

# 2021 GENERAL LIVESTOCK INFORMATION, RULES & REGULATIONS

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**WELCOME:** The Nebraska State Fair Board welcomes you to the 152<sup>nd</sup> Nebraska State Fair, held at the Nebraska State Fairgrounds on Fonner Park. We encourage your participation in the 2021 competitions. The State Fair Management Team is pleased to host you and your exhibits at the Fair while you enjoy your stay in Grand Island.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The Nebraska State Fair: The nation's most innovative exhibition focusing on interactive agriculture and educational experiences promoting families, fun and Nebraska Pride.

**COMPETITION:** Competition is open to the world except where otherwise specified.

**AGREEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY:** At no time will the Nebraska State Fair assume care, custody or control of any animals and/or personal property of any exhibitor, except following the selection of the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion 4-H and FFA Market animals. The Nebraska State Fair will assume control of these animals through the use of security guards once they are placed in Champion Row until the Parade of Champions, at which time the exhibitor will lead their animal out for the Parade. Exhibitors will be allowed to only feed their animals while on Champion Row. Otherwise, exhibitors will have full custody and control, and will care for, feed and keep safe their animals, livestock and personal property, all in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Nebraska State Fair and Show Management.

**NEBRASKA STATE FAIR COURTESY STATEMENT:** In any barn where different species are present at the same time, the Nebraska State Fair expects that all exhibitors will extend courtesy to other exhibitors and their animal exhibits. This includes respect for designated areas, informational signage and division barriers. Any questions regarding this should be referred to the Superintendent of your show.

**PARKING:** Purchasing a parking permit is optional, however exhibitors wishing to park in designated livestock parking areas will require a permit to enter. This permit may be purchased on the entry form (\$25 for exhibitors) or at the Livestock Check-In Trailer and is for the sole use of the exhibitor. **PARKING PERMITS MUST BE HUNG FROM REARVIEW MIRROR AND VISIBLE THROUGH WINDSHIELD.** It is recommended that livestock exhibitor vehicles park in places designated by the Fair Management. The Fair Management assumes no obligation and no liability for any theft or damage that may occur to the vehicle or its contents. No vehicles will be allowed to park for the sole purpose of advertising. All trucks ½ ton or larger and livestock trailers will be required, immediately after unloading, to park in designated areas. Trailers will be parked in the Brunks Lot, which is located south of the Fairgrounds or in the Luebbe East Lot, which is located on Stuhr Road east of the Fairgrounds.

**FIRE REGULATIONS:** No smoking/vaping in any buildings or barns. No flammable liquids are allowed in any buildings.

**ALCOHOL ABUSE:** To safeguard exhibitors, livestock and the public, the State of Nebraska Rules on Alcohol Use and Abuse will be enforced. Excessive use of alcohol will not be tolerated. No one under the age of 21 is permitted to drink alcoholic beverages. Security and the State Patrol may be called if necessary.

**AUXILIARY VEHICLES:** Auxiliary vehicles (AV's) such as golf carts, service carts, utility vehicles, and other four wheelers will require a permit for operation on the Nebraska State Fairgrounds, including parking areas, the campground and other perimeter streets. This permit is available from the Fonner Park Box Office, located in the Heartland Event Center, for a fee of \$200 for the term. This permit is required during move-in and during the Fair. No AV's will be allowed in any Nebraska State Fair buildings at any time prior to or during the Fair. In order to obtain a permit, the owner and driver of the vehicle must be a minimum of 16 years of age, have a valid driver's license and provide proof of insurance for the vehicle; naming the Nebraska State Fair; Fonner Park Exposition and Events Center, Inc., dba The Heartland Events Center; the Hall County Livestock Improvement Association dba Fonner Park; and the City of Grand Island as additional insured's. In addition, any person purchasing a permit, will be required to sign and abide by the Nebraska State Fair Auxiliary Rules and Regulations and attend a 3-minute safety video at the Double Locked Security Office or the Heartland Event Center Ticket Office; both are located on the fairgrounds. **NO Person may drive an AV without a valid driver's license (No Exceptions)!** In accordance with Nebraska motor vehicle traffic laws, the consumption of, or driving under the influence of any alcohol, narcotic drug or any illegal substance while operating an AV on the fairgrounds is illegal. Any violations will result in the automatic revocation of your AV permit. AV's without a permit will not be allowed on the grounds at any time during the Fair. AV's will not be allowed in the Core Area after 9:30 a.m. any day. NO motorized vehicles resembling any high-powered motorized sports vehicle are allowed on the Nebraska State Fairgrounds. A map showing the route for auxiliary vehicles will be provided upon payment and signature for a permit. Some AV's may be denied a permit based on size (no AV's over 52" will be allowed).

**CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE REQUIRED:** All parties utilizing their own golf carts or ATV's must provide a "Certificate of Insurance" evidencing liability insurance on the golf cart or ATV with a liability limit of no less than \$300,000 for injuries to others or damage to the property of others. See Auxiliary Vehicle policy above.

