



August 2019

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| *1 | Record Books Due for Kern County Fair | |
| 9 | 4-H Achievement Program 7:00pm Kern County Fairgrounds - Harvest Hall | See page 2! |
| 14 | Emerald Star Applications Due | Sue McKinney 661-868-6235 |
| 17 | Pygmy Goat Show - Kern County Fairgrounds Goat Barn Check in starts at 6:45am (See pages 5-9) | Jennifer Eyraud 661-886-5902 |
| 19 | Rabbit/Cavy Showmanship Clinic Kern Ag Pavilion - 3300 East Belle Terrace at 6:00pm | Brenda Smith 661-972-7507 |
| *20 | Community Club Leader Meeting - 7:00pm | Sue McKinney 661-868-6235 |
| *26 | Horse Leader Meeting 6:00pm | Becky Davis 661-342-6346 |
| *27 | Field Day Planning Meeting - 6:00pm Leader Council Meeting - 7:00pm | Jeanne Walford 661-831-1639 |
| *29 | Community Club Leader Meeting - 3:00pm | Sue McKinney 661-868-6235 |

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September 2019

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| 2 | Labor Day Holiday - UCCE Office Closed | |
| 13 | Harvest Hall Exhibits Due <i>See Fair Book</i> | |
| 14 | Fair Clean Up Day | |
| 17 | Harvest Hall Exhibits Due <i>See Fair Book</i> | |
| 18-29 | Kern County Fair | |

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or cekern@ucdavis.edu



I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking
My **HEART** to greater loyalty,
My **HANDS** to larger service, and
My **HEALTH** to better living,
for my club, my community, my country and my world.



*Meeting is at the UC Extension Office, 1031 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue, Bakersfield, CA - Wheelchair accessible. Please contact UCCE Kern at 661-868-6200 if any special accommodations. Individuals who need to request an ADA accommodation in order to participate in 4-H sponsored events and activities can contact your local 4-H Office to complete a 4-H ADA Accommodation Request Form: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/>

Kern County



PROUD!
Achievement
Awards

August 9, 2019

Kern County Fairgrounds

MARK YOUR CALENDARS/SAVE THE DATE!

4-H FIELD DAY

NOVEMBER 16, 2019

KERN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

MORE INFORMATION TO COME

**The 2019-2020 program year registration starts
after July 1, 2019**

Fees are \$58 for youth members and \$24 for adult volunteers

**All youth and adult members must register and pay fees to
club leader for 2019-2020 program year**

Expansion & Review Committee

Each county 4-H program is required to have an Expansion & Review Committee to promote 4-H to youth of all races, colors, national origin, religion, or gender. The committee develops action plan and recommendations for the county program overall. The committee must include teen members as well as adults. We are now recruiting for committee members for the 2019 – 2020 program year. The committee normally meets twice a year.

If you are interested, please contact John Borba at 661-868-6216 or email: jaborba@ucanr.edu

Dog Project Meetings for August

August 1st, 8th, and 15th at Fruitvale/Norris Park - 6:00 p.m.

Class will not be held if temperature is over 100°

4-H and FFA members have priority registration for the AKC Farm Dog testing to be held here in September. Dogs do not have to be in the dog project but must receive training. Entries must be submitted 3 weeks prior to the event. For training and entry information, please contact:

***Claudia Burk
661-303-8343***

PS. If you have farm animals and are willing to host a meeting, please let me know. Dogs are leashed and never closer than 10 ft. with fence in between.



Keep Your Animals Hydrated

Dairy/milking Cow: Drink about 30 to 50 gallons a day, but in extreme heat it may double.

Steer/Beef Cow: Drink about 3 to 30 gallons a day depending on age, but in extreme heat it may double.

Horse: Drink about 5 to 10 gallons a day; Different horses need different amounts of water intake.

Sheep: Drink about ½ to 5 gallons a day; Water intake will increase greatly in late gestation and lactation.

Goats: Drink about 2 to 3 gallons a day; If they are grazing on green grass they may only drink ½ a gallon.

Poultry: Drink about ½ to 1 liter of water a day because they are much smaller.

Cavies: Drink about 100ml a day; They get a lot of water from fresh vegetables.

