September 2020

As preparations continue for the 2020 Youth Livestock Shows at the NC State Fair, please watch for updates via email and NC State Fair Livestock Facebook posts. Planning for these events during this time does lend itself to making adjustments as we go along, and we will work to keep you updated on any changes as they may occur. With that said here is where we are as of now.

Check-In Procedure

Check-In procedure: This year livestock exhibitors will enter through Gate 5. Check-in will take place as you arrive prior to unloading for Beef Cattle, Swine, Meat Goats, and Sheep.

**Step 1:** enter gate 5 proceed to vet check

**Step 2:** proceed to check in station for your species, please have registration papers available in vehicle (if applicable) – pick up exhibitor packet

**Step 3:** proceed to unloading site or designated trailer parking for those showing off trailer. There will be specific locations for each species if showing off trailer, (pens in expo are for those that are not able to show off the trailer)

**Step 4:** Turn in weigh cards by designated time

We ask that you please be mindful of others when unloading in the building. You will be asked to unload all items and then set up your stall. Please try to have your vehicle and trailer out of the barn in under 30 minutes.
**IMPORTANT UPDATES**

Adjustments due to Covid-19 to assist with social distancing:

- All Shows will be NO FIT (no adhesives, glues, paint, powders etc.)
- No blocking chutes in Graham building
- No fitting stands in Expo Building
- Exhibitors will need to sign Covid-19 waiver and either scan and return or bring with them to turn in upon arrival (waiver link) email signed waiver to: SVC_AGR.BlueRibbonLivestockEntries@ncagr.gov
- Shows will be livestreamed so please ask that only essential family members attend with exhibitors
- On stalling forms, only those family members that have been in close contact prior to arrival may stall together so please keep that in mind. Please indicate if you will be showing off the trailer so can designate those areas appropriately.
- Exhibitors will be able to leave once they have completed showing, you are not required to stay till conclusion of the shows, however please be mindful of those still showing
- There will not be any truckload sales this year, please make arrangements to take your animals home.
- All market steers, feeder steers, market barrows, crossbred gilts, market goats, commercial does, market lambs, and commercial ewes will show by declared weight. Scales will be available to check weights prior to turning in weigh cards
- Animals will be subject to weigh back upon exiting class
  - Steers – 50-pound variance
  - Hogs – 15-pound variance
  - Goats – 6-pound variance
  - Sheep – 7-pound variance

**YOUTH MARKET TURKEY EXHIBITORS--IMPORTANT UPDATES**

- Check-in will be Oct. 15 from 8 am to 4 pm at Dorton Arena enter through Gate 2 off Hillsborough Street
- Show will be Oct. 16 starting at 8 am
- This year exhibitors will need to care for their turkey, so please bring feed for them.
- Exhibitors needing assistance holding their turkey during the show will need to be assisted by a parent or relative due to Covid-19 restrictions
Several livestock markets have agreed to make special arrangements to assist those youth wishing to market their lambs and goats following the shows. Many have indicated they will provide support for those animals with State Fair tags that come to the first sale following the State Fair.

Carolina Stockyards - Siler City - they will accept animals Monday Oct 19 and Tuesday Oct 20 if wish to drop them off as leave the shows and feed those animals at no charge until sale on Friday Oct. 23 or you can take them on Oct. 23 prior to 10am. Please let Neil Bowman neil.bowman@ncagr.gov or Amanda Wachs Amanda.wachs@ncagr.gov know if you plan to drop them off Monday or Tuesday so arrangements can be made.

- Union County Livestock Market -Monroe– sale Nov. 4 drop off between Noon and 5 pm
- Cleveland County Livestock Exchange –Shelby- sale Oct. 23 drop off between 1pm and 5 pm
- Powell Livestock Market – Smithfield – sale Oct. 21 drop off prior to 10 am

**Campers**

Campers will be allowed onto the fairgrounds starting October 10th. Campers will only be allowed in designated camper spots on the fairgrounds. $30 per day.

**Bedding**

Jr. Dairy cattle will be provided a bale of shavings and a bale of straw per head.

