

TO: FFA Horse Exhibitors
FROM: FFA Entry Department

IowaStateFair NOTHING
COMPARES



Thank you for entering the Iowa State Fair! Your exhibitor admission ticket and unload permit have been sent to your advisor. Each exhibitor will be given one load/unload permit that allows 30 minutes to load/unload animals and tack, but does not provide parking. The vehicle load/unload permit has been dated for the FFA Horse Show. Please enter the Fairgrounds through **Gate 8**. Vehicles without a permit will not be allowed to enter the Fairgrounds. *Reminder, streets adjacent to the livestock barns will be reserved for unloading/loading, no parking will be allowed on these streets including during PreFair.

All trailers will be parked off grounds. NOTE: Please remember to bring wood blocks to use when parking/setting your trailer.

Upon arrival, please take your animals' health certificates to the Veterinary Office (located on the South side of the Cattle Barn) for approval. Health certificates must be examined, approved and stamped by the veterinarian in the Veterinary Office prior to animals being checked in. **Veterinary office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., please plan your arrival accordingly.** Health certificates not completed properly will be denied and the owner will be required to obtain a new certificate at the owner's expense. The Iowa State Fair must be listed as the destination.

Bring your stamped veterinary papers to the FFA Horse Show Office during check-in, which is from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Tuesday, August 11. Show superintendents will locate your entry paperwork, and then one of the State FFA helpers will accompany you to your stall to verify your horse. Using the pictures that are provided during nominations.

During check-in, you may switch classes if you wish. Entries will be finalized when check-in closes at 4:00 PM, and no class changes will be allowed after that time.

Check-in and the exhibitor meeting will be held at the west end of the Sheep Barn, outside the FFA Horse Show Office (located in a box stall).

FFA HORSE SCHEDULE

Monday, August 10

3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Horses may arrive (West end of Sheep Barn)

*Stalling will be posted in the west end of the Sheep Barn. FFA Horse staff will not be present on Monday. Any exhibitor not in their assigned stalls is subjected to disqualification.

Tuesday, August 11

Noon	Horses must be in
1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.	Check In (exhibitor must be present)
5:00 p.m.	Exhibitor Meeting- West end of the Sheep Barn

Wednesday, August 12

8:00 a.m.	Exhibitor Meeting- (West end of Sheep Barn)
9:00 a.m.	Horse Show – Division 842, 843, 844 (Livestock Pavilion)

Thursday, August 13

11:00 a.m.	Exhibitor Meeting- (West end of Sheep Barn)
Following 4-H (approx. 1:00 p.m.)	Horse Show - Division 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 844, 841 (Jacobson Exhibition Center)

Release Schedule: All horses are released immediately after they have completed their last class.
All horses must be out of their stalls by 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 13.

Please read all FFA Department and General and rules and regulations listed in the Premium Book sections online. A few rules to note:

- All FFA exhibitors are expected to conduct themselves in a cooperative and courteous manner while participating in FFA events at the Iowa State Fair.
- At any time after an animal arrives on the Fair or livestock show premises **medication of any kind is to be administered to livestock animals by an Official Iowa State Fair Veterinarian ONLY**. If an FFA exhibitor or his/her assistant administers a shot or medication, this exhibitor shall be barred from showing and premiums will be taken away.
- **THE USE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS AND THE PRESENCE OF DRUG RESIDUE IS PROHIBITED.** Exhibitors may not use stimulants of food or beverage products that may contain stimulants such as caffeine.

Livestock Release Procedure:

To help alleviate traffic congestion and expedite load out procedures, a process for livestock release will be used again this year. Please familiarize yourself with the following steps. Cooperation from all exhibitors is greatly appreciated and will provide a better experience for everyone.

1. Exhibitor will go to the barn office to obtain a release form no earlier than 30 minutes before scheduled release time.
2. Exhibitor will take the release form to the appropriate trailer lot to receive their load-out mirror hanger. **ALL** vehicles picking up livestock **MUST** go to a trailer lot to get a load-out mirror hanger before being allowed on the Fairgrounds.
3. Trucks and trailers will be lined up according to species/barn.
4. Vehicles will be released from trailer lots to the Fairgrounds.

In coordination with Metro Waste Authority, the Iowa State Fair will dispose of waste livestock bedding as a compostable material. In addition to being environmentally friendly, this program puts our waste to better use and helps reduce disposal costs. We need the help of exhibitors, superintendents and attendees to make this program successful. Please make sure to keep bedding clear of unaccepted material such as paper, cans, show supplies, feed bags or leftover food that could disrupt the composting process. Your cooperation is much appreciated!

Please make every effort to keep your entire area clean and neat. The aisles must be open at all times to the public. Thank you for helping us put on a great display of quality show animals for all visitors and other exhibitors.

If you have any questions, please contact the FFA Entry Department at 515-262-3111 ext. 246 or ffa@iowastatefair.org.

Thank you and good luck at the 2026 Iowa State Fair!