

Fair Dates: July 16-20, 2025

July 1, 2025

Dear 4-H and FFA Families,

On behalf of the Dodge County Fair Board, we are excited to have everyone participating in this year's 168th Dodge County Free Fair. With the expansion of the fair, increase in livestock numbers, and safety of all those attending; the Fair Board has implemented new procedures regarding livestock parking this year.

First, there will be only one livestock pass allowed for each livestock family for the purchase of \$20 from the Fair Office starting July 7th. You are welcome to purchase a regular weekly pass but only one livestock pass will be allowed. This is being implemented due to the limited spacing we have for parking and allowing all families to have one livestock pass. This livestock pass will be the only pass that is allowed through the livestock gate and the new livestock parking location.

Livestock Parking is now being relocated to our New livestock parking location off 11st NE in the middle school parking lot, located across from the Ice Arena. We will be having a tack drop off/pickup location in between the beef and dairy barns with a turnaround space at the end of the road to come out and park in the livestock parking area at the school. This drop-off location is available daily during the scheduled livestock gate hours. Trailers will be parked again off 5th Ave NE in the grass area of Kasson/Mantorville Schools Old Bus Shed. Also new this year, we will be having Tack Space available for each 4H club in the Horse Barn.

Parking near the livestock barns on the north road next to dairy and beef barns will Only be for Open Show Sheep, Goat, and Rabbit participants for the day of show. It will be available to 4H and FFA participants on a first come first serve basis ONLY on Thursday and Friday. We will have spots marked out on the road next to Houston's that you will be able to park. The West side of the Show Barn will be reserved for Superintendents, Directors, Veterinarian, Judges, and Open Class Show Parking Only. You will not be allowed to park in between any of the barns near the show arena, poultry/rabbit, or horse barns. That will be for pedestrian and golf carts only. Failure to obey our parking signs will be subject to towing at the owner's expense.

There will be 2 livestock shuttles that will run daily from 7:00 am to 10:00 pm and 7:00 am to 4:00 pm on Sunday. These shuttles are strictly livestock only shuttles. They will stop at all 3 locations: Trailer Parking, Livestock Parking (Middle School lot), and the Tack Drop Off/Pick Up Area in between beef and dairy barn.

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We will be changing Sunday's livestock release procedure to the following. We will be lining up starting by the livestock parking lot on 11th St NE. You will leave 11th St NE enter through the Livestock Gate off Hwy 57 to pick up your animals. We will be releasing them by barns this year to help with the traffic flow and due to the open goat show.

<u>4:00 pm Release</u> Beef Dairy Horse/Llama Poultry/Rabbit

4:45pm Release Goat Hog Sheep

We understand this is all new and there will be growing pains, but we ask for your patience and understanding in this matter. Safety is our top priority for all fair participants. If you have any further questions, please contact the following.

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Sincerely, Dodge County Fair Board

Attachment: Map

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Superintendents, Judges, Vet, Open Goat, Rabbit, Sheep Only

Shuttle pick up/drop off