

Animal Information for the Fair - 2023

Herdsmanship

All Junior Fair Clubs, Chapter & Youth Groups as well as Open Class, will be judged for herdsmanship. For Junior fair, judges will come through the barn a few times throughout the day to judge your areas. Please be sure to keep your areas clean & well picked up.

Little Shepherd Show

The Little Shepherd Show will be at approximately 1:30pm following the Swine Show.

Exhibitors in Blue, Silver, Arena & Drewiske Barn

- **This is a REMINDER!** Couches & Picnic Areas are strictly prohibited in these areas due to Fire Safety Codes and PCF rules. All prohibited furnishings will be removed from the barns by the Fair Groundskeeper if found.
- Also, Please be sure to keep walkways & aisles clear for fairgoers visiting the barn. Do not leave any unused items (such as chairs, equipment, tack, etc) laying around & be sure any manure is cleaned up as well.
- No clipping chutes are allowed inside of any of the barns!

Emergency Vehicles Only!

There is to be NO Parking or tents, picnic tables, equipment, supplies or chutes left between the Arena Barn & the Drewiske Building. If you use chutes in this area be sure they are removed once you are done showing. This area is to be left open for emergency vehicles.

Animal ID & Check-In Times

- Complete all Animal ID forms PRIOR to arriving at the fair. Forms can be found on our website under the 'Forms & Newsletters' tab on our sub-menu.
- Animal ID Forms & all other species specific paperwork MUST be given to the Superintendent prior to unloading all animals at the fair. ***Separate Animal ID forms are REQUIRED for each species, be sure to bring a copy for each superintendent.***
- **Animals that have a registered 840 tag or scrapies tag** - Be sure to put the entire number on your animal ID form.
- Be sure to check what time your animals can be entered at the Fair! Check-in Times are listed in the Premium Book on pages 2-5.

Animal Exhibit Fair Entries & Exits

- **No feed or tack may be unloaded while unloading animals!**
 - Please park & unload these items before or after unloading your animals so we can keep lines moving.

- ***Dairy & Beef will ENTER through the EAST Gate and exit out the NORTH EXIT.***
 - ***Dairy & Beef Exhibitors*** must enter the Cattle Arena through the EAST end.
 - Proceed to the MIDDLE of the Show Ring for the Vet Check, following Vet Approval, animals may be unloaded.
 - Exit out the WEST end of the Cattle Arena leaving the fairgrounds through the NORTH Exit Gate.
 - Unloading animals through the east side doors or anywhere outside of the building is NOT permitted.
- ***Swine, Sheep, & Goats will ENTER through the NORTH ENTRANCE (By the Cottages) and exit out the North Exit (by the Boy Scout Building). THIS IS FOR WEDNESDAY ONLY!***
 - ***Swine, Sheep & Goat Exhibitors*** must drive between the Arena Barn & Drewiske Barn on the WEST end & pull up to the scale house to unload.

Market Animal Drug Sheets

All Junior Fair market animals intended for the auction, must turn in the required drug sheet before you can unload at the fair. These sheets were emailed out to all registered exhibitors or can be found online at www.piercecountylivestock.weebly.com

Intrastate Health Certificate for Swine

Remember that all swine must have an Intrastate Health Certificate in order to unload at the fairgrounds. Check with your veterinarian and obtain the certificate well-before coming to the fair.

Ractopamine Affidavit for Swine

The use of Ractopamine (Paylean) is not permitted. All swine exhibitors will need to turn in a signed copy of this form stating that this product has not been used in their animals. This form will also need to be turned in to the Swine Superintendent before unloading at the fair.

Terminal Swine Show

The 2023 Swine Show will be a terminal show. Swine may not return to the farm after the fair and must go directly to market. Please be sure to have a plan in place for any extra hogs that will not be on the auction or hogs that may be sold premium at the auction.

Load Out Times – Sunday – August 13th – Market Animals ONLY

- Load out times for market animals will be announced on Saturday afternoon. We will start with beef, then follow with the goats, sheep, and swine. Typically, the beef load at 2pm and the goats, sheep, and swine load at 3pm; however, this may vary due to weather.
- All other animals MUST stay until 4:30pm.

Exhibitor Wash Rack & Manure Bunker Info

All Dairy and Beef Exhibitors need to help in keeping the area between the wash rack, milking parlor, manure bunkers and barns clean. If your critter leaves a “Present” on the way to or from the wash rack or milking parlor, please come back to clean it up.

When you put your wheelbarrow into the bunker, please clean up the area around it and put it in as far as it can go. This area can become too littered with “Presents and Bedding” that are not being cleaned up. It will enhance our fair-goers experience to see a cleaner environment. We all need to be conscious of biosecurity for ourselves and fairgoers. Thank You!

Feed Drop off Limited Parking

Please be considerate of the Fair’s limited parking space when loading or unloading feed near the barns. ***Do not take more than 20 minutes*** before moving your vehicle to a designated parking spot. This will help with overall traffic flow and allow everyone to enjoy the Fair. With limited barn space, only bring what you need. It is possible that you may have to store hay and bedding outside, we recommend bringing a tarp to protect from rain. Please keep our grounds looking neat.

