

# **2014 IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR EXHIBITORS AND PARENTS**

## **TUESDAY, July 15th**

### **Barn set-up is at 5:30 p.m.**

- All 4-H/FFA exhibitors and parents are required to assist in the set-up of panels, pens and show ring.
- Following the set-up, at approximately 8pm, there will be a MANDATORY Exhibitor Meeting. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend as there are many changes this year and certainly will be many questions.
- After that, 4-H/FFA and youth hogs, lambs, and goats can enter the barns. Cattle are not allowed to arrive until Wednesday morning.

## **WEDNESDAY July 16th**

### **All 4-H/FFA livestock must be in the barn by 9:00 a.m.**

- Examination of livestock and health papers will begin at this time.

### **Weigh-in of market animals begins at 9:30 a.m.**

- Ultrasound & Grading will take place simultaneously with weigh in.
- The weigh-in order will be: lambs, goats, steers, and hogs. The show superintendents are as follows:

LAMBS	Marnie Caldwell
GOATS	Amy White
HOGS	Matt Howell
CATTLE	Mary Lynne Harris

Exhibitors need to be in clean, neat and appropriate dress during weigh in. Photographs will be taken of each animal and exhibitor for buyer gifts.

If you have any questions concerning classes, or if you have any problems or concerns, please contact the superintendent of that species.

## **FRIDAY, July 18<sup>th</sup>:**

Within two hours of the conclusion of each market animal show, let the superintendent know which animal you plan to sell.

- This should be done as soon as possible to allow sufficient time for making a sale order and the printing of a sale catalog.
- All grand champions and reserve grand champions must sell.
- Remember this is a terminal event for all hogs on the premises this year as well.

Encourage all perspective buyers to register and attend the Buyer's Reception which begins at 5:30 p.m.

### **4-H/FFA Poultry and Livestock Sale will begin with Opening Ceremonies at 6:30pm followed by the auction at 7:00 p.m.**

- The sale order for the 2014 auction will be as follows: (Poultry), Champion animals, then Regular Sale order will be Steers, Goats, Hogs and Lambs

After each animal is sold, the exhibitor will be responsible for picking up a clip board with a sale sheet and photograph and hand delivering to each buyer for the buyer to complete. The buyer will be marking the animal's final destination.

(I.e. Home, Donald's, Mt Joy, Green Valley, Etc.). Before the animal return to the barn, it will be marked with paint to denote its destination. This will help with the load out of animals on late Friday night and early Saturday morning

- Following the sale, exhibitors with extra animals which will be going to a processing center, must report to the department superintendant with animal specifics and ensure it is marked appropriately to avoid any errors when loading animals late Friday night/early Saturday morning.

- Hauling fees for additional animals (that is animals not going through the sale), that are going to slaughter are as follows:

Cattle \$15.00      Sheep, Hogs, and Goats \$5.00

- Market animals will be loaded to go to the following slaughter houses: Mt. Joy located in Steele's Tavern; Green Valley Meat Processors located in Monroe; Donald's located in Lexington and Mullin's located in Stuarts Draft.
- **Help for the loading process will be greatly appreciated to avoid delays!**

### **SATURDAY, July 19<sup>th</sup>:**

The Advisory Council along with other groups will be hosting a fun and interactive day for the general public and 4Hers.

- Activities included are: Stockman's Contest, Pet Show, Share the Fun, Pedal Tractor Pull and 4H Community Service Opportunity.
- Please take this time to showcase your talents beyond the show ring!
- This is a great opportunity for 4H Exhibitors to shine!!

There will be a complimentary wrap up dinner for exhibitors and games on Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m. following the pedal tractor pull.

**Remaining animals cannot be released until 6pm on Saturday evening.**

- Tack stall are not to be disassembled prior to 6pm either.

### **SUNDAY, July 20<sup>th</sup>:**

All exhibitors are required to be present and assist with the barn tear down process which begins at 2pm. The process of tearing down the respective areas and loading items into the trailer goes much faster than set up especially if everyone is present and ready to help.

- Reference the Barn Tear Down Assignment Sheet for particular areas needing attention and/or inquire with John Borer.

### **FRIDAY, August 1st:**

**Record books are due in the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m.**

- Late record books will NOT be accepted.
- One record book per exhibitor is required.
- Show premium money will not be awarded if an exhibitor does not turn in a record book.

- Only one species per record book. If you want to be judged in more than one species, you must turn in one book per species.

**Thank you notes are also due at this time.**

- If thank you notes are not submitted, monies will be withheld.
- Thank you notes will be reviewed for age appropriate completion and correctness.
- Thank you notes must be written to each buyer (note that some animals have two or more buyers and a separate note must be written to each one).
- Colored stationery, and/or printed thank you notes may be used. Binder Paper is NOT allowed.
- Notes should be at least one paragraph in length and easy to read.
- Envelopes must be properly addressed, stamped and UNSEALED. We will not accept money to purchase stamps. Notes should be at least one paragraph and easy to read.

**SATURDAY, August 30<sup>th</sup>:**

**The Rockbridge 4-H Livestock Awards Banquet will be held at the Stonebridge Center in Natural Bridge Station at 6pm.**

- Each exhibitor is asked to RSVP by August 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Each family is requested to bring a large covered dish to share with the guests. The Rockbridge 4H Livestock Advisory Council will furnish entrees, drinks, and table service.