Rabbits: Drink about 1 cup or less a day; They get a lot of water from fresh vegetables.

Even though they drink only that amount most animals will not drink dirty water. Make sure to dump and refill water buckets once or twice a day with fresh and cold water.

MAKE SURE YOUR ANIMALS HAVE WATER!!!

Payton Riley, Four Aces 4-H Club

2019 35th Annual California Statewide Shooting Sports Match Results

Congratulations to the following Kern County 4-H Shooting Sports members and leaders! Each year Siskiyou County offers a state shooting match for different shooting disciplines. Participants receive targets through the mail and shoot them in their home counties. They return the targets to Siskiyou County to be scored. The scores are compared to shooters from all over the state. Congratulations to the statewide winners in the categories listed below:

Rifle Open Sights

EmmaLee Lindley Glennville 4-H Silver – Intermediate

Rifle Open Sights (Prone Only)

Christine Lindley Glennville 4-H Bronze – Leader/Parent

.22 Rifle Telescopic Sights (Prone Only)

EmmaLee Lindley Glennville 4-H Bronze - Intermediate

Christine Lindley Glennville 4-H Silver – Leader/Parent

Jeff Lindley Glennville 4-H Gold – Leader/Parent

Trap

Nolan Byers Premier 4-H Bronze – Advanced

Daniel Popplewell Premier 4-H Gold - Intermediate



2019 Totes My Goats entry form

Dairy and Pygmy goat progress show

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| Date | August 17th 2019 at the Kern County Fairgrounds |
| Location | Kern County Fairgrounds |
| Check in | 6:45 am - 7:15 am no late check in will be accepted Show begins promptly at 8:00am |
| Entries By Snail Mail Only with check | August 3rd all entries must be postmarked and include entry money to avoid late entry fee. Mail all entries to Kim Cosper 6940 Mandy Lane Bakersfield Ca. 93308 Check must be included with entry and made out to Rio Del Norte 4-H Waivers are mandatory and must be included for all non 4-H members. Early entries not accepted by email. Please mail entry. Entries must be signed by your 4-H project leader/ FFA advisor /or guardian for independent showman ensuring that you have enrolled and are an active 4-H member |
| Late entries By Email Only | August 13 all late entries must be emailed to RioDelNorte4H1992@gmail.com Money will be due they day of the show. Late fees will apply. No Entries will be accepted after this date. Please bring copy of printed entry to show. Entries must be signed by your project leader/ advisor/ guardian ensuring that you have enrolled and are an active member |
| Cost if entry is paid and postmarked by Aug 3rd | \$10/class for all 4-H members including cloverbuds \$13/class FFA, Independent, and Grange This show is sponsored by the Kern County 4-H council. They allowed us to open it up to all groups as long as we charged enough to offset the cost. All checks need to be made out to Rio Del Norte 4-H No refunds on entries |
| Cost Aug 13th Late entry | \$15/class for all 4-H members including cloverbuds \$18/class FFA , Independent , and Grange No refunds on entries All checks or cash will be turned in the day of show no later than 7:15 am no exceptions. Checks need to be made out to Rio Del Norte 4-H E- mail your entry to RioDelNorte4H1992@gmail.com by Aug 13th. Entries emailed after will not be accepted. No entry and sign ups will be taken the day of the show. No refunds on entries Please bring exact cash or check the day of show to be turned in with your printed, emailed late entry. We will not have change. |
| Age on entry | Please mark the age the child will be the day of the show August 17, 2019. We feel this is the most simple and non-complicated way to split classes. This show will only be open to members between the ages of 5-19 as of August 17, 2019. |
| Uniform Dress code | All members are required to wear their organizations full uniform. FFA - white pants, white shirt, FFA tie, and official FFA jacket. 4-H uniform- 4-H hat worn on the head, 4-H scarf or tie, white shirt with sleeves, white or blue jeans, shoes or boots, and belt. Grange- dark blue denim pants, white button front dress shirt, official red vest Independent- white pants, white shirt or blouse, and black tie. |
| Mandatory waiver Non 4-H members | All non 4-H members must complete and mail waivers with their entries. If you do not mail/ e-mail the entries your child will not be added to the class list. These are due with their entry and will not be accepted show day. |
| Class assignments | We are having members mark their age and will split the classes according to age. We reserve the right to combine the Sr. and Jr. class if the Sr. class does not meet the minimum class requirement. If this happens the awards will be divided up between both the dairy and pygmy classes. |

