INFORMATION SHEET FOR STAFF AND LIVESTOCK PDC MEMBERS

Distribution of Unused Livestock Quota Trips

PURPOSE

Minnesota 4-H Youth Development believes that participation in competitive events enhances the depth and breadth of the learning and leading experience. Minnesota 4-H wants to provide as many 4-H members as possible the opportunity to experience the Minnesota State Fair judging process.

This information sheet for staff and PDC members describes the process for distribution of livestock quota trips.

DISTRIBUTION OF UNUSED LIVESTOCK QUOTA TRIPS

To ensure that as many youth as possible have the opportunity to participate in a livestock experience at the Minnesota State Fair, staff and volunteers are asked to follow the process outlined below for the distribution of unused livestock quota trips.

- Each county has a pre-determined quota per species for state fair trips.
- Judges are expected and should be coached to develop a state fair lineup extensive enough to fill all quota trips.
- Only blue ribbon exhibits/exhibitors are eligible for state fair advancement (grade and LQA&E requirements must be met). Note: Animals brought forward to the state fair through the demonstration award trips do not need to meet the blue ribbon requirement.
- When a state fair lineup is exhausted and there are trips left available in a species area, one of the following recommendations is to be put in order to distribute the remaining trips. The process is at the discretion of the county 4-H program coordinator in consultation with the livestock PDC(s).
  - Any remaining unused trips are open to transfer species to species in the following manner: Sheep/Swine, Dairy/Beef, Rabbit/Poultry, and Market Goat/Dairy Goat. Pigeon, Lama, Horse and Dog trips are not interchangeable.
  - All blue ribbon exhibits within a species area that are interested in a state fair trip experience (but were not a part of the state fair lineup) would become part of a “lottery system” wherein the name of the 4-H member is put into a drawing (one time/member) and random selection occurs.

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