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TO: 4-H PROGRAM COORDINATORS, LEADERS, PARENTS AND EXHIBITORS

Enclosed you will find information for making preliminary entries in the 2017 Upper Peninsula State Fair Junior Steer Show and Sale. The rules are a summary only, and official rules are published in the annual Exhibitor's Guide to Classes & Awards. (Premium Book)

In addition to mailing the preliminary entry form to the leader, we will be mailing the preliminary entry form to the 2016 exhibitor/family. The UPSF strongly encourages clubs/groups to register as they have in the past, however, we realize that communication within a club may present problems with work schedules, etc, therefore, we will be sending the preliminary entry forms to the club leaders and past exhibitors. Please try to register as a club on multiple sheets, versus one family per preliminary entry form. Please take note of the changes on the 2017 Preliminary entry form. This is the only form that will be accepted. You may make copies if needed, but do not use forms from previous years.

The Upper Peninsula State Fair will again assign an ear tag after the pre-entry deadline. The ear tagging procedure helps maintain control over entries and prevents tagging at the fair. Please review all preliminary steer entries for accuracy. (RFID numbers, phone numbers, address, etc.) Updated information will be mailed with the UPSF ear tag, the DNA cards, and may be subject to change. UPSF ear tags will be mailed to the individual exhibitor along with the DNA cards. A copy of the UPSF tag numbers will be mailed to the leader for record keeping purposes.

Exhibitors will be required to submit DNA hair samples for the 2017 Upper Peninsula State Fair Steer Show. The DNA collection ID cards (along with detailed instructions) will be mailed to each registered exhibitor after the February 15, 2017 deadline. A separate DNA ID card will be required for each steer registered.

The deadline for preliminary entries is **February 15, 2017**. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 906-212-5419 (please leave a message) or my cell phone, 906-241-6970 with questions regarding the Junior Steer Show. Thank you for your help in making the Upper Peninsula State Fair Junior Steer Show a success!

**Reminders:**

- **Final entries are due July 15. (Entry fees & Stall Fees)**
- **Please find enclosed preliminary camping request forms**
- **Don't forget to purchase your weekly passes!**
- **Code of Conduct must be signed by parent/guardian and exhibitor and returned with the preliminary entry form**
- **Per Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, RFID tags beginning with the number 920 will not be accepted. The UPSF will only accept RFID tags beginning with the number 840. (Please see enclosed letter published by MDARD)**

Sincerely,

Lori Branstrom, Exhibitor's Manager  
Upper Peninsula State Fair

The Upper Peninsula State Fair reserves the right to deny, accept conditionally, and to cancel any entries and awards of prizes without cause and without claims for damages. Cancellations or additional entries will not be permitted after entry closing date, unless special permission is granted by fair management agent.