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TO: County Agents
FFA Advisors
2021 MontanaFair Junior Livestock Exhibitors (not Yellowstone County)

FROM: Roni Baker *Roni Baker*
Yellowstone County 4-H Extension Agent

RE: 2022 MontanaFair Junior Livestock Show

All of the information below may be changed at any time. This is the plan for now. We will keep you posted as changes may occur.

**Yellowstone County
Extension Office**

This letter is being sent to inform you of the dates to tag animals for the 2022 MontanaFair in Billings. The 2022 MontanaFair will be held August 12 - 20.

All exhibitors who are not Yellowstone County 4-H or FFA members are required to pay a \$35 fee per animal tagged for the MontanaFair. Fees will be due at tagging. These funds will be used to support the MontanaFair Junior Livestock program.

All (non-Yellowstone County) sheep, beef, goat and swine market animal exhibitors can sell in the Junior Livestock Sale ONLY if they are in the top 5 in their class.

All individuals are required to bring their animals to PAYS (Public Auction Yards) in Billings on a specific date at a specific time. Those dates are listed below.

Beef Tagging – Saturday, January 8

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – PAYS – **NEW TIMES**

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.- Animal Quality Assurance Training

Swine/ Sheep/Goat Tagging – Saturday, May 7

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – PAYS

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.- Animal Quality Assurance Training

Each exhibitor can tag three animals in each species. Exhibitors can enter all 3 in their entry, but at the fair they must decide which 2 animals they will be weighing and exhibiting. Each exhibitor at the MontanaFair can only sell one animal. Animals must be tagged specifically for the MontanaFair. A market animal tagged for the MontanaFair cannot be shown or sold at another 4-H or FFA Junior Livestock Show/County Fair. Open shows do not pertain to this rule.

If the weather causes a problem for you to get to Billings on the beef tagging date, please contact Roni Baker at the Extension Office (256-2828 or 698-6838) or Jamie Lane (698-2846).

NO alternate date will be offered for beef, sheep, swine, and goat tagging.

A scale will be available to weigh your animal(s) at tagging time. Steers do not need to be halter broke to be weighed.

All exhibitors at the MontanaFair in Department A (livestock) are required to attend a MSU Extension Animal Quality Assurance Training prior to the fair entry deadline to be eligible to exhibit at the MontanaFair. Exhibitors must attend a session their first year as a beginner, as a junior and as a senior or the first year they exhibit. They must attend the 1½ hour training with a parent or legal guardian. A training session will be held on tagging day for those who can attend. You can also attend any of the other trainings that will be offered. Contact the Extension Office for detailed information. Several counties around the state are also offering this training. Members can attend a local training session with approval from the Extension Agent.

The Exhibitors Handbook will be online by the end of May. Register online at montanafair.com. The entry deadline for the 2022 MontanaFair is July 1, 2022 by 5:00 p.m. – no exceptions. Entries received after 5:00 pm on July 1, 2022 and before 5:00 pm on July 8, 2022 will incur a \$50 per exhibitor late fee. No late entries will be accepted without payment. Entries submitted after 5:00 pm on July 8, 2022 **will not** be accepted. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

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