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Fair Starts Third Saturday After Labor Day
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Dear Livestock Exhibitors:

We are in deep planning for this year's Bloomsburg Fair. I can't believe it is almost here. Looking forward to another Fair where family and friends can get together and celebrate our Bloomsburg Fair heritage. We want to sincerely thank you all for taking the time out of your busy lives to help educate and promote Livestock / Agriculture. In these times it is extremely critical we keep Agriculture prominent.

Health Requirements: VCPR (Veterinarian-client-patient-relationship) Form issued by a Veterinarian after April 1, 2026, or animals must be accompanied by an approved CVI (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection) issued within 30 days prior to the opening of fair (except for hogs). All animals must be free of evidence of infectious and contagious diseases. We continued the use of RFID tags for market animals. The RFID tag # & BLF # must be on your entry form. Due to continued PA rules regarding market hogs precautionary measures for African Swine Fever: 30 day CVI are required; **fair check-in-times for pigs, Sat. 4pm to 8pm & Sun. 8am to noon**; all hogs entering the fairgrounds must be sent to a certified butcher/slaughterhouse after fair concludes the last Saturday night. No individual owners may take their pig home. They will be transported on approved trucks. Due to influenza possibility in dairy cattle, if a positive case is found; cattle shall be tested in accordance to the General Quarantine Order; Influenza A Virus in Ruminants of Exhibition of Dairy Cattle issued by Russell C. Redding.

The online entry program, ShoWorks was very successful for 2025. We had great feed back of how easy it was to enter the animals on-line, and it is heavily encouraged. Enclosed are on-line entry simple instructions on how to enter your animals. There is a link on our Fairs website which takes you right to ShoWorks for on-line entry. If you do not have computer access, you may submit your paper form via postal mail as long as it is received by **August 25th at 10pm**. Entries are also enclosed. You can also download/view the premium book via the fair's website www.bloomsburgfair.com > Participate > Premium Books Livestock. A copy of your VCPR or CVI will need to be provided to the Livestock checkers at the time of check-in and keep your copy on the grounds at all times.


Dairy cattle exhibitors showing Red & White Holsteins under Red & White breed need to be on different entry forms from Black & White Holsteins (this is for both open show and 4H).

New: All market animals need to be checked in at fair by **Noon** on Sunday (9/27). Market animal weigh-ins start promptly at noon. All animal health check-ins will end at 7pm (Thur-Sat.). All youth must list your 4H Club name on the Livestock Entry form.

The Outdoor Ring has been a huge success and super opportunity to share livestock education in general to a huge public audience. I want to encourage all 4H & FFA members and leaders to participate in the demonstrations. Please let me know what you want to contribute to the outdoor ring. The public loves to hear from the kids.

The parking area is limited due to expanding livestock shows. We recommend carpooling. We advise everyone to display their parking permits and have exhibitor cards on-hand. The ticket takers will be enforcing this daily at our livestock gate 6A. Please keep in mind the green exhibitor entrance cards only scan once a day. Please get a hand stamp if you are leaving and returning the same day. We will be celebrating our 40th anniversary of the Livestock Hoedown on Wednesday evening. My father started this great event in 1986 in hopes to provide a nice meal mid-week to exhibitors and to provide a time for fellowship together. We will be starting our fair on Friday, Sept. 25th. You are welcome to check-in your animals on **Thursday (9/24)** between 1pm-7pm and **Friday (9/25)** between 7am until 7pm (except market hogs). Beat the crowd! To try and expedite everyone's exit on Saturday night (10/3), the dairy cattle exhibitors will be dismissed at 7pm. All other animals will be allowed to depart at 9pm. Enjoy your summer and see you in September, if not before!

Sincerely,


Jeff B. Giger

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