

Fair Wrap-Up Meeting
August 6, 2003 7 pm

Ideas generated from meeting for next year's fair:

Timing:

Change the time of shows- have Dairy Cows go first at 8:30 and Dairy Goats at 9:30.

Do 2 days of shows for the small animals- Showmanship on Wednesday and Conformation on Thursday.

Beef & Dairy Barn

Find a way to confine the straw. The railroad ties worked good so if we could get them throughout the barn it would be nice. We need to find a way so the animals don't kick straw into the alleyways so that it is cleaner.

It gets sunny on the South side of the barn so getting more shade cloths would allow for shade. There also needs to be another fan in the Beef barn to allow for air circulation.

Needs to be a breaker switch in the beef barn- it was hot and kept clicking off-
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Small Animals

Need another fan for the small animals.

It would be nice to house the small animals out on the grass under a tent, but still keep the show ring in the show barn. If you decide to house the small animals outside, it would be nice to have a sand floor with open sides, shade cloths, and misters to protect the guinea pigs. Ideal situation would be an air-conditioned building.

Show Barn

Need more bleacher. (The fair board needs to buy more bleachers).

The beef ring was crowded for the Round Robin so making it bigger would solve the problem.

We need water fountains around the grounds. Having some in the show barn and a few around outside would be nice.

Sheep & Hog Barn

Need to find a way to confine hay for sheep on the South Side of Sheep Barn. Would be nice to confine with white lattice. There also needs to be a feed area designated along the Leo Adler fence to house loose straw, hay and feed. We need to get Leo to turn off the sprinklers so the feed does not get wet.

We need to get a conveyor belt for walkway for the sheep because their feet were hurting. (Britt Sand & Gravel)

The Sheep were afraid of the Hogs and had trouble walking by them.

Having a gate between the sheep and the hogs would be better than the panels that were up so that guests do not have to climb over the panels.

The area between the Sheep & Hog Barn and the Leo Adler fence is low and is basically a ditch so building this up would be nice.

Armory

When we own the old Armory we need to put a door on the north side to the outside and put a sign over the door that says "Exhibit Hall" so that people have a better idea of where the exhibits are.

Weigh-In

During Weigh-in, prohibit parking on Clark Street on one side so the weigh-in process goes smoother.

Bringing in tack on Tuesday might help to solve the congestion problem with the Wednesday weigh-in. However, if the tack arrives on Tuesday we may need security for that night.

The Wish List: Another Scale over by the beef barn so sheep & pig washing does not interfere with the weigh-in.

Buyers BBQ

Get a service group to help out with the BBQ instead of people who are already too busy and are at the fair all week.

Everyone really likes the 3 different products.

Needs more seating, but was very nice outside.

The Shrine Kid Events worked well on the grass during the BBQ because lots of people got to watch.

Vendors

Concentrate on having local vendors because outside vendors do not make any money.

Have the Farmer's Market at the Fair and have more things like face painting, and crafts instead of things competing with the 4-H booth.

Events

Liked the Ice Cream Social, but make it later after the Round Robin and incorporate music. Make it a Family Night at the Fair.

Didn't like the Lawnmower Races but there was a pretty good crowd and it was utilized more by the community. We sold lots of buttons to people who had never been to the fair.

Maybe have dance lessons during the musical entertainment.