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**\*\*\*\*\*PRESS ADVISORY\*\*\*\*\***

**LANCASTER EVENT CENTER OPENS EQUINE & LIVESTOCK SHELTER  
FOR ANIMALS IMPACTED BY FLOODING IN THE REGION**

The Lancaster Event Center (LEC) has started to receive requests with the recent flooding in the region for shelter for livestock as other county animal shelters in the region may also have been impacted by the flooding.

After coordinating with the Lancaster County Emergency Management, the State Emergency Management and the Nebraska Department of Agriculture teams, the Lancaster Event Center is opening its doors to livestock owners who have livestock that need shelter through at least the end of March.

The Lancaster Event Center fairgrounds, which is home of one of the largest county fairs in Nebraska (the 10-day Lancaster County Super Fair) has ample capacity on its 160 acres and 400,000 square feet of livestock-friendly buildings to serve as a temporary livestock shelter for the region. In addition to this space, the Lancaster Event Center has the staff and supporting livestock handling equipment such as stalls/pens, small animal cages, bedding, storage to house livestock both indoors and outdoors as well as outdoor trailer parking space. Campground space is also available if needed with 30/50 amp electric and on grounds water & dump station.

Livestock that can be accommodated include horses inside stalls in the Pavilion 2 stalling barn, cattle, sheep and goat in pens outside (including for cows with calves due to calving season) in pens by owner and indoor small animals can find a home in our Exhibit Hall with cages that can be set up for poultry, rabbits.

**RESERVING SHELTER SPACE FOR LIVESTOCK**

To arrange to bring livestock, the Lancaster Event Center encourages impacted livestock owners to call or email before arrival so preparations can be made to:

Main Office (M-F, 8-4) at 402-441-6545 and ask for Chas or Amy or send an email if preferred.

If office is closed, please contact:

Chas Skillett, Operations Manager at cell call/text 402-432-3255 or email  
cskilllett@LancasterEventCenter.org

Or

Amy Dickerson, Managing Director at cell call/text 402-429-1950 or email  
adickerson@LancasterEventCenter.org

Or

LEC Manager on 24/7 Call at 402-429-4536 for after hours inquiries (do not text).

#### DETAILS ON LIVESTOCK SHELTER LOGISTICS

Livestock owners are encouraged to check with their local county emergency management for local livestock shelters which usually include the county fairgrounds and local sale barns.

If no local livestock shelter space is available, Nebraska livestock owners may use space at the LEC on an ability-to-pay basis to cover costs for this service with remaining costs to be supported by the State of Nebraska emergency declaration. Animal owners are asked to bring any supporting equipment (rakes, wheelbarrows, brooms etc.) they can to maintain cleanliness of their area as well as feed. Water and bedding are available on site and LEC bedding is actually required to be used due to composting requirements.

Animals should each have identifying name of owner. LEC will have cattle ear tags available. Owners will be asked to leave contact information and to have a plan to take care of their livestock while on LEC grounds.

The animal shelter is available until at least the end of March, owners may enquire with LEC Operations Manager Chas Skillett if they believe they will need longer-term shelter.

#### DIRECTIONS

The Lancaster Event Center is located on the east side of Lincoln at 4100 N. 84<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln NE 68507 at the corner of Havelock Street and 84<sup>th</sup> Street. The closest I-80 exit is the Waverly exit # 409.

It should be noted that Havelock Street north and west of the Lancaster Event Center is currently closed for construction so the best access is from 84<sup>th</sup> Street via LEC's Gate 1 and follow signs on property.

**CHECK IN UPON ARRIVAL** To check in upon arrival, stop by the LEC office M-F, 8-4 in front of the Lincoln Room in the building closest to 84<sup>th</sup> Street or after hours call the LEC Manager on Call at 402-429-4536. Detailed directions and maps can be located on the LEC's web site at [LancasterEventCenter.org](http://LancasterEventCenter.org) and click on Plan Your Visit/Directions & Parking.

## CAMPING

Camping reservations may be made in advance of arrival at [LancasterEventCenter.org](http://LancasterEventCenter.org), click on green Camping button or call our office if you don't have internet access or if after hours call 24/7 Manager on Duty at number above.

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## ABOUT THE LANCASTER EVENT CENTER

*The Lancaster Event Center is located on the east side of Lincoln, Nebraska and known as the Midwest's premier multi-use facility and home of the Lancaster County Super Fair with over 320 other events annually. Key features include 400,000 square feet across five inter-connected buildings, full catering and food/beverage service, multiple advertising/naming sponsorship opportunities, 200-site campground with electric service growing to 1,265 with water/electric hookups by July 2020, and 160-acre fairgrounds with ample, convenient parking. Opened in 2001 by the Lancaster County Agricultural Society, the Lancaster Event Center is a public facility that operates as a public, independent county-level political subdivision and 501(c)(3) non-profit. The Ag Society is celebrating 150 years of service in 2020 in its mission under Nebraska State Law is to be a key contributor to Lancaster County's youth, culture and economy by providing a professional, friendly and fun experience at the LEC while striving to engage the community in the unique agricultural heritage Lancaster County for years to come. For additional information, visit [LancasterEventCenter.org](http://LancasterEventCenter.org) or contact one of the media contacts above.*