All other species will be provided with some bedding but arrangements for more bedding to be delivered to the fair (shavings, hay, and straw) can be made by contacting William Johnson at (919) 669-8339

**UPCOMING DEADLINES**

- Sept. 15th- entries due
- Sept. 15th- hotel block closes (as of this morning 9/8 - hotel rooms are still available. Please call the hotel directly at (919) 233-2205. They have offered to reduce the pet fee to $40 for livestock exhibitors but you have to call the hotel and ask for the sales desk.

https://www.hyatt.com
To all participants and families of the 2020 Youth Livestock Show, 

We are all looking forward to the upcoming 2020 Youth Livestock Show at the N.C. State Fairgrounds. We are excited to have this wonderful opportunity to showcase our youth exhibitors. Please know that your health and safety and the safety of our staff are our number one priority. Everyone is aware that the coronavirus (“COVID-19”) has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is very contagious and believed to be spread mainly from person-to-person contact.

In an effort to keep everyone safe and healthy we are following all of the applicable CDC recommendations, NC DHHS guidance and applicable Executive Orders. Likewise, we are requiring that you do the same and follow all posted signage and announcements. Specifically, this includes the following:

- Staying home if you or a member of your family have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 and have been asked to quarantine or if you or your family have any of the following symptoms:
  - Fever or chills
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Headache
  - Cough
  - Sore throat
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - New loss of taste or smell
  - Diarrhea
  - Muscle pain
  - Fatigue
- Wearing a face covering over your nose and mouth;
- Maintaining social distancing of at least 6 feet;
- Washing your hands or using hand sanitizer frequently;

Due to the mass gathering limits, the 2020 Youth Livestock Show will be closed to the public and spectators. This does not include trainers and others who are necessary to assist the youth. However, the 2020 Youth Livestock Show will be livestreamed for everyone to see and share with family and friends.

Finally, due to the pandemic and the potential for spread, we are requiring all participants (if they are 18 or older) or their parent or guardian (for those under 18) to sign the attached waiver. Despite all of our reasonable efforts to mitigate the dangers associated with COVID-19, there is still a risk that participation in the 2020 Youth Livestock Show could result in exposure to COVID-19. Therefore, we are asking for all of your cooperation and patience as we navigate these unprecedented times to make this year’s 2020 Youth Livestock Show a safe and rewarding experience for all of our youth.

Thank you,
In consideration of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (NCDA&CS) allowing me to participate in the N.C. State Fair Youth Livestock Show, (hereinafter “Program”), I agree as follows:

I affirm and acknowledge that I am participating in the Program for my own personal benefit. I understand that I will participate in recreational and other activities as part of the Program and that such activities have inherent dangers and physical risks. I understand and acknowledge that the inherent dangers and physical risks involved in these activities are such that no amount of care, caution, instruction or expertise can completely eliminate them. These dangers and risks include, but are not limited to, loss of or damage to personal property, strains, sprains, bruises, heat exhaustion, and other personal injuries, or even death, that could result from tripping, falling, contact with other individuals, and equipment failure, among other causes. I assume responsibility for all risks, known and unknown, involving my participation in the aforementioned activities.

Additionally, I understand that the coronavirus (“COVID-19”) has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization and has become more widespread, including within North Carolina. COVID-19 is very contagious and believed to be spread mainly from person-to-person contact. I understand and appreciate that there are known and potential dangers of utilizing the Program’s facilities, services and programs, and I acknowledge that the use of these facilities and services may, despite the Program’s reasonable efforts to mitigate the dangers, result in exposure to COVID-19, which could result in quarantine requirements, serious illness, disability and/or death. The Center for Disease Control and state and local health departments, are reviewing and updating their respective guidance on the pandemic and its impact nearly every day.

I represent that I am acting on my own behalf and have the authority to enter into this Agreement. I also represent that I am in proper physical and other condition to participate in the Program. I understand that it is my sole responsibility to determine I am sufficiently fit and healthy enough to participate in the Program, and if necessary, I will consult with my physician for appropriate guidance.

