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Memorandum

July 17, 2023

To: CEA/AST/Exhibitors/Contestants
Subject: 2023 Tri-State Fair Livestock Show Updates
From: Brady Ragland- Chief Executive Officer

Centennial Year

The 2023 Tri-State Fair & Rodeo will be a memorable one. This year, the Amarillo Tri-State Exposition celebrates 100 years as an organization. For a century now, events have been held at the fairgrounds to support the community, educate the public, and create lifelong memories for all who attend. The most notable of these events, the Amarillo Tri-State Fair & Rodeo, has grown to be the largest family-friendly event in the Texas panhandle. What started out as a small, regional fair and exposition has grown to include over 120,000 participants from all across the country. This year we want to accomplish two things. We want to celebrate our rich history and set the stage for the next 100 years. Thank you for your interest in joining us this year. Below are some important dates, new events, and updates to our livestock show in 2023. Please contact the office at 806-376-7767 or email Ryan Purcell, ryan@tristateexpo.com, with any questions about rules or entries.

Important Dates

- **Fair Dates:** September 15-23, 2023
- **2023 Premium Book:** Click [here](#) for a full schedule, judges, rules, etc.
- **Entry Forms Posted:** Livestock posted [here](#); Youth Contests posted [here](#).
- **Entry Portal for AST/CEA:** Click [here](#)
- **Entries Due (online & postmarked):** August 15, 2023

New Events

- **Livestock Quiz Bowl:** Sunday, September 17 in the Amarillo National Center. For complete rules, click [here](#).
- **Archery Contest:** Monday, September 18 in the Bill Cody Arena. Limited to the first 40 contestants. For complete rules, click [here](#).
- **Food Challenge Contest:** Monday, September 18 in the Amarillo National Center. Limited to the first 40 teams. For complete rules, click [here](#).
- **Vet Science Skillathon:** Tuesday, September 19 in the Amarillo National Center. Open to contestants from District 1, 2, and 3 counties. For complete rules, click [here](#).

Updates & Changes

- **Pre-bedding:** No stalls/pens will be pre-bed prior to arrival. Livestock exhibitors may bring their own shavings or purchase them from the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo.
- **Youth Heifer Show:** Open to exhibitors from Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma. Valid health papers are required.
- **Eligible Exhibitors:**
 - **Youth Steer Show:** No Changes
 - **Youth Lamb Show:** No Changes
 - **Youth Goat Show:** Open to the following counties
 - District 1 Counties: Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, and Wheeler.
 - District 2 Counties: Bailey, Borden, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Mitchell, Parmer, Scurry, Swisher, Terry, and Yoakum.
 - District 3 Counties: Archer, Baylor, Childress, Clay, Cottle, Dickens, Foard, Hardeman, Haskell, Jack, Kent, King, Knox, Montague, Motley, Palo Pinto, Parker, Stephens, Stonewall, Throckmorton, Wichita, Wilbarger, Wise, and Young.
 - **Youth Barrow Show:** Open to the following counties
 - District 1 Counties: Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, and Wheeler.
 - District 2 Counties: Bailey, Borden, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Mitchell, Parmer, Scurry, Swisher, Terry, and Yoakum.
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- **Increased Overall Premiums:**
 - **Youth Steer Show:** Grand Overall - \$1,200, Reserve Overall - \$800
 - **Youth Lamb Show:** Grand Overall - \$750, Reserve Overall - \$500
 - **Youth Goat Show:** Grand Overall - \$750, Reserve Overall - \$500
 - **Youth Barrow Show:** Grand Overall - \$750, Reserve Overall - \$500
 - **Youth Heifer Show:** Supreme - \$750, Reserve Supreme - \$500
- **Schedule Changes:** Some Open Cattle show schedules have changed. Please view the schedule found in the 2023 Premium Book for full details.
- **Preferred Hotel:** Cactus Cove Inn & Suites; 2501 E Interstate Dr., Amarillo, TX 79104
<https://www.cactuscoveinn.com/> Use Code: Tri-State Fair for discounted rooms