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| Remind updates | For all the latest information regarding the show please join the remind class Text 81010 reply in the text body - @totesm |
| Facebook | We have also created an event page on facebook |
| Pen assignments | Please include \$5 with your entry. We will assign pens and have them posted. West Bakersfield 4-H and St Francis 4-H have graciously donated their time to clean the pens when you check out so that you can leave with no hassle. Pens will only be used at the KCF if you pay the \$5. If you get to the show and change your mind and would like to check out a pen you can do so the day of the show. Please bring exact cash or a check to be made out to. Thank you for helping us support all the 4-H clubs. |
| Food booth | If you went last year you know Sierra Mountaineers put on an amazing food booth! Bring your appetite for breakfast and lunch and some cash! These kids work hard and we want to support all their efforts! |
| Door prizes | Every EARLY entry will automatically be entered to win one of our door prizes. Must be present to win. |
| PRIZES | We have some amazing ones this year! Just to name a few a metal hanging tack box,\$100 gift certificate to Kushman Farm and Feed Supply, belt buckle, tack organizers, totes muck buckets, personalized Ozark cups , buckets, brushes, grooming products, hay bags and we are still collecting prizes! |
| Profit | Disclaimer - we want everyone to know that all money earned for this show goes directly back into the show. There is no profit made. The food booth and pen cleaning are the only profits made and those are run by separate clubs wishing to fundraise. We offer complete transparency. Our hope is that the prizes will speak for themselves and your members enjoy what our sponsors have graciously donated. |
| Sponsors | Please e-mail Riodelnorte4h1992@gmail.com if you would like to sponsor an award for this show. We will be announcing all sponsors the day of the show and doing shout outs on Facebook as well. If you have a banner we are happy to hang it ringside on show day! |

2019 Totes my Goats Entry form

Postmarked by August 3rd to avoid late entry

The show is open to all 4-H members who are currently enrolled in the current 4-H program year. Non 4-H members are welcome, but must include the waiver to participate. We will be offering pens to those who pay for them. All other members are welcome to show out of their trucks or trailers. Participants will be responsible for bringing a water bucket for their animal, crate if desired, and a chair. We will have a food booth there, so come with an appetite!

This is a showmanship clinic, meaning that we will only be having showmanship classes for both Dairy and Pygmy goat members. The classes will be divided by their age and size. We will have amazing prizes for the class winners as well. Once all members have shown for both species we will be taking the first-place winners from each class to compete for an **overall Champion showman of the Pygmy and Dairy goats combined. There is metal show box, belt buckle, and \$100 gift card to Kushman Farm and Feed supply!** **You do not need to own your animal to participate!** We will have some amazing prizes for other placings as well. The clinic is a learning experience for showmanship, there will not be breed classes. It will be a great opportunity to let the members get ring experience prior to the Kern County Fair.

If you have a member that is interested in showing both a Pygmy goat and a Dairy goat they can do so. You will need to pay for each class they have entered. Please fill out the form correctly below. *We will be able to move classes if there is a mistake, but not breeds. After 7:15 am there will be no more moving of classes.* Please be sure to arrive early so we have plenty of time to accommodate any requests.

Please detach the form below and mail to the address listed above / separate form must be filled out for each member participating.

All sections must be filled out

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| Member name | |
| Phone number | |
| Address | |
| E mail | |
| Species circle one or both | Pygmy goat Dairy goat |
| Age as of Aug 17, 2019 | |
| Club, chapter, organization | |
| Amount enclosed | |
| Pen assignment \$5 per pen circle how many pens you wish to rent out | 1 2 3 4 5 |