On behalf of myself, I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless NCDA&CS and its trustees, officers, directors, employees, volunteers and agents (the “Released Parties”) from any liability, losses, costs, damages, claims or causes of action of any kind or nature whatsoever, and expenses, including attorneys’ fees, arising from, resulting from, or relating in any way to my participation in the Program. I further agree that if, despite this Agreement, anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the Released Parties, I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any liabilities which may be incurred as a result of such claim.
I understand that I am required to be familiar with and abide by the Program’s rules and regulations, including the IAFE Code of Ethics, Premium book requirements and any safety regulations established for the benefit of all participants. I accept sole responsibility for my conduct and actions while I am participating in the Program.

I agree to allow NCDA&CS, NC Cooperative Extension, 4-H Program, and/or NC State University or their agents to photograph or record me during the Program. I further agree that my image or likeness in photographs, videos, or audio may be used for educational or promotional purposes, including broadcasting or posting on the Internet. I agree that the use described herein may be without compensation to me. I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished electronic, photograph, or printed matter that may be used in conjunction with the printed matter now or in the future. I expressly release NCDA&CS, NC Cooperative Extension, 4-H Program, NC State University, their agents, employees, licensees and assigns from any and all claims which I may have for invasion of privacy, right of publicity, defamation, copyright infringement, or any other causes of action arising out of the use, adaptation, reproduction, distribution, broadcast or exhibition of such recordings.

I agree to photo/media use for any public release by NCDA&CS.

I understand that this is a legal document which is binding on me, my heirs and assigns and on those who may claim by or through me. I am eighteen years of age or older, and have full capacity to enter into this agreement and do so voluntarily.

I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, I UNDERSTAND IT, AND I AGREE TO BE BOUND BY IT.

Signature of Participant: ____________________________ Date: __________________

Printed Name: ____________________________
NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER SERVICES
N.C. STATE FAIR YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW
LIABILITY WAIVER, ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK, PHOTO & MEDIA RELEASE,
AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

In consideration of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (NCDA&CS) allowing my minor child to participate in the N.C. State Fair Youth Livestock Show, (hereinafter “Program”), I, for myself and/or on behalf of the minor child listed below (“Minor”), agree as follows:

I affirm and acknowledge that the Minor is participating in the Program for their own personal benefit. I understand that the Minor will participate in recreational and other activities as part of the Program and that such activities have inherent dangers and physical risks. I understand and acknowledge that the inherent dangers and physical risks involved in these activities are such that no amount of care, caution, instruction or expertise can completely eliminate them. These dangers and risks include, but are not limited to, loss of or damage to personal property, strains, sprains, bruises, heat exhaustion, and other personal injuries, or even death, that could result from tripping, falling, contact with other individuals, and equipment failure, among other causes. I assume responsibility for all risks, known and unknown, involving the Minor’s participation in the aforementioned activities, and I voluntarily authorize the Minor’s participation in reliance upon my own judgment and knowledge of the Minor’s experience and capabilities.

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I represent that I am acting on my behalf or as the parent or legal guardian of the Minor and I have authority to enter this Agreement. I also represent that the Minor is in proper physical and other condition to participate in the Program. I understand that it is my sole responsibility to determine whether the Minor is sufficiently fit and healthy enough to participate in the Program, and if necessary, I will consult with the Minor’s physician for appropriate guidance.

On behalf of myself and the Minor, I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless NCDA&CS and its trustees, officers, directors, employees, volunteers and agents (the “Released Parties”) from any liability, losses, costs, damages, claims or causes of action of any kind or nature whatsoever, and expenses, including attorneys’ fees, arising from, resulting from, or relating in any way to the Minor’s participation in the Program. I further agree that if, despite this Agreement, the Minor or anyone on the Minor’s behalf, makes a claim against any of the Released Parties, I will indemnify,
defend and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any liabilities which may be incurred as a result of such claim.

I understand that the Minor and I are required to be familiar with and abide by the Program’s rules and regulations, including the IAFE Code of Ethics, Premium book requirements and any safety regulations established for the benefit of all participants. I accept sole responsibility for the conduct and actions of the Minor while they are participating in the Program.

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I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, I UNDERSTAND IT, AND I AGREE TO BE BOUND BY IT.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: ___________________________ Date: __________________________

Printed Name: ___________________________ Name of Minor: ___________________________