

PROTECT THE FUTURE OF LIVESTOCK AT THE OREGON STATE FAIR!

Livestock exhibitors and their livestock are very important to us. However, livestock can be a source of contamination, including pathogens and zoonotic animal diseases. Our goal at the Oregon State Fair is to create and maintain an environment where livestock, exhibitors and visitors to the fair can co-exist in a safe and pleasurable place.

The Oregon State Fair has recently placed a strong emphasis on Bio-Security against animal diseases and Pathogen Control for harmful bacteria like Salmonella and E. coli.

Pathogen Control: We have recently completed a comprehensive assessment of our entire site. As a result, we have reconfigured the location of our signage and hand washing stations as well as improved our sanitation and record keeping activities in order to keep our barns as clean and sanitary as possible.

Bio-Security: We have recently implemented a comprehensive bio-security protocol to minimize the risk of disease transmission from animals to humans, as well as between animals. This bio-security protocol includes veterinarian inspections prior to entry, and/or throughout the fair, as well as disinfection of all pens/stalls during changeover between each group of animals.

But we need your help!

As an exhibitor we need you to be ROLE MODELS to visitors and others at the fair. This includes your ongoing efforts to manage animal waste, properly store waste management equipment (shovels, pitchforks, and wheelbarrows) away from visitors, and avoid drinking and eating in the barns. Additionally, we need you to notify us if you see any signs of illness in animals around you, and if any of your animals are showing signs of illness prior to fair, to leave them home.

By doing YOUR part to reduce the likelihood of contamination from pathogenic bacteria and/or the transmission of zoonotic diseases at the fair we can continue to host animal events like the Oregon State Fair long in to the future.

Thank you,

Dr. Ryan Scholz, DVM
District Veterinarian
Oregon Department of Agriculture
State Veterinarian's Office
Stephen Neel, Ph.D.
Chief Executive Officer
Technical Solutions International

****PROVIDE COMPLETED AGREEMENT UPON ARRIVAL****

2018 Oregon State Fair

Exhibitor Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk Agreement

An animal exhibitor at the Oregon State Fair includes any individual or organization that brings in an animal for the purposes of competition, sale, entertainment, display or any combination thereof.

Exhibitor Name: _____

Exhibitor Organization (if applicable): _____

In consideration of being allowed to exhibit in any animal activities related to the 2018 Oregon State Fair, the undersigned acknowledges and agrees that:

- 1) I knowingly and freely assume all risks associated with my participation as an exhibitor as it relates to any infectious, contagious, or communicable diseases and other health related risks affecting animals.
- 2) I willingly agree to comply with terms and conditions along with any agreed upon biosecurity measures required for participation.
- 3) I, for myself or on behalf of the organization, hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Oregon State Fair; Oregon State Fair & Exposition Center, Oregon State Fair Council, their officers, agents and employees as it relates to infectious, contagious, or communicable diseases and other health related risks affecting animals.

I have read and fully understand this Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk Agreement and agree to its terms and conditions.

Exhibitor Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

For parents/guardians of exhibitors of minor age (under 18 at the time of registration)

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this exhibitor, do consent and agree to its terms and conditions as stated above.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Signed agreement must be presented upon arrival at the Oregon State Fair with respect to the participating department.