**FEED AND BEDDING:** All Feed and Bedding needs will be handled by Mid Nebraska Feeds, which is the local Purina dealer. Hay, bedding and/or feed will be available. The first bedding will be provided for exhibitors in the Cattle

Barn, Sheep Barn and Swine Barn. Bulk bedding will be provided in the tie-out area. Exhibitors will be permitted to bring onto the grounds a limited amount of feed, hay or straw. You can **pre-order** feed and additional bedding by **contacting Mid Nebraska Feeds at 308-382-3048.**

**CHECK-IN TRAILER HOURS:** Will be posted on the State Fair website. Please check prior to your arrival.

**LOTTERY:** No lottery or raffle shall be conducted at the Nebraska State Fair without the written authority of the Nebraska State Fair Board.

**CAMPGROUND:** All campers are required to stop at the Campground office, pay the camping charges in advance, and receive a lot location assignment. Upon payment of camping charges, campground stickers will be furnished for cars. All vehicles that do not fit on the camping pad will be required to pay \$3 per night for the vehicle. The Campground Area is fenced with a permanent fence, and a Campground Manager is on duty at all times. The Manager will assign camping locations and will maintain a Campground directory.

**CAMPGROUND FEES (PER DAY)**

Campers & Trailers (full hook-up, all services & pad parking).....	\$33
Autos (without trailers/campers).....	\$ 3

Check In: 12:00 noon – Check Out: 10:00 am

Campers left after 10:00 am will be charged an additional day at the regular daily rate.

**NALS&RMA:** The Nebraska State Fair is a member of the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers' Association, whose membership has approved the adoption of The IAFE National Show Ring Code of Ethics. Exhibitors are bound to abide by this Code. See Section #35 of General Livestock Rules & Regulations.

**DOGS:** Due to requirements of the liability insurance carrier and policy of all major livestock shows, **NO** dogs are allowed on the Nebraska State Fairgrounds, in parking lots or in buildings other than those for direct competition or service animals. All dogs must be on a leash. There shall be no loose or unattended dogs on the fairgrounds. No dogs will be permitted in the animal barns, in tie outs or on the Midway, except during authorized events and sanctioned dog shows. Dogs entered in Nebraska State Fair special performances or competitive events will be allowed on grounds or in buildings during performance or competition only. 4-H competition dogs will be allowed on the grounds during and following their competition. They must stay in the presence of the owner and will be issued a permit for that day only to be allowed on the grounds.

**SOLICITATION:** All advertising and/or distribution of advertising materials, tracts, pamphlets, etc. must be confined to a leased location. No roving solicitation is allowed on the Nebraska State Fairgrounds.

**WRISTBAND/TICKET POLICY:** **A wristband will be required for entry onto the grounds at the 2021 Nebraska State Fair.** This wristband will allow entrance to the fairgrounds for the duration of the Fair. With the purchase of each wristband, you will also receive a lapel pin. The wristband may be purchased for \$25.00 with entries. The 4-H/FFA exhibitor wristband may be purchased with their entry for \$10.00. No free wristbands. If wristband is lost, you will be required to purchase a replacement. This wristband is for the sole use of the exhibitor. Additional \$25.00 wristbands may be purchased at the Check-In Trailer.

Discounted daily admission tickets are available **ONLY to exhibitors** for \$5.00 per person per day on the entry form. **These \$5.00 tickets MUST BE PURCHASED prior to the start of the Fair. After August 26, exhibitor day tickets will cost \$12.00.** All wristbands, discount tickets, parking passes, etc., can be picked up at the Check-In Trailer. **Check the State Fair website for additional deals and discounts.**

**Non-exhibitor ticket prices per day:**

Adults (August 27-29, September 3-6)	\$12.00
Monday, August 30 through Thursday, September 2	\$ 6.00
Advance sale Adult tickets, July 1 - August 26	\$ 9.00
Seniors 60 +	\$ 5.00
Children, 6 to 12 years of age	\$ 3.00
Children, 5 years and under	Free

Re-admission to the grounds on the same day for those purchasing daily admission tickets is offered via a hand stamp at all exit gates. **NO REFUNDS** will be given on admission tickets. Those with wristbands will not need a hand stamp.

**THE PRESS:** News media services for obtaining reports of judges, awards, daily programs, special orders and announcements, official decisions and all Nebraska State Fair matters of interest or value to the public are available through the Nebraska State Fair website: [www.statefair.org](http://www.statefair.org).

**MAILING ADDRESS:** Parties wishing to have mail sent to them while in attendance at the Fair for the duration may have it addressed to them in care of the Department in which they are participating:

Name of Person and Department	for FedEx, UPS, etc. deliveries:	Name of Person and Company
c/o Nebraska State Fair		c/o Nebraska State Fair
P.O. Box 1387		501 E. Fonner Park Road, Suite 200
Grand Island, NE 68802		Grand Island, NE 68801