



THE NEW ZEALAND
**AGRICULTURAL
SHOW 2018**
WEDNESDAY 14 TO FRIDAY 16 NOVEMBER



CATTLE UPDATE

COMMENT FROM MPI

“MPI support the Canterbury A&P Association in their proactive approach to addressing current biosecurity concerns. We have worked in collaboration with them to develop processes and procedures to assist in the safe and successful running of this year’s event.”

Over recent months, *Mycoplasma bovis* has lead the cattle industry to reconsider processes, procedures and the best way to protect our livestock from current and future outbreaks. With MPI stating that as long as biosecurity requirements are met, risk remains minimal to animals at Shows due to limited contact in the showing ring and the bacterial disease needing “prolonged exposure” to spread. We feel this is the time to ensure standards at Shows across New Zealand are reviewed and raised to allow this great agricultural tradition to continue in a safe and responsible manner. We expect these regulations to bolster the future of the Show and we will continue to work in collaboration with MPI, as well as other Shows, striving for continual improvement.

OUR PLAN

We plan to progress with the Cattle Section at this year’s Show, excluding all calf classes. Junior classes will progress, however, calves will be exempt, with only yearlings permitted for entry. We will continue to provide timely updates on any edits to the schedule.

OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

Although hygiene, safety and fastidious administration have always been a pride of the Show. This year, we will build upon these processes to ensure levels of biosecurity are second to none.

Our promises this year included:

Administration

- Expanding upon previously installed governance to ensure thorough collection of information to adhere to MPI standards e.g. NAIT no., standard certification, PICA no. etc
- Increase staff numbers to monitor entries, arrivals and information collation

Pens | Beef Section

- As with every Show, the Operations Team will carry out an exhaustive cleaning process to the pavilion pre-Show
- Operations Team to clean pavilion aisles daily
- Alternate pens to be left clear between each herd, plywood sheets will be utilised to create a physical barrier

Pens | Dairy Section

- CAPA to supply portable horse boxes to be utilised as exhibit pens

Wash Bays

- Two separate wash areas to be provided, one to be used by Dairy herds and one by Beef herds
- CAPA to provide a schedule, allocating each herd a specific wash time
- Operations Team to monitor and keep record of cleaning of bays after each use, sprays to be provided by CAPA

Milking Area

- CAPA will provide each exhibitor with their own milking bay to use for the duration of the Show

- CAPA will provide cluster cups to be used for the duration of the Show
- Alternate bays will be left free

Show Ring

- After recent guidance from MPI, CAPA would suggest no animals are left unaccompanied within any show ring, with this in mind we would request exhibitors do not tie up animals in the ring in order to retain responsibility for their animals
- A two metre distance will be allowed for inbetween each exhibitor, this will also be adhered to when parading cattle
- Judges & Stewards to be provided with sanitisers and will not be permitted to touch the head or muzzle of any animal
- Ribbons will be handed to exhibitors rather than being placed directly on the animal
- Separate entry and exit points to be provided

Cattle Traffic

- CAPA to create a one-way circular laneway through the cattle lawn area for access to the show rings
- Foot mats to be installed at every entrance/exit to the cattle pavilion and dairy marquee
- As with the show rings, the two metre distance rule will be monitored when leading cattle in and out of the cattle pavilion and dairy marquee

Boys & Girls Agricultural Day

- CAPA will not run any calf classes for 2018

Young Auctioneers Competition

- This competition will continue, with only one animal permitted in the ring at a time

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

As required each year, our exhibitors are expected to provide timely information to ensure the smooth running of the Show. We hope that these new procedures will not impact upon your workload too heavily, instead, just echoing the standard practices our experienced exhibitors follow already.

On Arrival

- Exhibitors will be expected to arrive within allocated arrival times, if this is not possible, the Show Secretary must be notified
- Exhibitors must cooperate with MPI personnel on entry, for final screenings and checks
- Exhibitors will be expected to supply their own water buckets for the duration of the Show

Pens | Beef Section

- Exhibitors will be asked not to empty pens into aisles – all waste is to be removed by wheelbarrow

Pens | Dairy Section

- Exhibitors will be asked to dispose of all waste in a responsible manner, as per above Wash Bays
- Exhibitors will be asked to only enter bays during their allocated slot and ensure they spray down surfaces after completion

Cattle Traffic

- All exhibitors are asked to follow directional signage and guidance with regards to navigating the showgrounds with cattle and when entering/leaving certain areas

Please note:

- Late entries will not be permitted for 2018 due to necessary time frames for administration and screening.
- Exhibitors arriving without valid ID/certification will be removed from the Showgrounds immediately at the exhibitor's expense.
- The cattle pavilion will remain open to the public, exempting parade line-up times.
- The below plan is subject to approval from the Cattle Committee.
- Dairy Exhibitors please note the below plan does not depict the extent of the changes we will introduce for the Dairy section. A ring resurfaced in lime chip will be arranged to ensure an area worthy of high class competition.

CLOSING NOTE

The Canterbury A&P Association remains extremely proud of the strength of its considerable Cattle Section, and the strong support and community it has built over the past 155 years. At this time of unrest, the Association plans to undertake everything in its power to ensure the Section can move forward, promoting a safe environment for our Exhibitors to excel. We remain open to all feedback and suggestions and look forward to welcoming you to this year's Show.



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