Community club leader signature /project leader : _____

By signing your acknowledging that the above member is currently enrolled in the

Office use only

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| Entry fees total : _____ Cash :\$ _____ _____ paid in full ----- Liability waiver signed _____ Pen assignment Pen # _____ Amount enclosed for pens \$ _____ Date entry received: _____ Class assigned to : _____ | Dairy goat _____ pygmy goat _____ If showing both make copy of entry Check: _____ # _____ | Pen assignment paid to WB 4-H / St. Francis Number of pens # _____ Amount owed WB 4-H / St. Francis \$ _____ <hr/> <u>Door prize</u> Name _____ Club _____ |
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**Totes My Goats 4-H Progress Show
Dairy & Pygmy
Sponsor Form IRS Tax ID 56-2354287**

Coordinator: Jennifer Eyraud - 432-5527
Kim Cospers - 747-9168

Show Date: August 17, 2019 **Location:** Kern County Fairgrounds 1142 P Street, Bakersfield, Ca. 93307

Thank you for your interest in sponsoring the Second Annual Pygmy and Dairy Goat **Totes My Goats** Progress show. 4-H works with the youth ages 5-19 years old and we truly believe we get to work with the leaders of our future. Your money is not just for awards, it helps to create incentive. These members have their projects year round and animal husbandry is very important. Our goal is to create more opportunities in the county for both Dairy and Pygmy goats to show and practice with their animals. When they are judged, they learn what improvements can be made to their herd. In showmanship, the exhibitor learns how to best present their goat to show off their qualities to a judge. This encourages good sportsmanship, dedication, and leadership. We are excited this year to open this show to our FFA, Independent and Grange members and welcome them in helping shape the youth of tomorrow. Thank you for your support.

All checks made out to Rio Del Norte 4-H

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| Award items needed for show: | Monogrammed cups \$60 |
| 2 - \$20 Kushman's Feed gift certificates \$40 | 2 sets of Muck Bucket Totes, each set \$268 |
| 8 - Hanging grooming organizers \$224 | 2 sets of Hay Bags, each set \$100 |
| 8 - \$10 Kushman's Feed gift certificates | Tote Bags \$100 |
| 8 - Grooming caddies \$120 | |

Item/s donated (if specific) _____
 General donation (put towards awards needed) \$ _____
 Cash \$ _____ Check # _____ Date: _____ Person collecting money _____

Detach and turn in bottom copy to Jennifer or Kim

Sponsor name/Business _____ Date _____
 Item donated if specific _____
 Cash \$ _____ Check # and amount (please put show name in memo) _____
 Signature of person making donation: _____ Phone # _____
 Signature of person collecting money _____

By signing, both parties agree that all money will go towards the progress show. If there are any amounts leftover, it will go towards other prizes for the show and/or towards the purchase of prizes for next year's progress show. The budget and actual cost will be available for anyone to see the day of show or beforehand if they wish.



Rio Del Norte 4-H

Pygmy goat and Dairy goat county practices

- Contact info
- **Join Remind:** text 81010 reply @countygo All updates/schedule changes will be sent through *Remind* as well as reminders.
- E-mail: Jcole6426@gmail.com

Mandatory - to practice with our group we require all goats over 1 year old to be tested negative for Johnes, CL, and CAE.

You will need to bring the test printed for us to keep with our copies. All tests need to be done within this year. We hope you understand. Biosecurity is so important, and this is how we help keep all our furry friends healthy.

County practice schedule

Location: 22602 Sidding Road, Bakersfield CA 93314

Bring your chair, water, and a bucket to water your goat

Sun - July 7th @ 7 pm

Mon - July 15th @ 7 pm

Sun - July 21st @ 7 pm

Sun - Aug 4th @ 7 pm

Save the date: August 17th @ KCF

Totes my goats progress show

NEW! Open to 4-H, FFA, grange, and independent exhibitors.

Entries will be posted in the July 4-H newsletter and sent to club leader's e-mail

Riodelnorte4h1992@gmail.com for entries also.

Amazing prizes such as **metal tack box**, **muck buckets**, **hay bags**, collars, **buckets**, **leashes**, **tote bags**, **tack organizers**, **and much much more !**

Subject: 2020 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships
4-H Shooting Sports National Championships
June 21 – June 26, 2020
Grand Island, NE

Online applications are now being accepted for the 2020 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships in Grand Island, Nebraska. Applications are due online by October 1, 2019. *The applications and a list of expectations of potential California 4-H members wishing to participate in the event can be found at:*

<https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=27750>

After October 1st, a panel composed of members from the State 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee reviews the applications and makes the selections of those who will attend the event. Applicants are notified if they have been selected by the end of October. Applications are due months in advance of the event to allow individuals or teams the opportunity to fundraise and help defray travel costs.