Auction Animals Must Be Ready Friday Afternoon

All 2023 Pierce County Fair Auction participants **MUST** have their animals fit and ready to go by 5pm on Friday, August 11th. Buyers will be arriving shortly before 5pm. Auction participants check with the Livestock Committee for procedures regarding entering and exiting the sales ring. Please have your animal and yourself ready to talk with buyers by 5pm.

Carcass Show

The Carcass Show will be held August 23rd at the Seyforth Building at the Pierce County Fairgrounds, at 7:30 p.m. Everyone will receive their ribbons and oral reasons will be given by the judge. Anyone having a carcass animal needs to attend that evening in order to receive his or her premium. Please bring a thank you note with an addressed envelope for your buyer and contending bidder to the Carcass Show in order to get your check.

Animal Bedding

Animal Exhibitors are required to bring your own bedding. Due to space constraints bring only what you will be using.

Attention Livestock Exhibitors

Policy for Feeding and Watering Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering their beef/sheep/swine throughout the entire fair. ***All animals are to be fed by 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily.*** The Livestock Committee & the fair have adopted a policy known as the 3-strike rule. This rule (condition of animals is periodically checked and strikes will be issued each time improper care of your animal is observed) regarding feeding/watering will be enforced. After the third strike, your premium for this

project will be forfeited and you will not be able to show this animal species at the fair next year. All animal areas including Dairy, Goat, Horse, Rabbit, and Poultry as well as Livestock should follow the feeding and watering guidelines. If you have questions about this rule, please contact the superintendent of your species area.

Animal Care at the Fair

Safe, clean transportation must be provided (make sure that all trailers are kept clean and extremely safe.) Biosecurity is everyone's concern.

- Wash your animals at home first. Do not bring dirty animals to the fair.
- Animals are WELL TRAINED and (if applicable) HALTER BROKEN.
- Clean, fresh water is available for all animals.
- Manure/ waste is promptly disposed of. Keep bunker area clean, also around barn and to and from milking parlor.
- Each animal is housed with adequate space AND feed is provided for all of the animals!
- Adequate animal washing, preparation and showing techniques are followed throughout the show day. (Make sure blocking and grooming chutes are safe and clean and will not cause injury to the animals.) All grooming shoots must be outside the barns. NO shoots allowed in barns.
- Animal show preparation includes no practices that cause undue stress (absolutely no prodding, kicking, whipping, hitting).
- A veterinarian is on call and makes periodic checks of all animals. - Adequate ventilation and protection from severe weather is provided for all animals.

Attention Dairy Exhibitors

A few reminders as you get ready for the fair:

- Check your animal for warts and ringworm. They won't be allowed to stay on the grounds if they have either.
- For warts, pull them off with pliers and give a shot of wart vaccine available from your vet.
- For ringworm see your vet NOW!
- Accurate animal numbers are important. If you have an animal that gets sick or injured after the pen numbers have been called in by your leader, please give Bob Traynor a call at 715-977-0499 before July 26th. The more accurate our numbers are when we measure barn space, the better it is for everyone.
- ***ALL CLIPPING CHUTES MUST BE OUTSIDE! NO EXCEPTIONS! After the shows on Saturday, load the chutes up and move them out of the area.***

Milking Parlor Information

There will be posted hours when the milking parlor is open. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Reminder of early check-in of 3-8 p.m. on Wednesday night; parlor is NOT open on Wednesday night. Parlor clean-up will be at 11:00 p.m. on Saturday night. If you plan to go to the demo derby, either milk your cows before you go or arrange for someone to milk them for you. All of the parlor clean-up is voluntary. Any help with clean-up is welcome. A clean environment not only enhances our fairgoers experience, but speaks to the care your animals receive. Also, please be extremely careful to NOT add TREATED MILK and spoil the load. All necessary precautions must be taken.

Please report the number of pounds accurately, we are always over by several hundred pounds each year.

Crossover Animals If the same animal is shown in Junior and Open Class Dairy, you must tell the superintendent at check-in and the premium will only be awarded in Junior Fair.

Ethics Reminders

Ethics- What is it? - -Knowing what is right from wrong. Moral philosophy and principles that identify actions as acceptable or unacceptable as generally observed by society. One way to help us decide is the black and white ethical compass- it has key questions that you should ask yourself when making a decision in regard to showing animals at the fair.

The questions are:

- Does this practice break Food and Drug Administration (FDA) law?
- Does the practice harm the animal?
- Does it falsely represent the animal?
- Would you need to lie to the judge to cover it up?
- Would consumers be upset if they knew about the practice?
- Does the practice make the animal or by products unmarketable?
- Does the action represent the person you want to be?

Remember that your actions both in and outside of the ring represents both you and the Livestock industry. People notice your actions and judge the whole industry by them! ***The Jr. & Open Dairy Show Ring Policy will be enforced at the fair!*** Please see page 19 in the Premium Book.

Barn Decorations

Barn decorations may be put up on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 2:00 – 9:00 p.m. No decorating in Silver Barn until Tuesday due to show conflict.

Decorations can be taken down after 4:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Sunday Barn Clean-Up

The Fairgrounds staff has requested that all animal exhibitors make a special effort to CLEAN UP all stalls, pens and cages before leaving the grounds. All bedding should be pulled out at least 2 feet from the walls.

All excess manure & bedding must be cleaned up or your 4-H club may be charged for cleaning fees.

Any Questions for Fair Office

If you have questions, call Liz at 715-273-6874 or email her at liz.dietsche@co.pierce.wi.us.

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