keep bedding blocked up. Remember, more bedding is not always better. Be conservative in your usage.
5. Animals should be tied securely and arranged in a neat order as assigned. Beef animals are required to be doubled tied.
6. All fans must be located in a safe area.

*If showing a registered animal, bring registration papers
*Clean ear tags so they can be recorded at weigh-in.