



CALIFORNIA MID-STATE FAIR
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To Our Esteemed Community:

We hope everyone is having a great summer and that all of your projects are getting close to being ready to come to fair! The following pages are full of great information pertaining to the livestock show and all of the exciting changes that we have! At this time there are a few unknown factors that we are working on creating answers to. We appreciate your patience as we work towards making this the best fair yet! **The leader meeting will be held on July 17th.** There will be finger food served starting at 5:00PM with the dedication of the new barn scheduled for 5:30PM followed by the leaders meeting. At this meeting leaders will be given information on stalling and animal move in schedules, passes and other information.

San Luis Obispo County Storm Water Survey:

As part of our commitment to water quality in the region and providing educational programs the 2017 California Mid-State Fair will **REQUIRE** Every Junior Livestock Exhibitor (9 years and older to take the Storm Water Survey. This survey is to gauge the knowledge of each exhibitor when it comes to how to care for our water ways when showing livestock. This survey must be completed **no later than July 19th by 11:59PM**. Exhibitors who do not complete the survey will not be permitted to weigh or check their animals in to the 2017 California Mid-State Fair.

To take the survey each exhibitor will go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/midstatelivestock17>. Once all questions are completed the survey will automatically be sent to the livestock office. Each exhibitor should only take the survey one time! Please do not submit multiple responses for one exhibitor. **Every 4-H, FFA and Independent Junior Livestock Exhibitor must complete the survey.**

The fairgrounds staff and board of directors has elected to set guidelines for how animals are to be housed during the duration of the fair. These guidelines have been set after taking in to account first and foremost **animal welfare**, and secondly the care for our new building. We ask for your patience and understanding during this time of change, and we are sure this will be the best Mid-State Fair to date! Below is an itemized list of changes and amendments.

Decorations: Clubs and Chapters are still expected to decorate their pen in the barn. We would like everyone to be aware that because of the design of the building the airflow is much greater. We kindly ask that your displays be wind proof because of the increased number of fans and high ceilings in the

barn. Ideally displays should be no more than 4 feet higher than the back of your stall. Your displays must be secured to the back panels of the pens. There will be no accessibility to tie displays to the ceiling. Displays may not be in or block walkways.

Watering Systems: Due to the lack of concrete on the floor in the new Livestock Pavilion, we will NOT allow watering systems that are attached or plumbed to a live hose line. With the warm temperatures hogs are often known to pool water in their pens. Because of the Decomposed Granite Dirt flooring we ask that water systems be individual for each animal or pen. The fairground staff expects exhibitors to bucket water their animals throughout the day or bring individual PVC pipe watering units that can be refilled. If these units are leaking exhibitors will be asked to repair them. The New Pavilion is heavily equip with water and electricity. Water will be accessible on every other column in the building. With that each animal will be within at least 75 feet of a water source.

Fans: Exhibitors will be permitted to put up fans in their pens. Fans must be approved by the fairgrounds, be rated 15amps minimum and must be grounded. Fans may not be placed in aisle ways or block any walkway.

Misters: Due to the design of the building misters will NOT be allowed what so ever. The Livestock Pavilion is equipped with a series of Big Ass Fans, Swamp Coolers, and Porta Cools. Wash racks will be more accessible this year and exhibitors will be able to rinse their animals much more frequently than in the past. No misters will be allowed in the Livestock Pavilion to help keep our barn cleaner and more slightly for public exhibit. You may however spray your pigs with individual spray bottles while they are in their pens.

Stalling: The Fairgrounds will be receiving an additional 100 pens this year to help with our growing numbers of animals. Pen sizes will be the same as they were in past years. We kindly ask that pens and the surrounding areas in the Livestock Pavilion be kept especially clean. It is NOT Permitted to put shavings in the aisle ways or wash racks. With the new DG flooring we expect less problems with traction than in the old building. **The fairgrounds WILL be putting shade cloth up on the South and East walls of the Livestock Pavilion, to help with sun exposure.** There will be electrical and water hook ups throughout the Livestock Pavilion, please be aware any electrical cords that are used must be rated 15 amps minimum and must be grounded.

**Cattle will be housed in the same locations as they have been in past years

** Some sheep/goats will be housed in the new Paso Robles Pavilion but not all. Greater detail will be given at the leaders meeting on July 17th

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. We look forward to seeing you at America's Favorite Fair in July!