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1. **Biography Form:** If you have market animals going through the sale, please fill out the attached Biography Form. This will be given to the announcer, as something to refer to while you are entering the show ring with your animal, before bidding starts. Return these forms to the show office prior to Friday's sale.
2. **4-H/FFA/Youth Animal Exhibitor Code of Conduct:** This code is an agreement between the participant and the Rockbridge 4-H / FFA Livestock Advisory Council. It is required of all participants and must be signed by both the exhibitor and parent/guardian. The form is attached.
3. **4-H Paperwork:** All 4-H participants must have a completed 4-H Member Enrollment, Code of Conduct for Virginia 4-H Programs/Events, and 4-H Health History Report Form on file in the Rockbridge Extension Office. Most participants completed this paperwork last fall. Those that did not will be required to complete it prior to participating in the Rockbridge 4-H/FFA Livestock Show and Sale. The forms are attached.
4. **Ribbons** To make it less confusing, and to help you get the correct ribbon and placing recorded, please remain in the line-up in the ring until you have received your ribbon.
5. **Thank You Notes:** We must not forget that if we did not have community support for the Rockbridge 4-H/FFA livestock program, the show and sale would not be as successful. The importance of sending thank you notes to the many contributors and class sponsors cannot be stressed enough.
  - If you win a class, you must write a thank you note to the sponsor of that class.
  - If you sell an animal in the auction, you must write a thank you note to the buyer(s).
  - Names and addresses of the sponsors will be on the back of the ribbons/rosettes.

- **Premium money will be withheld until buyer and class sponsor thank you notes, as well as record books, are turned in to the Extension Office. These must be in the Extension Office by Friday, August 1st at 4:30 p.m. The notes are to be addressed, stamped, and left unsealed.**

### **ADDITIONAL REMINDERS**

1. If you win two or more classes and will be bringing two or more animals back into the ring for the championship drive, make sure that you have arrangements with someone to assist you that are ready and in proper attire. Please prepare ahead of time and don't wait until right before the show to find assistance.
2. For the slide show at the annual banquet, the Advisory Council is asking that families provide the photos. Details and instructions on sharing photos will be provided via email after the fair
3. Please review the Show Schedule as there are many changes this year. It is important that you be ready and on time when your class starts. Nobody, especially the judge, likes to wait for exhibitors who are late getting to the ring.
4. The proper show clothes for exhibitors and ring helpers should be clean pants and a shirt with a collar with shirts being tucked in. Exhibitors failing to present in proper attire will NOT be allowed to show.
  - a. No tank tops, shorts or sleeveless shirts are allowed in the show ring. Properly fitted sleeveless blouses are allowed.
5. A Rockbridge 4-H / FFA Livestock Show and Sale Dress Code must be signed by both the exhibitor and parent/guardian. It is important that our participants create a positive visual image not only in the show ring but outside as well. Remember that you are representing yourself, your family, the 4H group, and agricultural industry as a whole. The form is attached.
6. Parents / guardians are responsible for the supervision of participants at all times during the Rockbridge 4-H/FFA Livestock Show and Sale. The Rockbridge 4-H/FFA Livestock Show and Sale is not an overnight event.
7. Per the Code of Conduct for Virginia 4-H Programs/Events, possession, distribution, or use of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, tobacco products, and unauthorized prescription drugs are not allowed at any 4-H sponsored program / event and must be reported to law enforcement. Per the Rockbridge 4-H/FFA Livestock Show and Sale 4-H/FFA Livestock General Rules for 4-H/FFA Livestock Exhibitors, the use and / or possession of tobacco, alcohol, or other controlled substances are prohibited. Members violating this policy will be eliminated from all 4-H/FFA Livestock competitions and will remove their animals from the fairgrounds. They will not be allowed to continue showing or competing in any 4-H/FFA Livestock activities at this year's fair. Entry fees are not refundable for these violations.
8. Parents and exhibitors need to review the show catalog carefully. If your animal is not in the correct class, or if you are not in the correct showmanship class, let the species superintendent know so that the official record book can be revised. We also need to know if you entered an animal, but did not bring it to the fair, so that it can be scratched from the class.

9. If you have a problem or a concern, talk to a member of the Rockbridge 4-H Livestock Advisory Executive Board. The board has worked hard to solve previous issues, and will continue to do so, but they need to hear from you. Current members are: Matt Howell (Chair) Marnie Caldwell (Vice-Chair), Amy White, Meredith Williams, and Lori Bare (past chair).
10. ► **NEW:** Tear-down of the barn begins at 2:00 p.m. SUNDAY, July 20th. It is required that every exhibitor and family be present to assist to continue to participate in next year's event. Just because you helped set-up on Tuesday does not mean you can skip tear-down on Sunday. It doesn't take as long to tear it down as it does to set it up.
11. Do your part to keep the barn area tidy. Pick up trash when you see it lying on the floor or the ground. Keep your stall and animal area clean. If you won't be in the barn for a few hours, ask someone to watch your animals and clean up manure for you.
12. Exhibitor numbers will be given to you following the Exhibitor Meeting on Tuesday evening.
13. This year we have a committee goat, lamb, and hog. The proceeds from the sale of these animals are used by the Rockbridge 4-H Livestock Advisory Council to cover show expenses, and provide premium money for exhibitors. The committee goat was donated by and raised by Will Strecker. The committee lamb was donated Winterview Farm, Al & Alice Strecker, and raised by Will Strecker. The committee hog was donated and raised by Matt Howell & Family with feed being donated by Chris Beard. Our many thanks to these individuals for their generous donation and to the 4-H members for the great job they did in raising these committee animals.
14. **Remember, these activities are for the youth. Everyone should display good sportsmanship at all times! And most importantly, ENJOY THE FAIR!**