

North Dakota State Fair

Handbook

ND FFA Association



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Every ND FFA member and advisor is invited and encouraged to participate in the North Dakota State Fair (NDSF) in Minot. There is an activity and an opportunity for every student who is enrolled in agricultural education and FFA. The NDSF dates are expected to be as follows:

July 22-30, 2022

July 21 – 29, 2023

The ND FFA Association recognizes the NDSF as a showplace of North Dakota agriculture. ND FFA is provided the opportunity to share with thousands of guests what agricultural education and FFA means to youth. The NDSF is an opportunity to showcase the products of the student's efforts, and for students to receive valuable recognition and experience.

Every FFA member should have a solid foundation in agriculture education. ND FFA's more than 6,400 FFA members should use the NDSF as a learning environment to enhance their background in areas relating to crops, livestock, rabbits, poultry, agricultural mechanics, technology, floriculture, horticulture, agriculture produce, preparing displays, or by testing their skills in a competitive event such as the tractor operator contest.

Requirements for Participation at the NDSF:

Students (includes 7th and 8th grade) participating at the NDSF must have completed an agricultural education course and appear as a current member on the state FFA membership roster.

FFA Advisors Assignments at the NDSF:

All FFA chapter advisors are assigned duties at the NDSF. Without the enthusiastic assistance of FFA advisors, the huge task of entering, judging, recording, and ribboning of the 20,000 plus FFA exhibits would be impossible. Each advisor is expected to complete their assigned duties to the best of their abilities.

Tractor Operator Contest:

The state Tractor Operator contest is held the first day of the NDSF. There is a basic and advanced division. Please refer to the current year "**FFA Activities and Premium List**" blue book and the Tractor Operator Guidelines for more information.

Procedure for Entering Exhibits:

Refer to the current year "**FFA Activities and Premium List**" blue book for the complete schedule, rules, and procedures for exhibiting in the FFA division at the NDSF. The booklet is revised & updated annually.

FairEntry:

FairEntry is an online exhibit entry system that allows advisors to register their chapter exhibits for entry in the FFA shows at the NDSF. FairEntry is an encompassing online program to streamline the entry process so, check-ins, show programs and results can be processed and posted quickly and efficiently at the NDSF. The program provides complete summaries of chapter and individual FFA member exhibits.

All questions regarding FairEntry and entering of the exhibits must be inquired with the state FFA office and not directly with FairEntry, per contract agreement.

All entries/exhibits must be entered into FairEntry at <http://NDSFFFA.fairentry.com> and approved by the state FFA office. The state FFA office will create a pdf of the FairEntry exhibit tags and provide the electronic file to the advisors. FairEntry exhibit tags will be printed by the chapter advisor on a laser printer and attached to the exhibits. All static, poultry and rabbit exhibits, except livestock, must include the printed exhibit tag from FairEntry. Livestock must still be entered into FairEntry.

A supply of FairEntry exhibit tags and FFA Activities and Premium List blue books are available for FFA chapters to pick up during FFA State Winter CDEs in March. For chapters not in attendance, items are mailed. The quantity provided are based on chapters previous year's exhibits. FairEntry exhibit tags for the NDSF exhibits and the FFA Activities and Premium List blue book can be obtained from the State FFA Office, if a chapter needs more.

All departments, divisions and classes are found in the FFA Activities and Premium List blue book. In order to minimize the problems of mislabeling or incomplete samples, all FFA chapter advisors are to enter their own FFA chapter exhibits into FairEntry.

Livestock

All livestock, poultry, and rabbit exhibits stall/pen/cage reservation forms are due to the NDSF by **July 6**. Online reservation preferred and is the best practice. www.ndstatefair.com Livestock do not require FairEntry exhibit tags to be printed, but all entries must be entered into FairEntry. Poultry and rabbit (static livestock) entries require FairEntry exhibit tags to be displayed on cages.

Location of Exhibits at the NDSF

To enter the NDSF with FFA chapter exhibits, use the northwest entrance, Gate F. Static Exhibits are located in the NDSF Center.

Upon arrival at the fairgrounds, report to the Division Superintendent for placement of exhibits.

Location of Exhibits: Location of exhibits is listed under each department/division entry information in the FFA Activities and Premium List blue book. All static exhibits excluding Horticulture: FFA Hall & Theater; Horticulture: Lower Concourse NDSF Center Atrium; Livestock: Livestock Expo Building; Dairy Cattle & Poultry: Dairy/Poultry Barn; Rabbit: Bunny Barn.

Information found in the FFA Activities and Premium List: Blue Book

NDSF and ND FFA Officials	Health Requirements for Livestock	Field Crop Division Classes
Schedule of FFA Events	Animal Welfare Statement	Ag Produce Division Classes
Procedure for Entering Exhibits	Drug Screen Policy	Horticulture Division Classes
Exhibiting in the Open Class	Exhibitor Entry Requirement	Floriculture Division Classes
Admission	IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics	Ag Mechanics Division Classes
General FFA Rules	General Livestock Rules	Educational Displays Division Classes
Premiums Offered – Point System	State FFA Showmanship Contest	Tractor Operator Contest
FFA Sweepstakes	Livestock Division Classes	Special Premiums and Awards
Camping on the Fairgrounds	Poultry and Rabbit Division Classes	Dogs on the Fairgrounds
Exhibitors Picnic	Static Exhibit Pickup	Awards