



CHECKLIST FOR SMALL ANIMAL BREEDING SPECIES AND DOGS

(Breeding Poultry, Breeding Rabbits, Cavies, Dogs)

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This is meant to be a checklist of important dates and activities to help you navigate AgFest...it is not a replacement for the official AgFest 2023 guidebook. Please make sure that you read and understand the rules and information contained in the guidebook as they govern the event and any information there will supersede this checklist.

General

Exhibitor Eligibility and Requirements

- All Exhibitors of large market animals must be aged 9 as of January 1st and be a member of 4H, FFA or Grange, or be an independent who has followed the requirements and due dates established in the 2023 Independent Record Book (can be downloaded from the AgFest website under AgFest 2023). Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31st of the year they turn 19 years of age.

Ownership Date and Bill of Sale Requirements

- MUST OWN BREEDING ANIMALS BY MAY 11th**
 - See Rules regarding Ownership and Registration Papers
 - See Rules regarding number of entries you can exhibit in breeding shows per specie
 - See Rules regarding how many animals must be present to hold show per Department

YQCA Certification

- Sometime between January and April 1st, complete your YQCA Certification Course and retain your YQCA certification #. This number will be required to complete your online entry.

NOTE: YQCA is NOT required for Dogs or Cavies

January/February

- If you are 13 years of age or older and are interested in joining the Junior AgFest Committee, review the Committee Handbook and complete an application. Information can be found on the AgFest website under AgFest 2023. Meeting dates will be published on the website and through text alerts.

March

- March 15th - INDEPENDENT EXHIBITORS** - Independent exhibitors must turn in Parent/Exhibitor/AgFest agreement.

April

- **April 15th - FARM TO FORK SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS** - due for graduating seniors or 1st year college students. Information and application can be found on the AgFest website when 2023 materials are available
- **April 20th – May 9th - ONLINE ENTRIES THROUGH BLUE RIBBON** - complete your online entry through the Blue Ribbon online entry system. A link to the entry system will be published on the website once it opens. Here are some tips:
 - When creating your account – be sure that your **name is spelled correctly**, enter your **mailing address**, make sure it is correct and **includes Apt# or Space#**, if applicable (**the address you enter here is where your auction check will be mailed**).
 - Include your leader or parent email address in the “Additional Email” space.
 - We do not need your SS#, enter 000-00-0000 when prompted.
 - When prompted for PREMISE, you can leave it blank.
 - When prompted to UPLOAD, you can ignore this. There is no need to upload anything as part of your entry. Be sure to enter the correct **YQCA #** - this is a requirement for all livestock entries EXCEPT Dogs and Cavies
 - Enter your appropriate Department/Division
 - Dogs - Department 16, \$10.00 per Dog
 - Poultry - Department 17, \$6.00 per Head
 - Rabbits - Department 18, \$6.00 per Head
 - Cavy - Department 33, \$6.00 per Head
 - Enter all necessary Breeding information – if you do not have the information place a 0 to skip to the next line.
 - Enter Showmanship for your specie – there is no charge for entry.
 - You will be charged a \$3 Processing Fee and a \$3 Insurance Fee. If you have entered correctly, your entry fee will be more than \$6. (Example...\$10 entry fee for dog + \$6 for processing and insurance fees = \$16)
 - Before checking out, go to items/checkout, click on the green button PRINT/REVIEW RECEIPT. Use the printout to review your entries and make sure they are correct before completing the payment process.
 - Also be sure to click the REVIEW FAIR RULES option and read the rules before completing your entry.
 - Check your email for your entry – review that you are entered in the correct classes. If there is an issue send an email to agfestlvstck@gmail.com Print your email for verification that you animal was entered.
- **Month of April – UNIFORM** – Check the guidebook for uniform requirements for your organization or independents. It is advised that you pick up any uniform items during the month of April...as fair season approaches, they become more and more difficult to find.

May

- **May 16th – June 1st - ORDER YOUR PARKING/RV SPACES** – Weekly Parking, Wall Parking and RV Spaces will be sold through the AgFest Website. If you do not purchase a weekly parking pass you will pay the daily parking fee at the gate. Wall Parking has limited spaces available. More information will be published on the website and the sales period approaches.
- **Month of May – AGRICULTURE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION** – The Ag Ed Scholarship program is a great way for people or businesses to donate to your youth agriculture project(s). To be eligible to receive donations, you must submit an online application. Information about the Ag Ed Scholarship program can be found on the website under Get Involved, Sponsor an Exhibitor. Links to the online application will be published in May.

June

- **June 1st – June 10th – PREPARE YOUR ANIMAL FOR AGFEST** – Bathe and/or groom your animal in preparation for AgFest. See guidebook for any grooming requirements relevant to your specie.

- **DOGS** - All exhibitors must possess valid rabies and parvo vaccination papers for their dogs and have these papers available for review at check-in
 - **BREEDING POULTRY** – All Breeding Poultry entries must be identified with numbered leg bands prior to arrival at AgFest
 - **BREEDING RABBITS** – All Breeding Rabbits must be identified with have permanent ear markings prior to arrival at AgFest
 - **CAVIES** – All Cavies must be identified with ear tags or permanent tattoos prior to arrival at AgFest
- **June 5th - PICK UP PARKING/RV PASSES** – RV and Parking passes purchased online will be available at the June 5th General Meeting
- **June 8th – 17th – AGFEST WEEK** – be sure to check relevant dates and times for your specie. Here are some highlights:
- **CHECK-IN**
 - Double check your check in times/days for check-in for your specie
 - **DOGS** – Rabies/parvo vaccination papers must be present for review at check-in
 - **BREEDING POULTRY** – Leg band identifiers must be present at check-in and leg band numbers must be printed on coop cards **PRIOR** to judging or your entry will be disqualified
 - **BREEDING RABBITS/CAVIES:** Identifying tattoos/ear tags must be present at check-in. Tattoo changes can be made at check-in, but no other class changes will be allowed
 - **SHOWMANSHIP** – Be sure to check to see if you are listed on the Showmanship pages. If not sign up at the livestock office **within an hour of check in.**
 - **WINNING ADVANCED SHOWMANSHIP** – Let the livestock office know within an hour of winning showmanship – that you will/will not be competing in Master Showmanship. If competing, complete your Market Bio and turn into the LIVESTOCK Office and check the schedule for check-in and competition location and time.
 - **CHECK-OUT** – Breeding Shows check out per guidelines in rules. Be sure that all AgFest cages that are used are cleaned prior to checking out.