

2020 FAIR BOOK UPDATES

Fair Book Update #1 – Revised April 14, 2020

The 2020 Fair Book has been posted on the website. Please note the following items:

1. At this time the Fair Book will only be available on the website. The Fair Board is not planning to have the Fair Book printed for distribution. You may print all or a portion of the Fair Book for your personal reference.
2. Please check the Fair Website frequently for updates and changes.

Fair Book Updates:

1. At this time, we have postponed the Rate of Gain weigh-ins scheduled for April 25th and 26th for the Feeder Calf, Sheep and Swine as listed on page 41 of the Fair Book. Check back for the new dates.
2. The 4-H Science Blast will not be an activity. This will be replaced with a Van Buren Youth Fair sponsored event. More information will follow.
3. The 2020 educational requirement has been revised. Please see the latest educational flyer posted by Janice Zerbe – “UPDATED (April 8, 2020) - Van Buren Youth Fair Animal Education Workshops.
4. The Differently Abled Show sponsored by 4-H has been cancelled for the 2020 Fair.

Fair Book Update #2 – Revised April 15, 2020

1. **The May 1st project tagging and forms deadline has been extended to Monday, May 11, 2020 at 5:00 P.M.** We will be accepting forms as follows:
 - a. At the Fairgrounds - A drop box will be provided at the “Main Gate Ticket Booth”. **The drop box will be available from Friday, May 8, 2020 to Monday, May 11, 2020.**
 - b. By mail – **Must be received by May 11, 2020. Postmarks will not be accepted.** Address for mailing is Van Buren Youth Fair, P.O. Box 271, Hartford, MI 49057.
 - c. By email – Email address is (vanburenyouthfair@gmail.com).
2. **Livestock Ownership forms for tags must be sent to Bev Rajzer – email address is blrajzer@hotmail.com.**
3. The date for the mandatory goat tag verification has been extended to May 11, 2020 at the Fairgrounds from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Fair Book Update #3 – Revised April 20, 2020

- 1. The following policy has been issued by Nora E. Wineland, DVM, MS, DACVPM State Veterinarian and Division Director of the Animal Industry Division of MDARD:** Effective immediately, the requirement for pullorum-typhoid testing of poultry that are exhibited at fairs or exhibitions in Michigan is waived until December 31, 2020. This policy does not apply to out-of-state exhibition poultry.

This policy changes the following two items for Dept 12 – Poultry for the 2020 Fair:

- a. Pullorum testing: 6:00 A.M. TO 8:00 A.M. on July 18th is cancelled.**
 - b. General Poultry Rules #3 will not be enforced for the 2020 Fair.**
2. Given the concerns with the spread of the Covid-19 virus and the need to maintain social distancing, along with the Van Buren Youth Fair’s continued efforts to provide a healthy animal environment, the Van Buren Youth Fair Board of Directors has initiated the following policy to be added to Exhibitor Rules (page 28, rule #1) for the 2020 Van Buren Youth Fair:

The Van Buren Youth Fair Association’s Board of Directors reserves the right to limit the number of open class exhibitors at the 2020 Van Buren Youth Fair. Priority will be given to in-county exhibitors and those exhibitors who participated in both the 2018 and 2019 Van Buren Youth Fair.

Fair Book Update #4 – Revised April 23, 2020

1. The following guidelines were developed and approved by the Van Buren Youth Fair Association’s Board of Directors on Thursday, April 23, 2020. The guidelines are for implementing the policy approved in Item #2 of Fair Book Update #3 – Revised April 19, 2020.

Policy: The Van Buren Youth Fair Association’s Board of Directors reserves the right to limit the number of open class exhibitors at the 2020 Van Buren Youth Fair. Priority will be given to in-county exhibitors and those exhibitors who participated in both the 2018 and 2019 Van Buren Youth Fair.”

Guidelines:

1. Clarification of “In-County” exhibitor
 - a) Current residents of Van Buren County
 - b) Current membership in a Van Buren County 4-H Club for the 2019-2020 membership year as of midnight on April 19, 2020. There could be three categories:
 - i) Enrolled and paid.
 - ii) Enrolled but not paid.
 - iii) Paid but not enrolled.
2. Clarification of exhibitors participating in the 2018 and 2019 Van Buren Youth Fairs.

- a) Exhibitors who participated in the 2018 and 2019 Van Buren Youth Fairs.
- b) First time exhibitors in the immediate family of an exhibitor who participated in the 2018 and 2019 Van Buren Youth Fairs.
- c) Exhibitors who participated in the 2019 Van Buren Youth Fair as a first time exhibitor.

If the number of exhibitors registering and tagging exhibits for the 2020 Van Buren Youth Fair by the extended May 11, 2020 deadline exceeds the capacity of the facilities at the Van Buren Youth Fair Grounds, The Board of Directors will limit the number of exhibitors for the affected areas. The elimination of the exhibitors will be based on the following criteria:

1. All exhibitors who submitted May 1st forms, registrations and/or tagged their animals by midnight on April 19, 2020 will be eligible for the 2020 Fair.
2. All in-county exhibitors will be eligible for the 2020 Fair.
3. All Exhibitors who participated in the 2018 and 2019 Fairs will be eligible for the 2020 Fair.
4. All exhibitors not included in items 1, 2 and 3 will be eligible based on a first come/first serve basis:
 - a) Emailed forms will be considered by date and time of email.
 - b) Mailed forms will be considered by postmarked date. (All mailed forms must be received by May 11, 2020.)
 - c) Tagged exhibits will be considered by date and time of tag registration.
 - d) Drop Box - Forms will be collected at specific times on May 8, 9, 10 and 11. Eligibility will be considered based on the date and time recorded on the forms by a Fair Director.

All exhibitors in all categories must have fulfilled all requirements to exhibit at the Van Buren Youth Fair in accordance with the 2020 Van Buren Youth Fair Book.