Information regarding the 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships is at this link:

http://www.4-hshootingsports.org/nat_invite.php

National 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop
October 20 – 23, 2019
Eatonton, Georgia

The 2019 National 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop will be held at the Rock Eagle 4-H Center, Eatonton, Georgia. The workshop registration/check in is from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Sunday, October 20 with the program beginning at 6:00 pm. Participants are expected to arrive on time to participate in all parts of the program through Wednesday evening, October 23. Overnight accommodations are included for Wednesday night with participants departing on Thursday morning, Oct. 24.

The registration fee listed includes the cost of meals, lodging, meeting rooms, ranges, accident insurance, class materials and supplies. The workshop is being supported by the National Shooting Sports Foundation, Federal Ammunition and other donor supporters. Those interested in attending this event will need to support the state training team upon completing this course.

Registration fees and deadlines as follows:

September 20, 2019: \$350 per person

Sept. 21 – Oct. 4, 2019: \$400 per person

Registration fee is based on when complete application and payment are received through the online registration system.

State Coordinators are required to register your participants online. Registration fee includes meals, lodging, meeting rooms, ranges, accident insurance, class materials and supplies.

Participants will lodge in the newer style cabins at Rock Eagle. There are six (6) rooms per cabin. Each room has its own bathroom and temperature control. The central living area has comfortable chairs, a couch and small tables/chairs. The entertainment center with satellite television will be open since ours is an adult group. There is a mini-fridge in the "adult" room if any medications need to be stored. The "adult" room has two single beds. The other five rooms have two sets of bunkbeds. We will house two people to a room allowing all to have bottom bunks. One of the rooms has a handicap accessible bathroom.

If you are interested in participating in this event, please contact John Borba at 661-868-6216 – jaborba@ucanr.edu

Save 15% at JOANN and support 4-H at the same time!

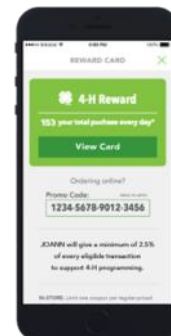
JOANN is supporting 4-H with a rewards "card" that gives holders 15% off their total in-store and online purchases!

A minimum of **2.5% of every eligible transaction is donated to 4-H.**

Two ways to sign up:

1. Sign up online at <http://www.joann.com/4-H/>
2. Download the free JOANN app on your mobile device. Go to "More" and select "Loyalty Programs".

<http://4h.uca> Save 15% at JOANN and support 4-H at the same time!



Shop 4-H for California!

Thanks to the [California 4-H Foundation](#), we are now signed up for an affiliate program with Shop 4-H, the National 4-H shopping site. Items include t-shirts, curriculum, incentive items and more.

When you purchase anything using [our link](#), 5% of your purchase will be returned to California 4-H!

Avian Science Notes

Dr. Francine Bradley, UC Poultry Specialist, has a new website on which you can find the latest, as well as back issues, of Avian Science Notes. Her publications are no longer mailed so you have to access them online from: <https://avian.ucdavis.edu/> Check the website for disease updates, Avian Bowl information, etc. Please pass this on to other people interested in poultry.



e4: The Volunteer Retreat
Engage. Energize. Equip. Empower.



November 8-10, 2019
Asilomar Hotel & Conference Grounds
Pacific Grove, CA

The Volunteer Retreat is a volunteer development conference for volunteers and staff who work with youth. Adult volunteers, staff, and youth volunteers ages 15 and older are encouraged to attend. This first annual conference is for volunteers who work with youth to:

1. **ENGAGE** – connect with each other to share knowledge and skills
2. **ENERGIZE** – strengthen your volunteer work with youth
3. **EQUIP** – resources from booth exhibits and a Project Skills Showcase
4. **EMPOWER** – skill-building workshops and guest speakers

REGISTER EARLY TO SAVE \$\$



EARLY BIRD PLUS
Apr 15 - MAY 12
\$249/person



EARLY BIRD
MAY 13 – JUN 30
\$279/person



REGULAR
JUL 1 – SEP 9
\$299/person



LATE BIRD
SEP 10 – OCT 7
\$349/person

PLUS LODGING AT ASILOMAR
Add \$150 day use fee per day if not staying at Asilomar

[Go to the Volunteer Retreat event site](#) for more information and to register!

