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Dexter, Missouri- Sunday, **September 15th** kicks off the first day of entries for the all exhibits (except livestock) at the Stoddard County Fair. **Entries will be accepted from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** All exhibits (except livestock) will be judged on Monday, September 16th. Livestock will not be accepted until Monday with large animal entries from Noon until 8:00 p.m. and small animal livestock entries 4:00 until 8:00 p.m.

Below are the rules and regulation for livestock:

-All animals and poultry must have health certificate and all market animals will be weighed when unloaded.

-4H/FFA classes are open to 4H & FFA Chapter members who live in Stoddard County and/or a member of a Stoddard County 4H or FFA Chapter. Members entering livestock must be paid up active members in their chapters or clubs in order to be eligible for premiums. Active, paid-up status will be verified (in case of question) with the FFA or 4H Advisors.

-Any question of sickness in exhibited livestock will be resolved by inspection by a DVM. Sick animals will be removed upon the recommendations of the veterinarian, regardless of the health certificate in possession. Health papers should be given to livestock committee.

--There will be a small animal show during check-in at the 2013 Stoddard County Fair. This includes all rabbits, cavies and poultry with the exception of geese and turkeys. Each exhibitor must remove the animal from the cage and place it on a table for judging without help from anyone else. The animal will not be exhibited at the fair if the exhibitor is unable to do this.

- Livestock can be checked out between the hours of 8 a.m. through 1 p.m. on Sunday.

-All judging will be done by the Danish system, which includes blue, red, and white ribbon groups. Each animal will be judged on its own merit. All ribbons will be awarded at the judge's discretion. The decision of the judges is final.

- Exhibitors are limited to two entries per class number, with the exception of market animals.

- Exhibitors in market classes will be limited to showing and selling not more than 2 market steers, 2 market hogs, 2 market lambs, and 2 market goats.

- "No Market Animals can be shown as breeding stock."

-The decision of the judge will be final and irrevocable in regard to premiums awarded. In any show where there is only one entry, the judge reserves the right to award less than first premium, if entry does not warrant the same.

- A quorum of the livestock committee may reserve the right to discontinue any livestock activity in the event of bad weather or other unavoidable causes.

- Only the Judge, Livestock Chairman, Livestock Co-Chairman and Exhibitor may be in the exhibition ring during show.

- No responsibility will be taken in case of fire, theft, damage, injury, or death if any person, animal or article.

- Each livestock exhibitor is to furnish feed and bedding for their animal and is to keep pens clean. (PLACE USED BEDDING AT EAST END OF SOUTH LIVESTOCK BUILDING.)

- Only exhibitors will be allowed to stay and care for livestock.

- Entries must, in all cases, be made in the clerk's books and entry ticket promptly attached before animals will be permitted to compete for premiums.

- Leaders of FFA and 4H will be responsible for the conduct of their members. Misconduct means withdrawal of exhibits. Parents will assume the responsibility for youth ages 7 and under. In accordance with the state 4H Office, youth enrolled as 4H Clover Kids will not be eligible to show or sell in any livestock category.

- Open class entries are open to the state.

- Entry tag must be in on Monday, September 16th by 8pm to committee Chairman.

- Point schedule is the same for Open, 4H and FFA.
- Exhibitor must be present for animal to show and sell.
- Animals below minimum weight requirements can show, but not sell at auction.

The sale will be held Saturday, September 21st at 9:00 a.m. The Buyers Breakfast will be at 8:00 a.m. For more information call Anthony Bockhold at 624-4856 or J.T. Brehmer at 624-2361.

Special awards in Livestock Showmanship

The Stoddard County Fair Board will give a Showmanship Award in each Livestock Division (Beef, Swine, Goats, Sheep, Equine, Rabbits, and Poultry.) There will be one award given in each class: 4H, FFA, and Open. (This award will be based on participant's control and handling of animals shown and showmanship abilities in the show ring). The Showmanship Award is chosen by the livestock judge and will be presented after the livestock show of each livestock division.

Herdsmanship

The Stoddard County Fair Board will give a Herdsmanship Trophy in each Livestock Division, (Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goats and Equine.) This award is based on attitude and conduct of participant concerning the care of his/her animals, pens, and contribution of services on an as needed basis throughout the fair. This award will be presented to the one person in each group (one 4H, one FFA, and one Open Class.) Presentation will be made prior to the livestock sale on Saturday morning. Herdsmanship awards will be selected by the livestock committee.

ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBIT TAGS MUST HAVE CLASS NUMBER & BREED LISTED. EXAMPLE: 617 Black Angus

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