

Dear Racine County Poultry Project Exhibitor(s) / Families:

We hope this letter finds you all safe and well during these difficult times. As you know, the Racine County Agricultural Society (Fair Board) has made the tough decision to cancel the 2020 Racine County Fair due to ongoing concerns over the Covid-19 pandemic. We are pleased, however, to offer the opportunity to show your poultry projects at the 2020 Racine County Junior Animal Livestock Fair. There will also be an online auction.

This event will take place at the fairgrounds within the original dates of the fair, July 29 - August 2. For your convenience, a handful of food vendors will be present during the Livestock Fair. The event is open to exhibitors and their families. Following are all of the guidelines and specific dates for the poultry show. **Please read carefully.** Your cooperation with all of the guidelines/rules will make this a rewarding and safe experience for all.

POULTRY COOP-IN will be Thursday, July 30, from 2 - 9 p.m. Each exhibitor **MUST** sign up for a time to drop off birds and egg exhibits on Sign up Genius. There will be 1-hour time slots, with 20 exhibitors max per time slot. Enter the fairgrounds at Gate 5. Pull up to the **WEST** end of the Poultry Barn during your time slot. Please have Care of Housing and all other paperwork ready for the committee. All animals will be checked for parasites before entering the building. There may be a line. Wait in your car until you are instructed to unload. To sign up, please enter this link on your browser, or click the link if you are reading this letter online:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4EA8A62FA2FE3-poultry> **Deadline to sign up is JULY 19.**

NOTE: Prep your birds as much as possible from home. You will only be allowed to be in the barn during your one hour time slot. Exit the building at the East end of the barn.

JUDGING will take place on Friday, July 31 beginning at 8:30 a.m. The building will be closed to exhibitors. (No prep allowed on Friday morning. Birds will be watered by committee members). We hope to provide a video recording of the judging. Details to come. Please like/follow our facebook page for updates.

<http://facebook.com/racinecountypoultryproject> . **QUESTIONS?** You can always click "message" from our facebook page to reach Gary Rossman.

AUCTION SIGN UP will take place in person between 1 - 5 p.m. on Friday, July 31, at the **EAST** end of the building. A four hour time span should alleviate crowds gathering to sign up. Once you sign up for the auction, **IF** your bird/s are **NOT** in contention for Champion Row, you may enter the building, gather your entries, and leave the fairgrounds. Exhibitors must break down and put away their cages before leaving. We hope to have all birds/exhibitors out of the building by 7 p.m.

AUCTION will take place **ONLINE**, on Sunday, August 2, from noon - 2 p.m. Each exhibitor will need to provide a picture/s of themselves **WITH** their potential

auction bird/s. Details on how/where to submit the picture/s will be outlined in an email from the Fair Clerk. Please watch for that email.

Please practice social distancing at all times while at the fairgrounds. **Masks are highly encouraged.** If you entered birds in the fair and you no longer plan to exhibit, please let me know ASAP. This information will be necessary for setting up the barn efficiently.

On behalf of the Racine County Poultry Project Committee, thank you for your participation, your patience, and your cooperation. We look forward to seeing you at the Poultry Show.

Sincerely,

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