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| <p>ATTEND A PRE-RETREAT EXTENDED WORKSHOPS & CERTIFICATIONS</p> | <p>REGISTER AND INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN YOU!</p> | <p>SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE Lead a workshop Host a booth Participate in the Project Skills Showcase</p> |
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Updated Leader Orientation

For New Leaders, please visit the link below

[New 4-H Volunteer Leaders](#)

For Returning Leaders, please visit the link below

[Returning 4-H Volunteer Leaders](#)

LINKS YOU CAN USE!

4-H uniform page

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/About/Uniform/>

California 4-H Uniform Guidelines

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/216262.pdf>

Leslie Carman 4-H Supplies

<http://www.4hsupplies.com/>

California 4-H Branding Toolkit

http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Branding_Toolkit/

California 4-H Dress Guidelines

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/210170.pdf>

Handbook For New Families NEW!

This guide was developed to help new families understand the 4-H program. Please share a copy of this with new families in your club. If you have feedback for updates to this guide, please submit them to Sue McKinney at lsmckinney@ucdavis.edu or call 661-868-6235. <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/271860.pdf>

Food Safety Training Available ONLINE!

The State 4-H Office requires that every club have at least one 4-H leader trained in Food Safety. The more leaders in your club that are certified, the more convenient it is for your club. It is required that a certified volunteer is to be present at all bake sales/food booths to make sure proper food safety guidelines are handled. Food Safety trainings are available anytime online! Please visit the website below, and use the provided sign-in/user information:

Website: <http://ucanr.edu/sites/MISKIS/>



4-H WEBSITES

http://cekern.ucdavis.edu/Youth_Development/

<http://www.areyouintoit.com>

<http://www.fourhcouncil.edu>

<http://www.4-h.org/fourweb>

<http://www.ca4h.org>

4-H ENROLLMENT WEBSITE

<https://california.4honline.com>

4-H VOLUNTEER WEBSITE

<http://ucanr.org/4-hvolunteers/>

KERN COUNTY 4-H IS ON FACEBOOK!

Kern County 4-H is on Facebook! You can search for us: Kern County 4-H and 'like' us! We will post updates, important event reminders, announcements—all sorts of important things! It's the best way to keep up-to-date!



Biosecurity Tips Swine Exhibition

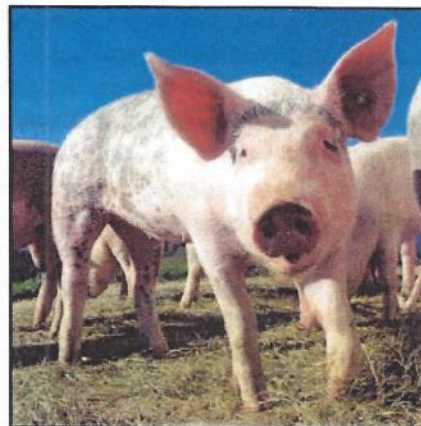
The Animal Health Branch (AHB) recommends that swine exhibits, when possible, be terminal events. Any time animals from different sources have direct animal-to-animal contact, there is a risk they may transmit diseases to each other and if returned home, carry the diseases back to their herd mates and home premises. Contaminated people, animal housing and bedding, feeding and grooming equipment, transportation vehicles, or other objects that come in contact with animals or their bodily fluids or excretions may indirectly transmit diseases. Indirect transmission of disease may also occur through airborne spread by insects, such as flies, aerosols, and dust. Potential routes of direct and indirect disease transmission should be considered when developing a biosecurity plan for exhibiting swine. If the swine exhibition is not a terminal event, strict biosecurity guidelines are recommended to minimize the likelihood of disease transmission.

Ideally, the exhibition of swine breeding stock should be a separate event from a market swine exhibit. If exhibitions include both classes of swine, disease transmission can be minimized if the breeding animals are removed from the premises before market animals arrive. If both classes of swine are present on the same time, special emphasis should be placed on enhanced biosecurity.

