

July 28, 2024
TO: CKFF Exhibitors
RE: Heat Updates

It looks like we are going to be experiencing an "excessive heat warning" for the duration of the Central Kansas Free Fair. It doesn't seem necessary to have 100 degree temperatures to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Central Kansas Free Fair, but it's the hand we've been dealt. This affects all of us humans as well as the animals we'll be bringing to the fair grounds.

The number one thing I hope we will all consider is slowing down. Oftentimes, the fair feels like a constant rush. My motto this week is going to be "Take it Easy". There's nothing we need to accomplish that is worth risking anyone or any animal's health.

Animal check-in will remain from 8 AM to 1 PM on Wednesday with the exception of swine. **The swine check-in window is extended to between 6 AM to 10 PM on Wednesday.** Livestock weigh-in times will stay as published, but we ask that you not bring your animal to the scale until you've been directed to by a superintendent or division helper. Everyone gets a turn and we won't be rushing to wait in line.

The livestock manure containment unit be in place. For those that have trouble getting a wheelbarrow to it, the street will be cleaned several times a day but waste and used bedding must be put in the street, away from the curb.

Please check out the suggestions in this article on [Livestock Comfort at the Fair](#) from our friends at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension on ways to keep your animals comfortable and recognizing heat stress. Our livestock superintendents are there to help, let them know if you have any questions. Remember that they, along with all of our fair superintendents, are volunteers doing the best they can. Take it easy.

Do take frequent breaks to take advantage of the air-conditioning in Sterl Hall or the small room at the Armory or at the benches in the shade throughout the grounds. Remember that a cooled water fountain and bottle filler is available in Sterl Hall.

I'm so looking forward to seeing everyone this week to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Central Kansas Free Fair!

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