

# 2017 Hartford Independent Fair

## Summary of Event Changes

### General Fair Schedule

- Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Fair will officially open on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> and run through Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, indicating that this year's fair will be EIGHT days!
  - Admission will be charged on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:00 a.m.
  - The Hartford Fair King & Queen Contest will be held on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Grandstands.
- Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>
  - No admission will be charged on the final Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, allowing guests to enter at no cost.
- Evening Entertainment Schedule Re-Arranged
  - Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>: Phil Dirt & The Dozers / Fireworks (following the show)
  - Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>: UTV Razor Racing
  - Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>: OSTPA Truck / Tractor Pulls (previously Tuesday)
  - Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>: Demolition Derby (previously Wednesday)
  - Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>: Monster Trucks
  - Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>: Fast Traxx Motor Cross
  - Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>: Rough Truck Contest
  - Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>: Pony & Horse Pull
- Junior Fair exhibitors will be able to pick up their ID cards from the Junior Fair Board Office / 4-H Center beginning on Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon. Advisors and parents may also pick up ID cards, with appropriate identification.
- 4-H / FFA Advisors may pick-up their ID cards in the Senior Fair Board Office during that same time.

### Livestock Arrival: Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>

- Livestock will begin move-in to the fairgrounds at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, and must be in place by no later than 2:00 p.m.
- All livestock must be brought in through Gate D-2. Those entering on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, must pass through the Vet Check Point prior to entering the grounds.
- Gate D-2 will be intended for livestock entry ONLY. Only trucks and trailers with livestock will be admitted through this gate.
- In order to speed up the check-in process, all drivers are encouraged to know both first and last name of exhibitors who have their livestock on the truck / trailer.
- Traffic patterns for unloading livestock on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> will be designated. Traffic will be limited so as to avoid any trucks / trailers / vehicles being allowed on the track-side (west) of the Rabbit & Poultry / Swine Barns. This is being instituted for the safety of our visitors.
- Exhibitors are encouraged to drop off equipment and set up stall areas on Friday evening, if possible. This could help in reducing Saturday morning traffic and speed up the process of getting livestock settled in to barn areas.

## **Rabbit Department**

- Monday: Rabbit Show
  - Market Rabbit Weigh-in will take place 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
  - Market Show will begin at 9:00 a.m.
  - Breeding Show will begin at 1:00 p.m.
- New weight range for Market Rabbits: 3.5-5.5lbs
  - Over and under weights will NOT sell. Previously overweight market rabbits were permitted to sell.
- Wednesday: Rabbit Showmanship/Skillathon/Poster Contest

## **Poultry Department**

- Sunday: Poultry Show
  - Weigh-in will begin at 7:00 a.m.
  - Show will begin at 9:00 a.m.
- Tuesday: Poultry Showmanship/Skillathon/Poster Contest

## **Pop-Up Tents / Grooming Chutes**

- Pop-up tents cannot be erected on the grounds prior to noon on Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. With that said, items / equipment / vehicles may not be placed on the grounds to save space(s) for those tents.
- Pop-up tents will not be permitted in the area of the new Beef Barn, as all grooming chutes are expected to be placed under-roof, along the sides of the barn.

## **Ramsey 4-H Center Schedule**

- Booth Construction will be held as follows:
  - Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5-8:00 p.m.
  - Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5-8:00 p.m.
  - Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Booth judging will take place on Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
- Booth Tear-Down will take place as follows:
  - Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> 7:30-9:30 p.m.
  - Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.