Biosecurity Before Exhibition

Prior to the fair or exhibition, procedures such as blood sample collection, weighing animals, and ear tagging for identification should be performed without the commingling of swine from different premises. Two effective methods to complete tasks without commingling are:

- **Option 1** - Organize community days with traveling "procedure crews" performing the work on the animals to be shown at their home premises.
- **Option 2** - Transport show animals to a centralized procedure location maintaining separation of animals from different facilities.



With use of either method, biosecurity should be strictly enforced to minimize disease transmission between premises and groups of animals. Specific biosecurity recommendations for performing pre-fair procedures with these options:

- Swine should remain at their home facility or remain in their transport trailers if brought to a centralized location,
- Between groups of animals from different facilities, clean all surfaces contacting animals and disinfect surfaces with approved anti-viral, anti-bacterial disinfectants mixed, and used according to manufacturer directions,
- Wash hands thoroughly before and after handling animals and between handling groups of animals from different facilities,
- Clean and disinfect rubber footwear between facilities or trailers to decrease the risk of cross contamination,
- Use disposable coveralls to decrease the risk of indirect disease and remove and discard after contact with each group of animals. If cloth coveralls are worn, change between facilities or trailers,
- Clean and disinfect equipment (scales, hog snares, blood collection equipment, etc.) between facilities or between handling pigs in trailers from different facilities,
- Remove your boots and coveralls before entering your vehicle, place used coveralls in a plastic bag, and thoroughly wash your hands to avoid the contamination of vehicle.

Biosecurity at the Exhibit

At an exhibition, every effort should be made to provide proper ventilation and as much distance between groups of animals as possible. Physical separation minimizes aerosol transmission of disease agents and prevents direct animal-to-animal contact. The level of biosecurity provided increases as the distance between animal's increases. Breeding swine from different premises exhibited at shows should be kept separated. A vacant pen between animals from different facilities is ideal. Solid paneling, at least three feet high, provides some biosecurity, while open panels and fencing that allow animal-to-animal contact provide little, if any, biosecurity. Avoid commingling of animals at the wash rack and in transit to and from pens. The show ring is the only place commingling of animals from different premises should occur. Aisles between pens should be kept clean and any bedding, urine, or manure should be removed promptly.

People can transmit disease agents indirectly between groups of swine. To minimize the risk of indirect transmission the following precautions are recommended:

- Avoid sharing feeding and watering equipment and animal care supplies with other exhibitors, unless you thoroughly clean and disinfect between use, and
- Avoid contacting swine or entering the pens of animals from other premises. If contacting swine from different premises, take the following precautions before and after contact:
 - Thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water,
 - Thoroughly clean and disinfect your rubber boots, and
 - Change your protective coveralls.

Your face, hair, and eyeglasses may be contaminated by inadvertently contacting them while handling animals. To avoid contamination, tie back long hair, wear a disposable head cover, and make sure eyeglasses fit snugly. If contaminated, these areas should be washed with soap and water.

Additional resources include:
[Biosecurity and Your Pig Project](#)
[Materials for Swine Exhibitors at Fairs](#)

General Biosecurity Precautions

General biosecurity precautions should be practiced at the home facility and enhanced while at exhibitions:

- Transport exhibition animals in your own vehicle. Avoid pick up or delivery of swine from other facilities en route or from the exhibition.
- Maintain hygiene of the animal housing area and promptly remove soiled bedding.
- Isolate sick animals from the group and initiate appropriate treatment. To prevent disease transmission, equipment, and tools used in the care of sick animals should not be used for care of other animals unless cleaned and disinfected between use. If animals become ill at the exhibit, consult your veterinarian prior to transporting them back to the home premises. The health of your entire herd is at risk when returning a sick animal to the home premises. If returning home, strict quarantine of the affected animal is recommended.
- Quarantine and observe exhibition animals returned to the home premises for at least 60 days. Animals have been exposed to disease during the exhibition and may demonstrate illness after their return. Consult your veterinarian on any recommended testing of exhibition animals prior to release from quarantine and reunion with the home herd.



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